

We want to extend a special invitation to you and your family to join our Christmas and New Year's Celebrations. Please join us for any of our services.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Monday, Dec 24, 4pm & 5:30pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Monday, Dec 31, 7pm

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."



New to Willingdon

willingdon.org

Thanks for visiting us today. Come see us in the Welcome Centre. We would love to say hello in person. You can also ask any questions you may have about Willingdon or find out how you might get connected.

Regular Weekend Services

Saturday:

The Connection 5:00pm, 6:30pm

Sunday:

Sanctuary 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

The Connection 10:00am, 11:45am

Nursery Available: Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Prayer and Resource Centres

Saturday • 4:30pm - 8:00pm

Sunday • 8:15am - 1:15pm

Having trouble finding your way around?

Our Info Desk volunteers are happy to help direct you and answer any questions you may have.

Discovery Classes (in the Chapel)

A series of small group studies about Jesus Christ and the Church Family. Pick up a Discovery sign-up brochure at the Info Desk, Resource Centre or drop by the Chapel.

Saturday • 5:00pm

Sunday • 10:00am & 11:30am

Children's Ministry

No Saturday Kids Programs. Check out the Christmas Concert with your family instead!

Sunday Kids' Classes: 10am & 11:30am. Kids who are first-time visitors or guests, please visit the Kids Info Desk (1st floor).

Student Ministry

No Saturday Zone. Check out the Christmas Concert with your family instead!

Gr. 6-10: The Zone - Sun 10am & 11:30am, YC1

Gr. 11 & 12: Encounter - Sun 10am, YC2

THIS WEEK AT WILLINGDON

New to Willingdon

We're glad you're here. If this is your first time visiting Willingdon Church, please come visit us at the Welcome Centre! We would love to meet you and help get you connected with all that's going on here at Willingdon!

Willingdon School of the Bible

Registration for the WSB winter courses is now available. Pick up a registration form in the Main Lobby or visit us online at willingdon.org/twsb.

STARTS Winter 2019

Tuesdays, starting Jan 15, 7pm
Registration for STARTS Winter 2019 course is now available. Pick up a registration form in the Main Lobby or visit us online at willingdon.org/global-ministries.

International Language Ministries Christmas Outreach Banquets

willingdon.org/international-language
Spanish – Thurs, Dec 20, Chapel & Fireside
Cantonese – Fri, Dec 21, Connection
Romanian – Sun, Dec 23, Room 3030
Russian – Sun, Jan 6, Chapel
Please contact the language leaders for details.

Wed Night Women's Bible Study

Dessert & Movie Night: Jan 9, 6:30pm, Chapel
What happens when a six-year-old boy in Kenya is abandoned by his family and left to raise himself on the streets? Women of all ages and children are invited. Come see 'Mully'. Please RSVP to women@willingdon.org.

Two Becoming One

Thursday, January 3, 7pm.
This Marriage Enrichment Small Group will teach you how to build a Christ-centered marriage through Biblical principles and practices.
Registration available at the Resource Centre.
\$75 per couple.

Ongoing Ministries

High Voltage (Gr. 6 & 7): willingdon.org/high-voltage
Fri, Dec 21, 7pm, Yth Ctr: Larger Than Life.

Riptide (Gr. 8-10): willingdon.org/riptide
Thurs, Dec 20: Special Night Out with Gab Group.
Check with leaders for details. Offsite waiver may be required.

Encounter (Gr. 11 & 12): willingdon.org/encounter
Tues, Dec 18, 6:30pm: A Sweet Christmas. Tickets \$10, bring a \$5 gift for gift exchange.

The Exchange (Age 18-30): willingdon.org/theexchange
On Break. New Year's Bash: Fri, Jan 4.

Christ Centred Singles: Sat, Jan 19, 7:30pm, Chapel.
Contact Selina at christcenteredsingles@gmail.com

A Woman's Walk: Next session begins Jan 10, 2019.
For info, email Shirley-Anne at womanswalk@gmail.com

Wed Night Bible Study (Women): Dessert & Movie
Night, Jan 9, 6:30pm. Next study, Jan 16: *Gideon: Your Weakness God's Strength* by Priscilla Shirer, Cost \$30.

GriefShare: Sun, 8:30am, Rm 3030
Thurs, 7pm, Rm 3090

Prayer Meetings: Wed, 6:30am, Café
Sun, 8am, Connection

Global Hotspots Prayer: Sun, 10am, Rm 3090.

Mission Circle: Tues, 9:30am, Rm 1500.

Creation Science Class: Sat, Jan 26, 2pm, Fireside.
Contact Barb at matthew633@shaw.ca for more info.

International Language Ministries:

willingdon.org/international-language
9 International Language fellowships meet throughout the week. Visit the website for more information.

Ministries on Break:

Mom's Connect (resumes Jan 9), Place Space (resumes Jan 8), New Horizons (resumes Jan 10), Alongside (resumes Jan 20), ESL Bible Studies (resumes Jan 18)

PRAYER

Prayer Requests: Fill out a Prayer Card and drop it in one of the boxes at the Resource Centre, Info Desk, or Welcome Centre. You can also email prayer@willingdon.org.

Prayer Chain: Bev Leonard (604-803-0052)

Pastoral Visits: Pastor Walter (604-435-5544)

Prayers 4 Women: Women, if you have a prayer or care request you feel more comfortable sharing with another woman, please email prayers4women@willingdon.org or call the church office.

Prayer Info Card: A prayer info card with family matters and ways to get involved in prayer can be found on the Info Stands and at the Info Desk.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups is on break. Winter quarter registration begins on January 5. For more info, contact Michelle at mlee@willingdon.org.

KIDS & STUDENT MIN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec 15: No programs (Christmas Concert)

Sun, Dec 16: Regular programs available

Sat, Dec 22 & Sun, Dec 23: Regular programs available

Sat, Dec 29 & Sun, Dec 30: No programs

Sat, Jan 5 & Sun, Jan 6: No programs

Sat, Jan 12 & Sun, Jan 13: Programs resume

The Nursery will still be available during these weekends.

CAFE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Dec 15: CLOSED (Christmas Concert)

Dec 16: 8:30-11am (Coffee & Pastries ONLY)

Dec 22: 4-8pm

Dec 23: 8:30am-2pm

Dec 29: 4-8pm (COFFEE ONLY)

Dec 30: 8:30am-2pm (COFFEE ONLY)

Regular Café Schedule resumes Jan 5

GLOBAL PRAYER

Please pray for Cynthia Friesen (MB Mission, Thailand). The Lord is using her in a dynamic prison ministry and a discipleship program for women recently released from prison, called Freedom Textiles. Please pray for wisdom, energy, continued favor and impact, and financial provision.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Confident Kids Volunteers

Confident Kids is a ministry that aims to support children and single parent families facing difficult life circumstances. We're currently looking for an energetic and enthusiastic volunteer to help lead the children's element of the ministry on Saturday mornings. If you have a heart for children and a desire to serve, please contact Ryan at rponte@willingdon.org for more info.

Parking Attendants

Parking Attendants are the first point of contact for many as they come to Willingdon. We are in need of parking team members to welcome and direct visitors to and from the church. We are looking for another 20 parking volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please sign up at the Resource Centre or email Pastor Tony at tcastro@willingdon.org.

Welcome Centre Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the Welcome Centre during the weekend services, please visit us or email Sophia at stam@willingdon.org

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER

Please be aware that there is a Willingdon Church photographer on site taking photos in service and around the church. Please note the photos may be shared on social media channels.

December 16, 2018

The book of Matthew begins with a genealogy. When most of us read Matthew 1:1-17 we see only a list of names. But, behind these names there is an incredible story. It's the story of God and His people that spans the centuries before Jesus came. One of the people in this story is Ruth. And today we'll look at her journey and learn from the choices she made.

1. Choices made in critical moments shape our stories
2. Boaz and Ruth both make choices of self-sacrifice for the benefit of another
3. This is what Christmas is all about

WILLINGDON CHURCH ELDERS

Phil Balzer	Ruben Heyn	Mark Loewen	Rick Reimer	Ed Thiessen
John Best	Danny Lee	Dave Marshall	Vince Reimer	Wayne Wiebe
Jim Eisenhauer	Paul Lee	Ken Redekopp	Willy Reimer	
Ray Harms-Wiebe	Ron Leonard	Mark Reimer	Norm Schmidt	

Please continue to pray for the elders.

If you wish to contact an elder, please email elders@willingdon.org.