



Happy New Year

- Willingdon Church

Praise God for all that He has done this past year!

As we celebrate the New Year, please continue to be in prayer for the Church Family, and for those who heard the Gospel during the Holidays.

This is also a great opportunity for you to pick up a copy of the "One Year Bible Guide" and engage yourself in God's word this year. The guides are available at the Info Desk.

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

Welcome 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

Kids Ministry is on break. Activity Packs are available downstairs at the Kids Info Desk.

The Nursery is still available.

Student Ministry

Student Ministry is on break until the new year. Join your family for the weekend services!

THIS WEEK AT WILLINGDON

Alpha

Wed, Feb 21–May 2 (10 weeks), 6:30pm, Chapel.
A series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure, no followup and no charge. An open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions. RSVP to kchan@willingdon.org

Two Becoming One

Thurs, Jan 4–Mar 8 (10 weeks), 7pm. A Bible-based small group study about God's plan for your marriage. For married couples at any stage in their marriage. Cost \$75 per couple. Registration available at the Resource Centre.

Marriage Min Datentnight Comedy

Couples-Married, engaged, or dating; Come laugh, love, and learn as comics Matt Falk and Timmy Boyle create a night you won't forget. Plus enjoy as 5 women and 5 men battle on Date Night Feud, the live game show! Tickets \$15 available in the Resource Centre.

Willingdon School of the Bible

willingdon.org/wsb
Course list and registration available online or pick up a registration form in the Main Lobby.

STARTS Winter 2018

willingdon.org/event/starts-winter-2018-class
6 Mondays starting Jan 15. Want to serve on a short-term mission team? STARTS is the first step. Sign up online or at the Resource Centre.

Perspectives Course

willingdon.org/event/perspectives-class. 14 Mondays starting Feb 5. Course is designed to enhance your understanding of God's mission, through biblical foundations, history of global mission, and various strategies for mission. Signup available online.

Women's Walk

Wed Night: The Word of God – Seeing Jesus in the Prophets. Jan 3, 6:30pm, Rm 3040, \$30 for the book. No Childcare. **Note: Date change**

Thurs Night: The Wisdom of God – Seeing Jesus in Psalms and Wisdom books. Jan 11, 9:30am, Rm 3040, \$30 for the book. Childcare \$20. Sign up for childcare by emailing Debbie at blairstp@telus.net

Ongoing Ministries

High Voltage (Gr. 6 & 7): willingdon.org/high-voltage
On Break until the New Year. Join us for our New Year's Kickoff on Fri, Jan 5, 6:30pm!

Riptide (Gr. 8-10): willingdon.org/riptide
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Encounter (Gr. 11 & 12): willingdon.org/encounter
On Break until the New Year. Join us for our New Year's Kickoff on Fri, Jan 5, 6:30pm!

Generate (Age 18-30): willingdon.org/generate
On Break until the New Year. Join us for our New Year's Kickoff on Fri, Jan 5, 6:30pm!

Men's Ministry: Men's Class - A Man and His Traps. Sundays, 10am, Rm 3040, starting Jan 14.

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

Divorce Care: willingdon.org/divorce-care
On break until further notice. Check online at divorcecare.org for more locations.

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

International Language Ministries:
willingdon.org/international-language
International language Ministry provides Discovery classes and Small Groups in various languages. Please contact sfong@willingdon.org for details

Kids and Student Ministries Christmas schedule:

Kids Ministries are on break on the following days:
Dec 30/31

Please note the Nursery is still available

Student Ministries Weekend Programs are on break on the following days: Dec 30/31

Ministries on Break: Creation Science Class, New Horizons, ESL Classes, GriefShare, Divorce Care, Alongside, Woman's Walk, Mission Circle

PRAYER

Prayer Requests: Fill out a Welcome & Prayer Card or 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 Card: A prayer card with info and family matters prayer requests can be found on the Info Stands and Info Desk each week.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

Small Groups are currently on break until we resume in January. Winter quarter runs from Jan 14 to Mar 17.
Winter quarter 2018 sign up will begin on Jan 6.

Visit willingdon.org/small-groups for more information.

Year End Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving in 2017. As 2017 closes, please remember that in accordance with CRA regulations, gifts received and/or postmarked on or before Sunday, Dec 31, 2017 will be credited to your account for 2017. The last offerings taken will be during service on Sunday, Dec 31, 2017.

Please consider internet banking or 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, 2018 will be credited to your account for 2018.

If you have 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

GLOBAL PRAYER

Please pray for Operation Mobilization's Ship Ministry, and for our missionary Siang Chiang who serves with this ministry. To learn more, listen to Episode 6 of the Willingdon On Mission Podcast, an interview with OM's Seelan Govender. willingdon.org/wom-podcast

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Kitchen, Café, and Event Volunteers

Willingdon is looking for volunteers for Kitchen help/food prep, Servers, and Dishwashers for the weekend services and events. Please contact Maureen at mnatusch@willingdon.org

Kids Info Desk Volunteers

Kids Min is looking for volunteers to serve at the Kids Info Desk during regular services. Please contact Amanda at aponte@willingdon.org

ONE YEAR BIBLE GUIDE

Consider starting your new year with a committed Bible reading plan by following the "One Year Bible" booklet found in the Main Lobby.

CAFÉ SCHEDULE

Dec 30 - Coffee only
Dec 31 - Coffee only

WEDNESDAY CAFÉ

Thank you to everyone who visited the Café for fellowship. The Wednesday Café will be closed in December for the Christmas season. We hope to see you again when the Wednesday Café reopens on January 10.

December 30 & 31, 2017

Longing is part of our human experience. Two thousand years ago God's people had been longing for the Messiah to come. It was "hope against hope", hoping when you have great anticipation but you are almost afraid to hope because you don't want to be disappointed. It was into that context that God's Spirit spoke into the lives of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus through their prophetic encounters with Simeon and Anna.

Throughout history God has spoken into human longings through His Spirit to those who are attentive to His voice, live according to His Word, and seek to glorify God with their lives. These are people who live with a sense of expectation and anticipation that God will do what He has promised to do.

Today's text describes two prophetic encounters that encompass three groups of people; Mary and Joseph the somewhat unaware parents, Simeon and Anna the anticipating servants and Jesus, the infant Messiah showing us how God speaks through His people to reveal His purposes.

1. God's purposes are unveiled through our obedient response to His initiatives
2. God's purposes are accomplished through people who love and serve Him
3. The Holy Spirit guides the willing and open hearted for God's purposes
4. God reveals His plans through His Spirit to increase our strengthening, encouraging, and comfort

WILLINGDON CHURCH ELDERS

Phil Balzer	Ruben Heyn	Paul Lee	Ken Redekopp	Vince Reimer
Jim Eisenhauer	Mark Janzen	Ron Leonard	Mark Reimer	Ed Thiessen
Ray Harms-Wiebe	Danny Lee	Mark Loewen	Rick Reimer	Wayne Wiebe

Please continue to pray for the elders.

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