

*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 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, we learn some characteristics of a healthy local church ... Although this is from a church in the past, it is very applicable to us today. Let us learn from God's Word ...

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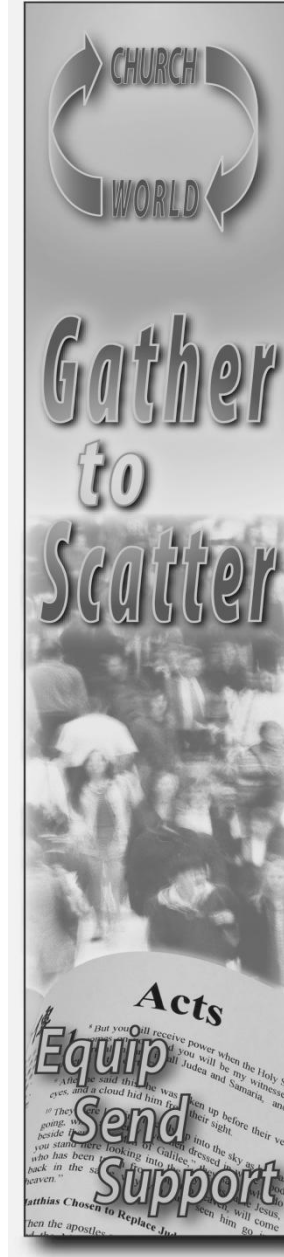
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- Our three intentional pursuits...**
- Seeking intimacy with God
 - Seeking fellowship with other believers
 - Seeking to influence non-believers for Jesus



Welcome to our English
Speaking Congregation...
**SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**
November 24, 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

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

"The Church that Pleases God"

Pastor Francis

Response / Reflection

Eliot & Music Worship Team

Welcoming / Recognition of Guests

Family Matters & Highlights

Special Prayer for Pastor Francis & family
(Pastoral Team)

Prayer / Blessing

Pastor Francis

TODAY:

PRAYER Focus: Pastoral Staff

AV Team: Jonathan Ng, Peter & Raphael

HOST Team: ESC Adult

Today is ESC's turn to stack up chairs after CD Teams. Please return to the main auditorium to serve with others. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Aaron Chuah

****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!

TODAY is Pastor Francis and Seemo Miriam's last Sunday to minister at our church. Pastor Francis is moving on from RHCBC effective this Saturday, November 30th. The Deacon Board is hosting a Farewell Lunch (\$5 per person) & a brief program for the Mpindu family today, **1-2:30pm** in basement chapel. *Thank you for being our Pastor for 7 years & 8 months. God bless you!*

"The Gift" - a Children's Christmas Event on Saturday, Dec. 7th (7:30-9pm) in the basement Chapel. Enjoy games, crafts, drama, snack, & more! Please bring your children and invite friends to hear about the amazing gift God has for us this Christmas! **Free admission.** Note: this event is on the same evening as the CSC Gospel Dinner.

Donate to the Philippines for Typhoon Haiyan Relief: cheques are payable to "Overseas Missionary Fellowship Canada". Please mark "P65145" for reference/memo. Please drop off the cheques with your name and address for tax receipts. "Our Prayers & Live Concert" will be held in partnership with OMF and Pastors and Churches on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6:00-8:00pm at Logos Christian Family Church. Admission is free. For details, please contact Pastor Neil Zagala at Tel. 416-856-5812, email: neilzagala@yahoo.com.

Pastor Bernard will be on vacation Dec 3-6 and Dec 10-13. **Valentine Chiu**, the Church Administrator, is on vacation Nov. 18th to Dec. 6th. If you require office assistance while she is away, please contact Angela Wong (see the back of this bulletin for contact details).

Praise Item! We were able to collect 380 lbs of non-perishable food during Candy Carnival for the Food Bank.

Facility Ministry is urgently looking for a temporary caretaker. Please contact Norman Chan at (905) 474-0119.

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 Pastoral team as they lead us.

Pray for Frank Lung battling cancer.

Pray for Anthony Ching battling cancer.

Praise God for the ministry of **Jeff Kung (China), 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).** *Thank you for sharing the gospel and your God Stories with others around the world!!!*

COMING UP ...

- **This Friday:** Joint Fellowship Prayer Meeting (8:00pm)
- **Light Fellowship:** Dec 21 (5:30-7:00pm)
- **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: 109; CD Teams: 54

Prayer meeting: 6

Tithes & offerings for last week: **\$13,420.00**

Accumulated offerings: **\$540,876.16**

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