

Peace Evangelical Church

Nov 8, 2020

Today's Service
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Next Sunday's Service
Speaker TBA

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

Consistent Character Part 1 - by Kegan Mosier

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." C.S. Lewis

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

This subject has been weighing heavy on my heart the past month or so. Before I begin, I have to make a disclaimer: I am not even close to perfect and continue trying to identify places in my life where I can demonstrate a greater level of consistency and integrity. There is a lie that continues to be whispered to me that causes me to feel unqualified to even write about this at the risk of being a hypocrite, but you know what? God has qualified me, and He has qualified you to demonstrate consistent character and to pursue a life of integrity! This is not a sermon about being saved by works, it is a message of hope for us to be able to reap the benefits of heaven. I forget who quoted this, but I love it... "We are not to live *towards freedom, but rather to realize that we have already been given this gift, and to live from it.*" We need to live from a place of freedom instead of working so hard to achieve it. This only brings frustration and, ironically, restriction and captivity. We have already been liberated and freed (Galatians 5:1)! If we can work to eradicate inconsistency in our lives, we open up more room for God to use our lives in influential ways. While we are still here on Earth, even though we are "broken vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7), we will continue to be used by God to demonstrate His power because that's the way He designed it, what can you and I do to seal some of the cracks in our vessels to hold more of Him?

Part 2 - Next Week - Five Practical Steps for Consistent Character

Church News

- 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 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.
- 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:
 - We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- The Nov Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the Nov 8th (today) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
- Our Church E&D meeting had been accepted the missionary fund budget in 2020 of Cad \$ 34,000. Brothers & Sisters please make effort to support the missionary fund offerings.
- Our church encourages brothers and sisters to intercede daily for one of their non-converted friend or relative, may God save them and let them to receiving this precious salvation grace from God. May brothers and sisters would bear good witness for Him in the family and His name would be glorified; all their family members would be saved finally. We also encourage brothers and sisters to share their salvation testimonial to people not knowing Christ yet.
- 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
108636	100.00	CAHBaZED	400.00	CAUy3Ppr	75.00	General	3,225.00
113159	300.00	CAhbNEsK	900.00	CAVyEpzy	1,000.00	Mission Fund	150.00
CAdSDTcf	200.00	CAkYj5WZ	150.00	CAX7raPw	300.00	Isaac Fellowship	50.00
Total Amount					3,425.00		3,425.00

Prayer Items

- 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.
- 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.
- Please pray for the follow up work of the new friends who come to last Friday Cantonese Gospel meeting. May God bring many people into His Grace and receive the precious salvation that is given by God.
- Please pray for the Chinese Ministry of our church, may all brothers and sisters have an eager wish to follow our Lord, bear the witness for God, willing to receive the command from God and we would be strengthened by Him through His word and teaching, God's path will be prosperous. May more brothers and sisters would have strong desire to know about Him, bear good witness for Him, and serve Him truly with faith and love.
- May the Lord motivate us to take root in His Word at all times, learn to look up to God alone, rely on Him to overcome any storms in life, and stand firm in the Lord to learn deeper spiritual lessons; to accept the admonitions of the cross, and to live a heavenly life commensurate with the Son of God.
- Please pray for Brother & Sisters who are taking courses at the Academy Of Christ. May they be well equipped with the Truth, gain maturity throughout their spiritual lives, and be able to serve God in His household, complemented by other brothers and sisters, so that the Lord is gratified.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
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.