

*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!

... Our theme this year is "Gather to Scatter." For *October through December*, we focus on: connecting with our community (*those we rub shoulders with regularly*) where we work, study, play, shop, etc...in order to share "our God Stories" with them. May our relationship with our heavenly Father be real that we impact the world around us for His sake!

... **Today**, as we reflect on Hebrews 11, we learn that stories are memories that define who we are today. They teach us lessons from an early time and they shape how we see the world. When we believe in Jesus Christ, our life stories become intertwined into a rich history of faith. We use stories to witness and encourage. Are we painting our life stories with the paintbrush of faith? Do our stories have a purpose in the future or even today? Does our past witness the grace and love of Jesus Christ?

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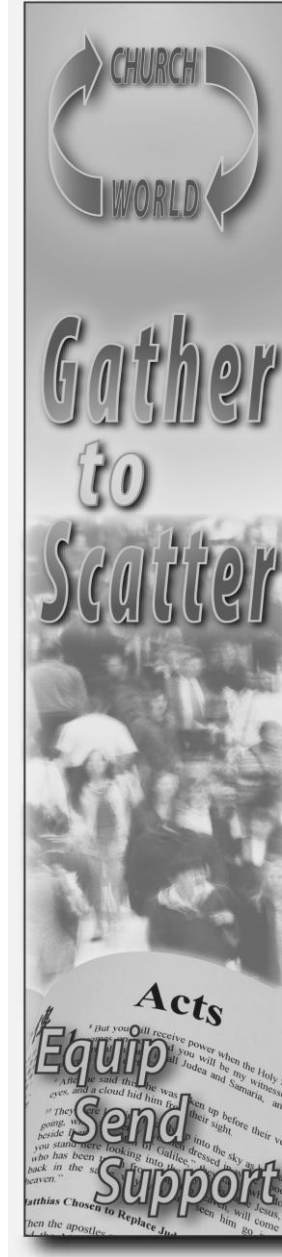
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Our three intentional pursuits...

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



Welcome to our English
Speaking Congregation...

**SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**
October 20, 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 (9:15am)
~ Come a little early to prepare your heart for corporate worship each Sunday morning. You are welcome to step up to the front and pray with our pastoral team & ministry leaders ~

~ Prayer ~
Pastoral Team

Worship in Songs
Eliot & Music Worship Team

Worship in Hearing the Scriptures
"Faith/Story/Witness" (Hebrews 11)
Pastor Aaron

Response / Reflection
Eliot & Music Worship Team

Welcoming / Recognition of Guests
Family Matters & Highlights
Pastoral Team

Prayer / Blessing
Pastor Francis

TODAY:

PRAYER Focus: Host Teams

AV Team: Dara, Lawrence & Peter

HOST Team: Footprints Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY

"Attitude, not Aptitude"
(Numbers 13:25-33) with Dr. Dennis Ngien

****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!

The AGM and 4th Quarterly Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday Nov. 3rd at 2:30 pm in the basement Chapel. Please pick up the agenda for the two meetings and the minutes of last QMM and 2nd SMM from the Welcome Centre.

Candy Carnival:

(1) We are inviting everyone to be part of our annual community outreach event by donating candies: chocolates, lollipops, cookies, snack packs, chips, juice boxes, crackers ...etc. These **must be peanut and nut free** and in their original / unopened package. Please drop them off at the booth at West Wing after worship service.

(2) It is a great opportunity to connect with our neighbours and let them know we are here in the community! It will 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! ... Thank you for your cooperation. Let us be in prayer as we seek to increase our visibility in the community.

(3) If you will be helping at Candy Carnival but you do not have a RHCBC T-shirt, please check out the booth at West Wing.

(4) The gym will not be available for sports activities Oct 27-31.

Pastor Jack is on vacation Oct 23-25.

FRIDAYS (7:10-8:00pm) is our corporate Prayer Meeting. ... **Indeed, "Prayer is the engine that drives the church."** **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 in and through you!**

PRAYER FOCUS ...

Pray for the Ma family, Chan family & Verna Reid's family grieving the death of their loved ones. *May they find comfort in God!*

Pray for Frank Lung battling cancer.

Pray for Anthony Ching battling cancer.

Pray for Jeff Kung on a short-term Mission opportunity to China

Praise God for the 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). *They will be sharing their God Stories from time to time. Stay tuned!!!*

UPCOMING SOON...

- **BETHEL & SALT:** Oct 25 (8:30pm)
- **FOOTPRINTS:** Oct 25 (8:00pm)
- **Light Fellowship:** Nov 16 (5:30-7:00pm)
- **Election of new 2014-2015 Executive Board / Ministry Leaders & 2014-2017 Trustees** will take place at the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, November 3, 2013**. Please continue to be in prayer for this selection of leaders to serve in our church.
- **Our next Baptism** is planned for December 22nd, *Christmas Sunday*. If you are considering baptism, please talk to the Pastoral team, one of the Deacons, or CD Team leaders.

~ SOME FACTS FROM LAST WEEK ~

Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Worship: **151**; CD Teams: **68**

Tithes & offerings for last week: **\$12,669.65**

Accumulated offerings: **\$470,898.60**

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

Remember, reach out and be a blessing to someone today! Please obey God's voice and share your **"God Story"** with someone today!