

# Peace Evangelical Church

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*Today's Service*  
*Speaker* Mark Robinson

Nov 1, 2020

*Next Sunday's Service*  
*Speaker* David Jones

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Note: English Sunday's sermon services at 10:00 am will be broadcast live online beginning at the corresponding times.

## HAPPY?

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy... - 1 Peter 1:8

What does it mean to be happy?

Dennis Wholey, author of a book called *Are You Happy?*, reports that according to experts, only about 20% of Americans today are happy. One psychiatrist, Thomas Szasz, even went so far as to say, "Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children and by children to adults."

To really understand the key to finding happiness, it's important to first understand what it is. Looking at the biblical use of the word, we find 'happy' is most often used to describe a state of being emotionally satisfied with one's circumstances. The problem, however, comes when those circumstances change.

This is why lasting happiness eludes almost everyone...because it's based upon our circumstances, which can change in a moment. But there is a biblical attitude that, when we have it, will keep us emotionally satisfied even when circumstances change – it's called 'joy'.

The key to lasting happiness is to let God's Spirit express joy through you that's not based on your current situation. Instead of looking for your circumstances to satisfy you, look to God to give you His inexpressible joy in all circumstances!

### **Prayer Challenge:**

Ask God to express His supernatural joy through you in all circumstances.

### **Questions for Thought:**

How have you seen God at work creating an attitude of joy in the midst of challenges for you or someone else?

What circumstances are you facing today that require God's supernatural power for you to find happiness and contentment?

## Church News

1. Due to the rampant coronavirus pandemic, the church has halted all in-person gatherings. Sunday sermons have been changed to live webcasts through a link on [www.pec.bc.ca](http://www.pec.bc.ca) until further notice. Please join in on schedule. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships, and Bible study classes are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually. In the interim, please pay close attention to the church news in our weekly digital bulletin.
2. Since the church has to suspend all physical gatherings and can only provide live-streaming of sermons on Sundays because of the current situation, for the communion service that we have always highly-valued, the elders and co-workers are making the following proposals and recommendations after discussion:
  - i) We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
  - ii) Prior to the meeting, prepare the bread and the cup. The bread is unleavened bread, baked with flour and a sprinkling of salt and oil. It signifies the body of Christ. The cup is grape juice, which symbolizes Christ shedding His blood in atonement for our sins.
  - iii) In the event a family does not have a brother who can lead, please contact your fellowship leader or mentor. We can arrange to organize a small group communion service for you on Zoom, and members who are moved to do so will be able to participate in sharing at that time.
  - iv) The communion service was established by the Lord and is a very somber gathering. It is necessary to prepare your heart and self-examine first before partaking in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup. Whoever does not discern the body of Christ, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
  - v) Therefore, by remembering the Lord, we have a deeper understanding of His love, revitalize our own love for Him, meditate on our relationship with the Lord, and are cognizant of our own transgressions. May the love of Christ always inspire us and rekindle the fire in our hearts.
  - vi) Please try to schedule these communion services for Sundays during the pandemic, whether at home or in online groups. As soon as the outbreak subsides and the church resumes physical gatherings, these online gatherings will immediately cease.
3. English Ministry will be hosting a Bible-teaching Conference today. Speaker: Brother Mark Robinson. Please prepare your hearts to attend.
4. Our church would like to send our heartily thanks to Brother Mark Robinson for leading us the Bible-teaching Conference. May God remember his service and efforts and to be blessings for many people. May brothers and sisters would also have their spiritual life revive and change through the messages received at these meetings, they are willing to submit themselves to God's command about missions.
5. On Nov 6, Cantonese fellowships will jointly host an evangelical meeting via Zoom. The topic is "Love's Exhortation" and the speaker is Brother LIU. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to invite non-believing friends and family to attend.
6. Daylight saving time will be commenced on November 1st, please make sure you turn your clock backward for 1 hour on the evening of Oct 31st (this Saturday) before you go to bed.
7. Our Church E&D meeting had been accepted the missionary fund budget in 2020 of Cad \$ 34,000. As of the current "Mission Fund" balance about \$26,136. Brothers & Sisters please make effort to support the missionary fund offerings.

8. Below is last week's offering records, a tax receipt will be issued on or before the end of February of next year.

Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
112705	1,800.00	CANCM7u	400.00	CAv9FpbS	500.00	General	6,410.00
112915	600.00	CAnhbqQE	75.00	CAZj6pbT	2,000.00	Caleb Fellowship	200.00
CA8SjXgs	295.00	CAQWhJRY	180.00	CAzyWx7v	600.00		
CADxJwCc	160.00						
<b>Total Amount</b>							6,610.00
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## Prayer Items

1. Please pray for our church's direction in 2020 and the theme of English Ministry for this year is "Next level with God". (Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverb 3:5-6 (NLT). May God use it and His name be glorified.
2. Please continue to intercede in prayer for those members who are weak in flesh or spirit, by the mentioning of their names. May God heal and give strength to them so that they can find peace in the Lord, and may their loved ones have the fortitude to care for and sustain them so that all will gain the comfort of the Lord.
3. Please pray for the Chinese Gospel meeting at Nov 6th, pray for the messages prepare by speaker and the coordinating work for the meeting.
4. Due to the pandemic, the church has temporarily suspended mall and park outreach activities and Gospel visitations. May the Lord ensure that the determination of brothers and sisters to evangelize will not be lost, but learn to pray ardently for friends and family not yet returned to Christ, and bear witness for the Gospel in their daily lives amongst these people. Although evangelical meetings are temporarily halted during this time, may the Lord guide the church to astutely preach the Gospel via the internet or other means.
5. Please pray for the growth of the English Congregation, may God bless and use the congregation to bring glory back to God. Also pray that they can experience God's almighty power and live out the abundant life of Christ. May the next generation of this church have the burden of spreading the gospel, to care for the spirit of others and have a passion to witness for the Lord.
6. Please pray for the current political situations in Hong Kong and National Wide. May God continue to govern so that people will have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith to the various churches in HK and the US, in order that they can hold fast to the truth of the Bible and bear outstanding witness for the Lord.
7. Please pray for our church family adapt to the new life style during the epidemic prevention period, make adjustments so that couples can appreciate each other, the parents get the wisdom from God, communicate with their children with words of love and encouragement, and establish Christ is the Lord of my family.
8. Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Pray for the church to be a witness for God during the pandemic and attract more people to the Lord. Pray that Christians locked-down in their homes can overcome the stress and demonstrate in their lives the faith, hope, love and peace of true disciples. And also pray that through the experience of online worships and prayer and fellowship meetings, the church can mature and evolve, focus more on the study and practice of Biblical truths, effectively preach the gospel, and love God and people in a different way.

## **New Offering Option: Interac e-Transfer**

To provide another option for Brothers & Sisters with sending offerings to church, we have setup Interac e-Transfer to receive them electronically. Following are some guidelines:

1. Email to send offerings: [offering@pec.bc.ca](mailto:offering@pec.bc.ca)
2. We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
3. When adding the new Contact, you might be asked to create a security question and answer. Just do so arbitrarily as that will not be used eventually. Also please choose to notify Contact by email address (not mobile phone).
4. On the Message section, please indicate:
  - a) your legal name (for tax receipt)
  - b) your commonly known name
  - c) purpose of your offering:
    - i. General Offering
    - ii. Mission Fund
    - iii. Caring Fund
    - iv. Special Offering, please specify
  - d) If you'd like to offer different amounts for more than one purpose, please indicate in the message as well.

**Example:** TSO PO KI, Phyllis, \$50 General, \$60 Mission, \$70 Caring

5. The bank's transaction reference number (instead of the offering envelope number) will be used to track and record your offering, which you can check on the bulletin to confirm church has received it.
6. Church's bulletin will be posted on our website every Sunday, listing out offerings received during the previous week:  
**March 29** bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 16-22  
**April 5** bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 23-29, and so on.
7. In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

### **Reminders:**

- i) This is an additional option but not the only option to make offerings. We are still accepting drop-offs at church (cash or cheque) and mail-ins (cheque only). For drop-offs, please call the church office (604) 231-9990 ahead of time before coming.
- ii) Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.