

DHBC Spring Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR KAJLE

One of the greatest challenges that individuals and organizations face is focus – maintaining the effort required to pursue a goal or fulfill a mission. This might be possible to do on the short term, but as time goes on, that momentum is more and more difficult to maintain. I think this is particularly true in a time of transition. For us as a church, I felt we had a great degree of momentum as we rallied together for the next season of the life of this church. As we continue to walk through the process of solidifying our pastoral leadership, it is natural for it to be more and more difficult to maintain our focus. Let us be encouraged to fight against this loss of focus and instead push ourselves to what God is calling us to.

This idea of relentlessly refocusing our lives is a major theme in the writings of Paul. He encourages the Corinthians to “*Run in such a way as to get the prize*” (1 Cor. 9:24) and points out that he does “*not run like a man running aimlessly ... not I beat my body and make it my slave.*” (vv. 26–27). Similarly, Paul tells the Philippians, “*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*” (Phil 4:13–14)

But I think it is the author of Hebrews who gives us the clearest words of encouragement. After pointing to the myriad of Biblical and historical witnesses who persevered in faith, the author urges “*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who has endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*” (Heb. 12:1–3)

We need to remember that God has called us to a massive vision – to bring renewal to our city. We are only beginning to take steps that have us more involved in the community and thinking about how the gospel has the power to transform us and those around us. We need to look to those around us who continue to persevere in fighting sin in their own life and in spreading transformation around them. In the past few months, we have pointed to people in our congregation who are intentionally thinking about how to alter the things they do everyday in order to build relationships with those around them that give opportunities to demonstrate and declare the gospel. And things are happening. Over the past few months, we’ve told stories of how a number of different people in our congregation are learning to live out our core values. And we will continue to do this. Beginning soon, our home groups will be exploring questions about what it means to live on mission where we are in an effort to practically demonstrate and declare the gospel to those around us.

But ultimately, we look to Jesus and remembering what He has done for us, we serve Him through serving others. Thank you for joining us in this.



STARTING POINT CLASS

YOUR NEXT STEP TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

STARTING POINT CLASS FEB 21

Are you new to DHBC? Do you want to be a part of what we are doing? Then we want to invite you to pursue becoming a member of DHBC. Because “church” is not just an event that we attend on Sunday mornings, but a body of believers that work together in a mission that God has called us to, it is not something we attend but rather something we belong to.

Going through the membership process is the way of officially standing up and saying “I am a part of this body and it’s mission is my mission.” When you become a member, you are asking the church to hold you accountable and you, in turn, bear responsibility in helping the church make decisions that enable us to fulfill our mission.

The first step in the membership process is our Starting Point class. In Starting Point, you will learn more about DHBC, our mission, our beliefs and our structure. It is a great opportunity to learn and to ask questions. We will be holding our Starting Point class after the service on February 21st (lunch will be provided). Please RSVP to by e-mailing the office (courteney@dhbc.ca) or speak to Kajle for more information (kajle@dhbc.ca)

Leadership at DHBC

DHBC is a congregationally governed church that is lead by a team of pastors (also called elders). What that means is that the congregation recognizes and elects qualified men to the role of pastor who bear the responsibility of leading

the church with the help of deacons. All major decisions are brought to the congregation for approval.

While we typically think of pastors as people with formal theological education who are paid to perform the tasks that they do (vocational pastors), the success of our leadership depends on quality *lay* (non-vocational) elders being raised up and affirmed by our congregation. Because of that, we invite you to consider if there are potential lay elders that you would like to recommend.

If there is someone that you would like to recommend for the important office of lay pastor, please pick up a copy of *A Guide for Recommending Non-Vocational Pastors* from the back table in the auditorium. This guide will help you understand the role better and discern whether a candidate is qualified. Should you wish to continue, Pastoral Nomination Forms are also available at the back table.

Thank you partnering with us in this way.



IMPACT and Partnership 2016

This coming April we will have our annual gathering of Fellowship churches (AGM) from our region (Pacific), meeting this year in Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island. This is always an excellent time of hearing about what God is doing in our churches, building relationships, and working together to have the greatest possible impact across our region once we return home.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Larry Osbourne**, senior pastor of North Coast church in California and author of numerous books including "Sticky Church", "Accidental Pharisees" and "Thriving in Babylon". Along with all this, we will also be approving board members as well as budgets for FEBPAC and Northwest Baptist Seminary.

One special thing about this year's meeting in particular is that, as a region, we will now be given opportunity to vote on **Partnership 2016**, a pilot project begun five years ago, that seeks to bring about greater interaction and partnership among all the churches in our region. The goal has been to see greater gospel impact across our region as well as to increase the ability of the FEBPAC board to assist its churches. Some of the ways that has benefitted us here at DHBC particularly is through initiatives like **church consultations** which was instrumental in helping us from our current three-year vision. Also, the **Immerse program** is also a result of this partnering of churches (as well as our seminary) that has seen two students come and serve in our church.

More information will be available in the coming weeks, and you can also go to www.febpacific.ca to investigate more on your own. Our delegates will be seeking a recommendation from our church as to how we will vote regarding Partnership 2016 at our Timesterly meeting in March.



CAMP QWANOES
SETTING THE STAGE FUNDRAISING BANQUET
FEBRUARY 27, SOUTHRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
22756 48 AVE LANGLEY, BC

As Qwanoes launches their 50th year, join together with them to celebrate what God has done and help prepare the way for the next generation of ministry! You are invited to special banquet where you can hear stories and know how God has been working in the lives of children, youth and people of all ages who have come to this camp and support the next years of amazing ministry work that happens there!

If you are interested in going, talk to Glenn and Sharon Bowles who is hosting a table at the banquet.



**JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
MARCH 25, 10:30AM
OAKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

6261 CAMBIE STREET VANCOUVER
(2 BLOCKS FROM 49TH/LANGARA SKYTRAIN STATION)



TRANSFORM CONFERENCE
April 15-16
Southridge Fellowship Church
Langley BC

This conference is to equip, encourage and empower parents and ministry leaders in the spiritual rearing and biblical teaching of their children.

Conference Tracks

Cultural Engagement
Children and Church
Discipleship
Family Conversations

(Online Streaming Options)

Individuals \$60 early bird*

(\$75 afterwards until March 31)

Couple \$80 early bird*

(\$100 afterwards until March 31)

*For more information check out their
website:*

www.transformconference.ca

** Early bird registration ends Feb 22*

MULTIPLY CONFERENCE
March 2-3
Westside Church
Vancouver BC

"Multiply" has been designed with the established church leader in mind as we seek to fan into flame God-given dreams for kingdom expansion in Canada.

Speakers Include:

Francis Chan
Jeff Vanderstalt
Larry Osborne
Guy Mason
Norm Funk
Mark Clark
and more...

Registration Rates

Individuals \$149

(Group rates available)

*For more information check out their
website:*

www.multiplyconference.ca



EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Feb 20</u>	Snow Shoeing	<u>11AM</u>
<u>Feb 26</u>	Pub Night	<u>7PM</u>
<u>March 13</u>	Forum*	<u>7PM</u>
<u>March 18</u>	Games Night	<u>7PM</u>
<u>April 1</u>	Escape Room	<u>7PM</u>
<u>April 15</u>	Pub Night	<u>7PM</u>
<u>April 23</u>	Hiking	<u>11AM</u>
<u>May 6-8</u>	Qwanoes Retreat	<u>Fri-Su</u>
<u>May 20</u>	Games Night	<u>7PM</u>
<u>May 29</u>	Forum	<u>7PM</u>
<u>June 3</u>	Beach BBQ	<u>6PM</u>
<u>June 17</u>	Pub Night	<u>7PM</u>
<u>July 1st</u>	Canada Day Parade	<u>TBD</u>

* Forums are a gathering nights where we have a study/discussion on various topics in faith and life.

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EVENT CALENDAR



Upcoming Events

Sometimes our calendar changes and/or additions to our events, please check our online bulletin board www.dhbc.ca/events

February

Starting Point (21st)

Qwanoes Fundrasing Banquet (27th)

(Create Group will be meeting the week of Feb 15th - exact date is TBD)

March

Multiply Conference (2-3rd)

LEAD Retreat (4-5th)

Trimesterly Meeting (6th)

Joint Good Friday Service, 10:30am at Oakridge Baptist (25th)

Easter Service (27th)

April

LEAD Seminar - everyone welcome (9th)

Transform Conference (15-16th)

IMPACT Convention (21-22nd)

Fellowship Sunday (24th)

We are working with our resident counsellor, Jillian Hart and will be launching several workshops this spring. Stay tuned for the details.

RETREAT VIDEO DOWNLOAD



We had a wonderful weekend away at Camp Stillwood at our GET A CLUE Retreat! Thanks to all of you, our speaker Bill Clem and all the volunteers that made it a really special time. Click below to see the video of the weekend. Click this download link to see the video highlights. (The link will expire at the end of this month)

Download Video

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