

*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 study Acts 12:1-19 we learn how God respond to His people's prayers. Our God is never late or early - He is sovereign - "always on time," His time!!!

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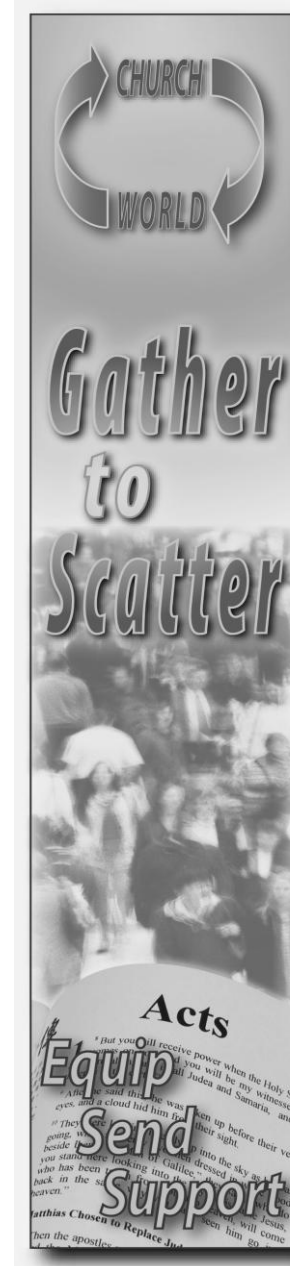
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Our three intentional pursuits...

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



Welcome to our English Speaking Congregation...

**SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**

**August 25, 2013
9:30 - 10:50am**

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... RHCBC is affiliated with The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada (FEBCC) - 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
Caleb & Music Worship Team

Worship in Hearing the Scriptures
"Praying Fervently" Acts 12:1-19
Pastor Francis

Response / Reflection
Caleb & Music Worship Team

Welcoming / Recognition of Guests

Family Matters & Highlights
Harold Chan (AGM Committee)

Prayer / Blessing
Pastor Francis

TODAY:

PRAYER Focus: AGM (New Leaders for 2014)

AV Team: Jason, Jonathan Ng, Lawrence & Raphael

HOST Team: Bethel Fellowship

It is ESC's turn to stack up the chairs after worship!

NEXT SUNDAY

"Welcoming Other Disciples of Jesus into God's Family" (Acts 11:1-18) - Pastor Francis

****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 **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!

Please be in prayer for some of the Bethel, SALT, & Footprints members away on a Camping Opportunity this weekend. A total of 28-30 participants are there along with Pastor Aaron & Bobby.

Deacon Board is pleased to announce that Rev. Barry Duguid has accepted the invitation to be an Interim Senior Pastor starting on September 8, 2013, for a term of eight months. In addition to performing the duties of a Senior Pastor, Rev. Duguid will actively assist us in the search and the selection of a Senior Pastor for RHCBC.

Election of new 2014-2015 Executive Board Ministry Leaders and 2014-2017 Trustees will take place at Annual General Meeting on November 3, 2013. Please complete and drop off nomination forms in the nomination collection box at West Wing on or before September 1, 2013.

Pastor Bernard is on vacation Aug 23-25.

Fridays (7:10-8:10pm) is our corporate Prayer Meeting. ... **Prayer** is the engine that drives the church. Our theme this year is "Gather to Scatter." *July through September*, we focus on: connecting with our community (*those we rub shoulders with regularly*) - when we work, study, play, shop, etc. Pray that we grow deeper in our relationship with our Father so that we impact the world around us for Christ. **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 / PRAISE FOCUS ...

Pray for Frank Lung battling cancer.

Pray for Anthony Ching as he continues his cancer treatment.

Praise God for the safe return and ministry of **Angie Chan** (Honduras), **Edwin Lee** (Singapore), **Charles Chee**, **Enoch Chow** (China), **Chris Kam** (North Africa), **Candace Chan** (North Africa) and **Seemo Miriam, James Cheung, Jenelle Chow & Norman Allen** (Zimbabwe). Welcome back! We are thankful to God for these ministry opportunities this year! What great opportunities to spread the gospel around the world!! In the next little while we are going to create opportunities to hear God Stories from those who participated in those Short-term Missions. **Stay tuned!!!**

UPCOMING SOON...

- **BETHEL & SALT:** Aug 30 (8:30pm)
- **FOOTPRINTS:** Aug 30 (8:00pm)
- **Light Fellowship:** Sept 21 (8:00pm)
- **Summer Carnival helpers needed** for Sept 7, 2013. It's an opportunity to connect with our neighbours and let them know we are here in the community! It'll be a fun time, but we need volunteers to man game booths, art booths, balloon animals, etc., as well as setup and clean up. Go to www.rhcbc.org to signup online!

~ SOME FACTS FROM LAST WEEK ~
Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Worship: 126; CD Team: 66

Prayer Meeting: 8

Tithes & offerings for last week: **\$15,190.90**

Accumulated offerings: **\$370,310.20**

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

Remember, be a blessing to someone today! Allow the Lord to use you to touch someone's life.