

P2G Choir *parents & children ages 4-11*  
 1st & 3rd SUN @VCBC  
 Richard Cheng (vcbc.children.choir@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs *ages 4-11*  
 FRI 7:30pm @VCBC  
 Queenie Yip (childrenvcbc@gmail.com)

EDGE Youth *grades 6-12*  
 FRI 7:30pm @VCBC  
 Brian Lee (youth@vcbc.bc.ca)

Men's Group  
 2nd SAT 10:00am  
 Jackson Leung (jacklc.leung@gmail.com)

Young Adult Women's Group  
 Kathy Jung (kmjung@telus.net)

Dayspring Ladies Bible Study  
 1st & 3rd TUES 9:30am  
 Carolyn Yip (cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca)

Children's Christmas Celebration  
 FRI Dec 6 @ 7:30pm

Christmas Celebration Dinner  
 SAT Dec 14 @ 5:30pm

Tsawout Winter Trip  
 Dec 28-29

Guatemala Missions Trip  
 July 28-Aug 7, 2020

VCB-Creatives *photography lovers*  
 1st SUN 1:00pm

Penta Sport *sport lovers*  
 TUES Nights

Panterest *cooking lovers*  
 3rd SUN 2:00pm

B-interest *craft lovers*  
 3rd SUN 5:00pm

Interested?  
 contact connectiongroups@vcbc.bc.ca  
 for more details

JOURNEY *college to 25yrs*  
 Eunice Wong (journey@vcbc.bc.ca)

CAREER *adults 26yrs+*  
 Pastor Brian (careerfellowship@vcbc.bc.ca)

YOUNG FAMILY *young couples & family*  
 Jason Wong (youngfamily@vcbc.bc.ca)

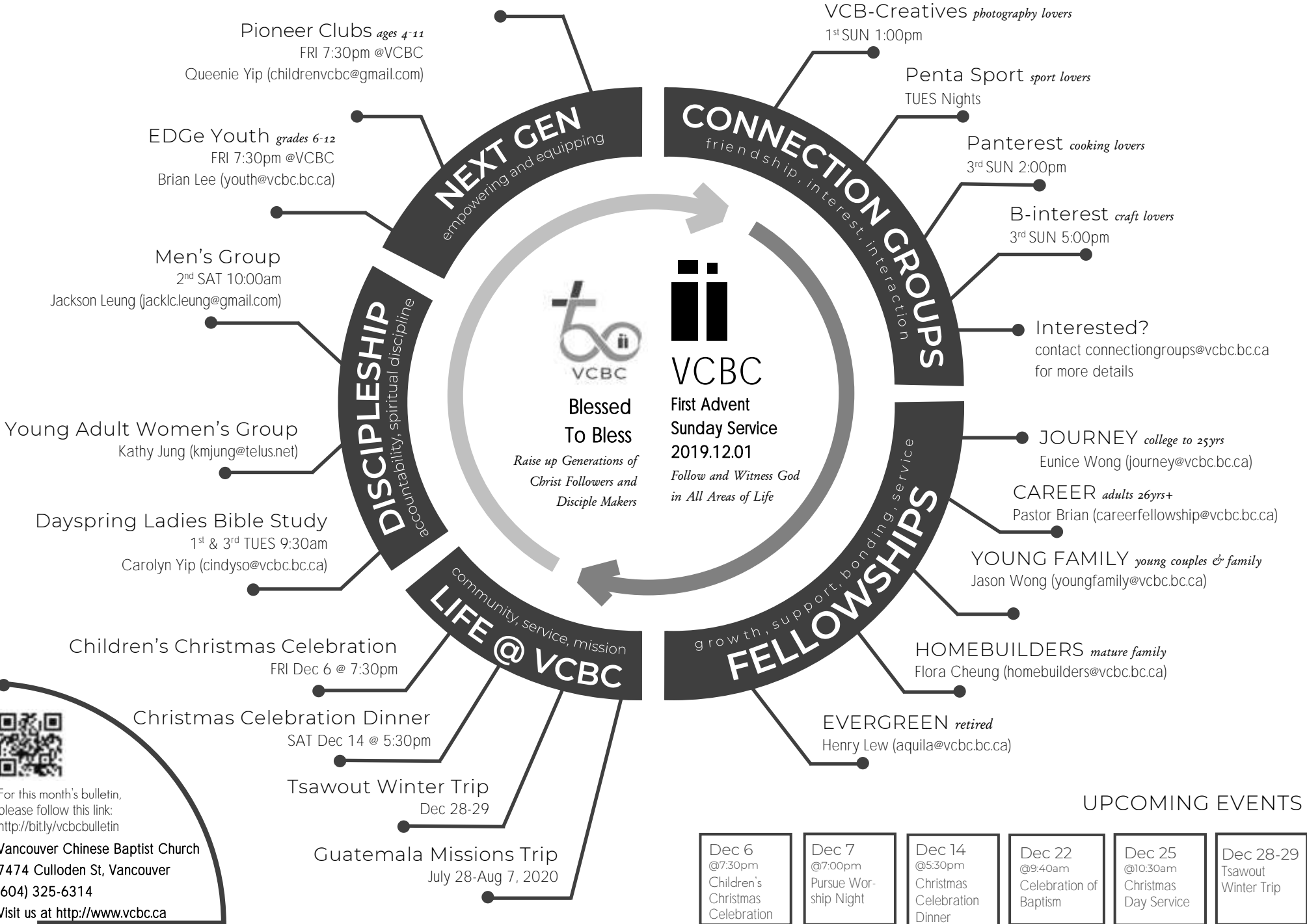
HOMEBUILDERS *mature family*  
 Flora Cheung (homebuilders@vcbc.bc.ca)

EVERGREEN *retired*  
 Henry Lew (aquila@vcbc.bc.ca)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 6 @7:30pm Children's Christmas Celebration	Dec 7 @7:00pm Pursue Wor- ship Night	Dec 14 @5:30pm Christmas Celebration Dinner	Dec 22 @9:40am Celebration of Baptism	Dec 25 @10:30am Christmas Day Service	Dec 28-29 Tsawout Winter Trip
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Message:** Good News in Bad Times

**Speaker & Passage:** Pastor Sam, Luke 1:46-56

## CHURCH NEWS

**1. Save the Date for our Christmas Celebration Dinner. Sat Dec 14, 5:30pm at VCBC!** Join us for the evening to celebrate the Christmas season as a church family with a time of dinner, featured program, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after service **today and Dec. 8. Do you have gifts that are just sitting around that you don't have a use for?** Or maybe a special item that you would like to give away? We are looking for **raffle prize donations!** Please find Flora Cheung or Rachel Hoi after service, or email us at [congregational\\_life@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:congregational_life@vcbc.bc.ca).

**2. Congregational Life Social Events Stream needs your help!** We are conducting a survey to gather feedback on the events we've held this year. Please get a copy of the survey at the foyer and return it to one of the ushers, or in the offering bag, or complete it online at <http://bit.ly/cleventssurvey> by Sun, **Dec 8th**. Please take 2 minutes to answer our questions and we look forward to serving you with improved events next year. Thank you.

**3. Jacob's Well Community Dinner.** We have an opportunity to prepare & share a meal with the friends at Jacob's Well for their community dinner on Thurs **Dec 19**. We are looking for volunteers to help between 2:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Sign-up will be available today up to Dec 15.

**4.** Please come to the PCS booth after service to help write Christmas blessings on cards for our neighbors. If you would like to help distribute the cards at 2 p.m. on **December 14**, you can sign up at the booth or at the church office.

**5. Hope & Love 4 U** - We will be collecting gently used winter clothing again for this **Dec 25** event in Downtown Eastside. Collection will take place on Sunday **Dec 15 and 22**. Details on the Dec 25 service opportunity will be coming soon.

**6. Ministry Team Leaders** - Please be reminded of these important dates: (1) Deadline to submit

your **2019 Ministry Annual Report** to the Church Office is **Dec. 15**. (2) Deadline to submit claims for **2019 ministry expenses** to the Finance Dept. is **Jan. 5, 2020**. Thank you.

**7. 2020 Church Calendars Are Here!** - Please pick one up at the foyer or at the Church Office. One per family please.

**8. 2020 Flower Offering** - If you'd like to make an offering for flowers for a particular Sunday in 2020, please put your name beside the date on the Flower Chart and follow the instruction posted with the Chart. Thanks.

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**9. P2G Choir Practice - Today at 1:00 pm** in the sanctuary. All parents and their children are welcome. Email [vcbc.children.choir@gmail.com](mailto:vcbc.children.choir@gmail.com)

**10. "The Lord has done this and it is marvelous", a special children's program. This Friday Dec 6, 7:30-9:30pm.** Families, join us for a time of music, drama, carnival games, snacks, and prizes. Hope to see you there! **Note:** Pioneer Clubs will be on break starting from Dec. 13 and will resume on Jan. 10, 2020.

## MISSIONS

**11. Tsawout Winter Trip** will be happening on **December 28 and 29**. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with our friends from the Tsawout community. For more information, contact Brian Lew ([vcbctsavout@gmail.com](mailto:vcbctsavout@gmail.com)).

**12. Save the date: Jan 31 & Feb 1, Missions Fest 2020.** Mark the dates on your calendar. Theme: "Altar Vision". General Admission: FREE. For more info, please see EC bulletin board and online at [www.missionsfestvancouver.com](http://www.missionsfestvancouver.com)

**13.** Next year's Missions trip to Guatemala with Impact Ministries is scheduled for **July 28-August 7, 2020**. Those interested in going or learning more about it, please contact Henry Lew ([mission@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:mission@vcbc.bc.ca)).

# MONTHLY PRAYER BLOG

**December 2019: Emmanuel**

*By Kathy Jung*

In our beginning, there was God who formed us in His likeness, blessed us with His good creation and one another, gave us our purpose, and was present with us in such a way that we were likely to bump into Him during our evening walk.

But we know the story. Humankind chose distrust, disobedience and disharmony, which put an end to the incomparable shalom (peace and completeness) of having God with us.

On the way to a future time when He will once again dwell among us freely, God has given us more and more access to Himself. He gave us a tabernacle and then an altar and temple. He gave us spoken words to a few, and then words to live by for all. And then God did the most incredible thing: He gave us himself in the life and death of Jesus, and in his Spirit who indwells us.

It can be hard to grasp what Emmanuel, God with us, really with us, can be. Collectively, we are jaded by betrayals, lured by imitations, blinded by our faults and this world's lying prince. Individually, there are a billion different ways we are lacking in the love, hope and faith that would allow us to relax into the ease of intimate relationship with Him. And yet God is unchanged in His will to restore us to himself.

We see glimpses of God with us. I ask us to pray, that God would hone our hearts of hope, to stamp the lives we live now, with the certainty of a present and future with Him.

God with us... is like the witness and celebrant who shows up at all the peaks of our lives, the rescuer we can count on when we need strength, aid and mercy, the friend who knows and understands us because He has always been there even through the mundane and the ugly, the voice who blends with ours to make sing what we could never produce on our own, and the invisible healer and author making all things good again...

To read the full prayer blog, please visit: <http://bit.ly/decprayerblog>

## ORDER OF SERVICE

- Welcoming
- Advent Video—Hope
- Lighting of the Hope Candle and
- Call to Worship
- Praise and Worship

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
*King of Kings*

Sharing of Community Life

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offering

*Christmas Offering*

Message

*Good News in Bad Times*

Response

*Hope of the Nations*

Closing Prayer

Doxology

### Children's Sunday School

9:40am–11:00am @ VCBC Basement  
\*Children are asked to stay in the service for Praise & Worship before proceeding to their Sunday School classes with their teachers.

### Contemplating Contemporary Christianity

(Pastor Brian)  
VCBC Basement

### Matters of the Heart

(Jack Young)  
VCBC Room B14

### JC Kidz

11:00am –12:00pm

VCBC B3-5

### Grades 7-8 European Christmas Part 1: the Root

(Carmen & Larry)

VCBC Room E2

### Grades 9-10

(Brian Lew & Cindy)

VCBC Room E1

### Grades 11-12

(Henry C. & Kathy)

VCBC Room W2

Preschool to Grade 6

VCBC CHILDREN

After Service @ 11:30am

SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS