

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



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel.



New to Willingdon

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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

Saturday Kids' Classes: 5pm

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. On break until Jan 12

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!

Student Min New Year's Bash

Fri, Jan 4, 6:30pm. Cost \$10
Everyone from High Voltage, Riptide, Encounter, and the Exchange is invited to the Student Ministries New Year's Bash! We're kicking off the new year with a pizza dinner, worship, games, prizes, and a professional improv show by the Vancouver Theatresports League!

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/wsb.

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.

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

Encounter (Gr 11 & 12): Humans vs Zombies, Fri, Dec 28, 6pm. Cost \$10.

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

Women's Bible Studies: Contact Michelle at mlee@willingdon.org for registration and info.

Women's Bible Study, Tues, 10am, starting Jan 15
Women's Bible Study, Wed, 6:30pm, starting Jan 16
A Woman's Walk, Thurs, 9:30am, starting Jan 10
Women's Bible Study ESL, Thurs, 1pm, starting Jan 18

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.

Russian Christmas Outreach Banquet: Sun, Jan 6, Chapel

Kids & Student Min Holiday Schedule:

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.

Ministries on Break:

Mom's Connect (resumes Jan 9)
PlaceSpace (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 are on break. Winter quarter registration begins on January 5. For more info, contact Michelle at mlee@willingdon.org.

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CAFE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

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.

GLOBAL PRAYER

Please pray for each of our global missionaries as they serve the Lord over this Christmas season. Pray for open doors in relationships, the ability to share boldly and clearly, and that the Lord will be stirring people's hearts to respond to the Gospel. To learn more about our missionary team, check out willingdon.org/global-ministries

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Set Teardown volunteers

The Christmas concert was brought to you by countless volunteers. We will be taking down the set on Tues, Jan 1, and we welcome anyone who would like to come and volunteer. Doors will be open from 9am-9pm. No special skills required. Come for an hour or come for the whole day, all help is appreciated!

YEAR END GIVING

Thank you for your faithful giving in 2018. As 2018 closes, please remember that in accordance with CRA regulations, gifts received and/or postmarked on or before Sunday, Dec 31, 2018 will be credited to your account for 2018. The last offerings taken will be during service on Sunday, Dec 31, 2018.

Please consider internet banking (online through your financial institution's website) for your last-minute year-end gifts. (Your envelope number is also your account number for this method). If you don't have an envelope number, please contact the Church Office.

Please note that gifts received and/or postmarked on or after Jan 1, 2019 will be credited to your account for 2019.

If you moved in the last year, please advise us of your new address immediately.

You can contact the Church Office at 604-435-5544, or by email at database@willingdon.org.

December 22 & 23, 2018

What kind of week have you had? Excellent? Difficult?

The Christmas season is often a mixture of stress and excitement. I saw this vividly during the Christmas Special, as members of our church family entered into the joy of Christ's coming; but at the same time, they faced the loss of loved ones, illness, and financial concerns.

As many of us will go to family gatherings in the next few days. We too may experience a mixture of stress and joy.

When we think of Christmas, we often think of warm fuzzies (Christmas Carols, chocolate, turkey, and gifts), but the activities of the season can also remind us of our personal brokenness and our yearning for more peace on earth. Our experience, in some ways, is very similar to experiences of Joseph and Mary on that first Christmas, 2000 years ago. The events leading up to Jesus' birth were an unusual mix of stress and wonder.

Our text today, Matthew 1:18-25, is about the birth of Jesus. It is also a case study in how to deal with stress and make good choices. How do you and I make good choices under stress?

1. In light of what you know, seek to be honorable and show compassion
2. Allow divine guidance to shape your decisions
3. Acknowledge the risk and place your faith in God
4. Allow God's communication with you to transform your stress into expectation
5. Allow Immanuel to transform the meaning of every situation
6. Choose to trust Jesus because of who He is and what only He can do

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.