

A note from

Pastor Francis ...

... **Welcome** to our Worship Celebration today. We are glad you are here!

... We are very intentional about creating environments where people will hear God's voice speaking to them. We are a culturally diverse congregation from various countries of origin like **China, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Jamaica, South Africa & Zimbabwe**. Indeed, God is at work among us, and He desires to speak to us today!

... We are excited about what God is doing among us as we passionately commit to learning biblical truth and passionately seek to apply biblical truth in our lives as we go about our daily routines. We are serious about walking with Jesus daily!

... Today as we reflect on Acts 9:1-9 we see that the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms people's lives. We cannot meet Jesus and remain the same - He changes our life purpose, outlook, character, etc.

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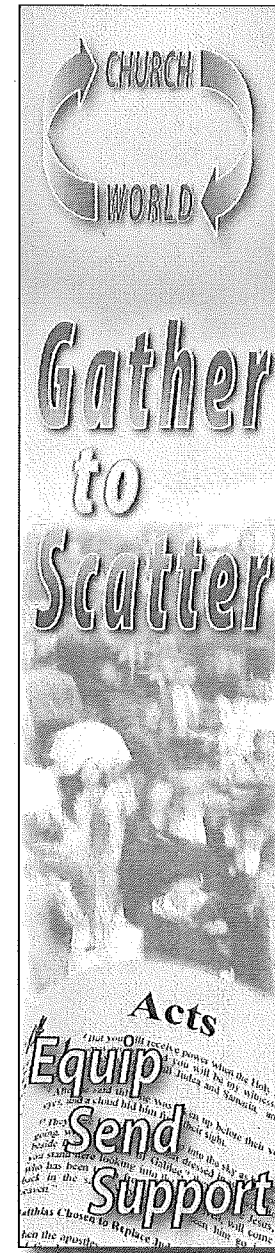
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Our three intentional pursuits...

- Seeking intimacy with God
- Seeking fellowship with other believers
- Seeking to influence non-believers for Jesus



*Welcome to our English
Speaking Congregation...*

**SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**

**June 23, 2013
9:30 - 10:50am**

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- a denomination with 512 churches across Canada.

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Pre Worship-based Prayer Time (9:25am)
~ Come a little early to prepare your heart for corporate worship each Sunday morning ~

Prayer

Pastor Francis

Worship in Songs

Eliot & Music Worship Team

Children Ministry Focus

~ Grade 6 Graduation ~

Worship in Hearing the Scriptures

Lessons from the Early Church:
"The Power of Gospel of Jesus Christ"
(Acts 9:1-9) Speaker: Pastor Francis

Response / Reflection

Eliot & Music Worship Team

Welcoming / Recognition of Guests

Family Matters & Highlights

Pastoral Team

Prayer / Blessing

Pastor Francis

TODAY:

PRAYER Focus: Children Ministry

AV Team: Jeffrey, Jonathan Tse, & Peter

HOST Team: Footprints Fellowship

ESC will stack up chairs after CD teams. Please return to the main auditorium (here) to serve with others in such practical ways. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY

Lessons from the Early Church: The Power of Godly Visions. Speaker: Pastor Francis (Acts 10)

****Please Note:** Audio copies of today's Worship Celebration (or of any other Sunday) can be **borrowed** from the library. If you wish to **own a copy** for yourself or to give to a friend (for just \$3), visit the **ESC Welcome Centre** in Rooms 101/102.

FAMILY NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS...

WELCOME! Yes, this is a church community where God is bringing people from *various walks of life & lands of origins* - and transforming them for His glory! Everyone, please join us for refreshments in the Welcome Centre (in Rooms 101/102) after the service!

Children Ministry Update: Congratulations to the 3 Grade 6 graduates now moving up to ESC in September!!! Please pray for them in this important transition. Let's make them feel welcome! **Please note:** Children Ministry has an urgent need for leaders and helpers this summer as well as in the new school year starting in September. Please refer to today's insert and contact Josephine Ma (josephinepma@gmail.com) for more information as you prayerfully consider how the Lord might lead you to participate in this important ministry in our church.

Church Retreat is on July 26-28 @ Durham College. This year's Retreat will be unique "very reflective / contemplative." *Pastor Francis, Pastor Aaron & Bobby will be leading us.* Our theme is "Experiencing the Presence of God" - focusing on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Children Program speaker: Carol Eagles. Topic: "Walk Through the Old Testament." Check out at West Wing booth! Today is deadline. Also, please pay your fee at the West Wing booth if you have registered but not yet paid.

Calling all parents! Our junior & senior high school fellowship, **Bethel**, is inviting you and your teenage child to our **Parent's Meet n' Greet TODAY @ 1-2pm** in the seekers' room. We would love to introduce our fellowship to you and get to know you more as we work together to raise our teenagers in the way of the Lord!

Our sympathy to Elaine & Stephen Poon & family: Mrs. Poon, dearest grandmother of John passed away on June 14. The funeral will be held on July 7 in Hong Kong. Pray that God will comfort them during this difficult period.

Pastor Bernard is on study leave June 17-28th.

The 42nd & 43rd Baptism DVD is available @ \$3 each. Please check out at the East Wing. Deadline is June 30.

Fridays (7:10-8:10pm) is our corporate **Prayer Meeting.** Let's continue to be in prayer for our various ministries ... **Prayer** is the engine that drives the church. Our theme this year is "Gather to Scatter." *April through July*, is our "horizontal focus" = connecting with one another within the church family. Pray that we grow deeper in our relationship with our Father and with one another. **If you have a Prayer Request or an Answer to Prayer,** let our Pastoral Team know so that we can participate in what the LORD is doing!

PRAYER FOCUS ...

Pray for Frank Lung battling cancer.

Pray for Anthony Ching as he continues his cancer treatment. Pray also for his family.

Pray for Angie Chan & Edwin Lee who are preparing for Missions opportunities with CTI this year. **Pray** also for Charles Chee, Enoch Chow, Chris Kam, Seemo Miriam, Jenelle Chow, Norman Allen, James Cheung - preparing for ministry opportunities this year! *What great opportunities to spread the gospel around the world! Stay tuned for additional updates!!!*

UPCOMING SOON...

- **Deacon Board** is calling for a Special Membership Meeting on **Sunday, June 30th** at 1p.m. The agenda is available for pick up at the Welcome Centre.
- **BETHEL, SALT, & FOOTPRINTS:** June 28 (8:30pm)
- **LIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** July 20 (7:30 - 9pm)
- **Next Baptism** is planned for **Sunday, August 11th**. If you need information, please talk to the Pastoral team, any of the Deacons or CD Team leaders. So far, 3 people have signed up! Praise the Lord for their obedience to God!

~ SOME FACTS FROM LAST WEEK ~

Attendance, Tithes & Offerings
Worship: 125; Prayer Meeting: 8
CD Teams: 65

Tithes & offerings for last week: **\$11,343.16**
Accumulated offerings: **\$268,631.00**

Thank you for your continued partnership in the Lord's work through rhcbc!!!