

Community Life Update, September 2010

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After seemingly endless summer sun, we have been reminded by weather that we do, in fact, live in Vancouver. This change of season is always critical for our church as September truly is the start of the new “ministry” year. Reiterating my sermon on Labour Day Sunday*, the key question at hand is this: “personally, and as a church, what will be spiritually ‘normal’ for this new year? I pray that your answer is that you don’t want the same-old-same-old but, instead, want to grow. We want to be a place that fosters this growth; a key place to grow is within community.

1. Our Christian Foundations Course – “The Story”

Do you wish you had more confidence with the Bible, perhaps wondering how it all fits together? Join our Foundations Course, starting Wednesday September 29, 7-9pm. 12 weeks in duration. The evening will include both a plenary teaching time and small group discussion and prayer. greg@pgcc.org

2. Our Home Groups – Community Life Groups

- Wednesday 1. PGCC 7pm Deborah & Glen (meeting at PGCC for the Foundations course)
New... 2. PGCC 7pm Randy & Julie (meeting at PGCC for the Foundations course)
3. Richmond Paul & Ronee contact smadap@hotmail.com
- Thursday 4. East Van Yves & Carole 604-324-8060 This Life Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Potluck meal followed by fellowship, from 6h30 to 9h30. Next meetings October 7th & 21st
New... 5. Kerrisdale 7pm Daniel and Grace dfrancislyon@yahoo.com The point of this group is accountability.** Following a shared meal, the group will reflect on a scripture passage and then split men and women for personal and hopeful sharing and prayer.
- Friday New... 6. Dunbar/WPG Tamara & Stanley Tang tamahocktay@yahoo.com
New... 7. Kitsilano Deborah Martin debm2005@yahoo.ca

3. Outreach Group

Loving our neighbours starts with knowing our neighbours!

Neighbourhood Muffin Outreach: Come every other Saturday at 11:00 a.m. – beginning September 18 - as we reach out to our neighbours. We will gather quickly for prayer, then go meet our neighbours. Please bring some muffins to share and a listening ear as we hope to learn how we can serve a neighbour well in this community. We will be finished by noon.

*You can listen to this sermon, “Making Deals with God,” at:

http://www.pgcc.org/audio/sermons/2010_09_05_Eph_Meets_Kits_Deals_with_God.MP3

** The group will start at 7 on Thursdays at 5840 East Blvd, apartment 101. You will need to press 1 to buzz us to be let into the building. It will start with a meal for some fellowship time until 7:30, and then we will have a brief time to open with prayer and reflect on a Bible passage. Then the men and woman will split up into two accountability groups. The purpose of these groups is to hold each other accountable to do as we are called by God. This can involve struggle with sin, but I hope to focus in the group on what we should be doing (responsibilities, anything we feel called to do, etc) as much as what we should *not* be doing. The other goal of the group is to help each other in our struggles. For example, if someone struggles with a temptation, then members of the group will be encouraged to exchange phone numbers so that the one tempted can call someone from the group when temptation is strong. The goal here is to bring the individual struggle to walk with God into the community so we can “carry each other’s burdens” and, as the Body of Christ, more fully follow God than we could on our own.