

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 and Christmas concert nights.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dec 14 - 17

Performances at 7pm

with matinees at 3pm on Dec 15 & 16

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Monday, Dec 31, 7pm

And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel



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

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

Gr. 6-10 Saturday Zone - Sat 5pm, YC1

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/tusb.

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. 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 14, 7:45pm: Christmas Skate. Meet & Pickup at 8 Rinks in Bby. Cost \$8. Offsite waiver needed.

Riptide (Gr. 8-10): willingdon.org/riptide
Thurs, Dec 13, 7pm, Yth Ctr: Gab Groups

Encounter (Gr. 11 & 12): willingdon.org/encounter
Tues, Dec 11, 7pm: Small Group Metro Adventure.
Meet & Pickup at Metrotown. Offsite waiver needed.

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 Groups meet throughout the week. A sample of Groups meeting this week:
Cantonese - Mon, 10:30am, Fireside
Filipino - Sun, 1pm, Rm 3040
French - Tues, 7:30pm, Café

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.

GLOBAL PRAYER

Have you ever wondered whether God might call you and your family into a mission assignment, either short-term or long-term? We encourage you to pray about it. To hear a neat story of one family's engagement in global mission, listen to Episode 22 of the Willingdon On Mission Podcast. The Williams Family shares about their short-term mission engagements with Operation Mobilization in Europe. (willingdon.org, iTunes).

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Christmas Concert Volunteers

We are looking for help before and during our Christmas Concerts Dec 14-17.

We need help with set construction, greeting, and ticket taking.

Visit the Info Desk to sign up and be part of the Christmas celebrations here at Willingdon.

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.

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.

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 8: 4-8pm

Dec 9: 8:30am-2pm

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

December 8 & 9, 2018

All of history, including my life and your life, falls within God's comprehensive plan for humanity. Are we mindful of His sovereignty in our story? Do we recognize the choices before us?

Today's message invites us to consider two stories: the story of a person of royal birth and the story of a person who, although a social outcast, entered that royal story. How did that happen?

1. The **genealogy** of God's **grand story** communicates three things:
 - a. The true **identity** of Jesus, the **Messiah**
 - b. A sense of **belonging** for **foreigners** and **sinners**
 - c. The truth of God's **sovereign hand** over the **entire** story
2. The **grafting** into the grand story of God **requires** that we do three things:
 - a. **Acknowledge** the God of heaven and earth
 - b. Choose to exercise **active faith** in God
 - c. Choose to **identify** with the people of God
3. The **gift** of being **included** in the grand story provides you with three things:
 - a. **Direction** and **meaning**
 - b. An **identity** grounded in your **relationship** with God
 - c. **Belonging** in the **family** of God

Please note that there will not be a service on Saturday, December 15, please join us for the Christmas Concert that evening at 3pm & 7pm.

Please note this year's Dress Rehearsal will not be open to the public. We hope you'll be able to join us for one of our presentations December 14-17.

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.