

Spring 2012

Easter Service April 8, 2012



For as many years as I can remember, Easter Sunday Service at Joy Fellowship has been the best part of the Easter weekend. Each year, along with the beautiful songs, the precious Bible readings and the wonderful story of the Resurrection, the highlight of the service is the Easter Pageant, re-enacting the story of Christ's death on the Cross and his resurrection. This pageant is carried out in many churches across the world, but none with more passion than at Joy Fellowship.

Following the pageant, an "old wooden cross" is brought down to the front of the church. As the hymns are sung, members of the church--some in wheelchairs, some with their helpers, all eager to participate, come forward to the cross. Each places a flower into the cross. By the end of the service, the rough cross has been transformed into a beautiful symbol of the new life we have received through Christ's death.



Nicholas Chan portrays Jesus

After the service, the congregation gathers for a Pancake Breakfast and most important, fellowship and a chance to share their love of Christ.

This year, once again, the pageant, the flowered cross and the breakfast. And once again, our congregation sharing the Blessings and Joys of Easter.



**Christ
is risen!

He is
risen
indeed!**



“He was Handed over” (John 18:1-8)

Do you ever feel as though there is not much point to your life? Many of us feel most useful when we are busy. We find satisfaction in feeling like we are getting things done. Living with a disability, and even aging can be hard, because you are not able to do things that might make you feel useful.

All through his Gospel Mark describes Jesus as having authority. He had authority over sickness, over demons, over nature, over death, over human tradition. He had authority to forgive sins. He had authority. He could do any good thing he wanted.

And then in the Garden of Gethsemane something changes. He prays, “Father, if you are willing, you can take this cup from me. Yet not my will, but yours be done.”

Hundreds of armed soldiers come for him in the middle of the night

“Who are you looking for?” Jesus asks. “I am he” he says, and they fall flat on the ground - He has authority and could stop this, but he doesn’t. Peter tries to fight them. Jesus reminds him that he could call on hundreds of angels, if he wanted to be protected from this. He has authority over angels, but He chose not to use it.

Mark 14:11 says Judas “watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to the priests.” Matthew 27:2 says the chief priests “handed him over to Pilate.” And Matt.27:26 says Pilate “handed Jesus over to be crucified.” But Romans 8:32 looks deeper - it was God who handed him over. Jesus handed himself over, knowing this was His Father’s will.

In a way, this divides the story of Jesus into two parts. For 3 years we see Jesus hard at work, busy doing His Father’s will.

And then suddenly he is handed over, and he surrenders his authority.

He makes no choices now, except the choice to be obedient.

He lets himself be arrested, be tried and condemned refusing to defend himself. He is offered to the people, but they prefer a terrorist. He is beaten and humiliated and helpless. He is hungry and thirsty and dying of pain. He is nailed bleeding to a cross where he hangs in terrible agony, gasping for each breath, suffering horrible separation from His Father.

He did his Father’s will in 3 years of active ministry, And now He does his Father’s will in a kind of passive ministry. His glory will not be seen in an act of seizing a throne, but in allowing Himself to be lifted up and nailed to a cross. He is lifted up – He lets them do it. So that all who look to him may be saved. He lets it happen, and then he waits.

A thief responds.

Then a centurion.

Then Mary Magdalene

Then some scared disciples.

And now you and I.

In the last days of Jesus’ life, he was handed over, and surrendered all his power and authority.

There was a purpose and value in his working,

But also a purpose and value in his waiting,

Perhaps the most important part of his life was this time of waiting

There may be times in our lives that we must be busy doing God’s will.

There may be other times that doing His will may involve waiting, and there may be times when things just seem to be happening to us.

If we offer our lives to God in all of these things, He can make even these days into something of blessing and value.

Dave Hayward Jr.

Lisa Poon

Lisa is our Joy Smile this Issue.



When is your birthday? **June 29, 1980**

What is your favourite colour? **Rainbow**

What is your favourite TV show? **Action TV shows**

Who is your favourite Bible person? **Jesus**

What is your favourite song? **All country songs**

What are your hobbies? **Write greeting cards, play wii, internet, mall shopping.**

Where do you work or go to a day program? **Fraser Day program**

Is there something you would like everyone to remember or know about? **Remembering people's birthday.**

Joy Fellowship AGM 23 March 2012 By Sarah Brown

This year's Joy Fellowship AGM was held at Trinity Baptist Church and began by gathering for a meal of Pizza and Samosas - Desserts and beverages were also served. The sign language choir along with the worship team led a few songs and then Ann Baranszky-Job opened the meeting by telling the Joy Fellowship history.

Fred Hilderman was presented a basket of items for all of the work he has done for Joy Fellowship throughout the years.

Nominated council members were introduced and they are: Victor Fu and Ken Wakeman

Returning council members were then introduced and they are the following: David Hayward Jr., Karl Johnston, David and Ruby Hayward, Joan Lew, Oscar Banziger, Peter and Sonia Humphrey, Richard Shorty and Bram Lamb.

David Hayward Jr. had then showed some pictures of events that were held during the last year. The Evening ended with prayer and clean-up.



To each family member and friend, Joy Fellowship offers our most sincere condolences. We have faith and believe that our loved one is in a better place and through the power of God, we will one day be together again. Until then, we pray God will bless you with his love and keep in your heart wonderful memories of Alphonse, Danny, Don, Ken, Malcolm and Ron. We would like to thank our members who supported these families through prayer and hospital visits, attended memorial services, and sent donations in their memory.



MALCOLM AMERDING OCTOBER 1989 – FEBRUARY 2012

This is taken from Malcolm's obituary. It says all we could possibly say.

"Born October 28, 1989, our precious Malcolm could have slipped quietly back to heaven, but instead he brought heaven to us for 22 years.

He touched the lives of people around the globe without ever speaking a word. Those who took the risk to draw close to Malcolm had their hearts forever changed. There's no long list of worldly accomplishments. The details of what he "couldn't do" were much longer than what he "could". But Malcolm testified to the beauty of just "being". His smile was like sunshine for the soul.."

Although Malcolm lived with his family—Jen, Dana, McKenzie, Hannah Joy and Tobias—in Bellingham, he was well known to Joy Fellowship through frequent family visits to our Fairs and church services and visits by members of our congregation to his home.



KEN LEONG AUGUST 1955 – MARCH 2012

Ken Leong, born August 23, 1955, grew up in Courtney, where his dad had a Chinese restaurant. When Ken was 18 his father died and Ken, his mother and sister Jean moved to Vancouver.

In Vancouver Ken began to attend the VARCO workshop, and since 1974 attended various DDA workshops and day programs. In recent years, Ken worked with Kim his art teacher, to make some beautiful art, and he was proud of that work

This is what Ken listed as his hobbies once in our newsletter.

"Stay home, sometimes bowling, sing not so good, have my snack, help my Mom."

Ken has been part of Joy Fellowship now for about 29 years. He used to come to Woodlands each week with our ministry teams, and then later, he joined us visiting group homes around the lower mainland.

One of the highlights of his life was a trip we took to Kitimat in 1998. We spent several nights at the home of a lovely family there and Patricia Koppers has been one of Ken's dearest friends ever since. Ken never stopped praying for her and her four kids, and she prayed for him.

Christmas was his favorite season. He loved Christmas music, worship music and country music (Johnny Cash) and he loved to sing. He had a big collection of cassette tapes and CDs, and he'd wear his walkman around the community singing away without self-consciousness. Now he's singing with the angels.

Ken loved parties, especially birthday and Christmas parties. He liked to have fun and he liked cheerful people, like Cinzia. He was a sweet and soft-spoken, gentle man. We loved him and he loved us. Ken loved his mom. We believe he helped her come to faith. Now they are together forever.

Here is what Ken wanted us to remember 'Help Jesus. Help Dave and Ruby. Do the dishes. Wash the windows...' Pretty good advice, I think.



ALPHONSE MOESSNER FEBRUARY 1930 – JANUARY 2012

Alphonse Moessner, and his wife Mary were well known to the Joy Congregation. Since Alphonse came to Canada from Germany as a teenager after the war, and had a remarkable life which he loved to talk about. In later years, he worked at the Children’s Hospital, so some members of our congregation got to know him even before his daughter Lori-Ann started coming to church. Both Alphonse and Mary, along with Lori-Ann, were involved in many aspects of Joy Fellowship, but Alphonse is best remembered for his skills at barbecuing for some of our special events. A Memorial Service was held in January as part of our Joy Fellowship Sunday service with many members of the Moessner family attending. Alphonse had been in very poor health in recent years since Mary died, and Lori Ann had in many ways been looking after him. She seems to have now found a good ‘foster’ home, where she is being tenderly cared for. Thank you, Lord.

RONALD PATRICK VALLEE

APRIL 1949 – FEBRUARY 2012

Ronnie lived an active and contented life surrounded by people who loved and supported him. He was much loved and appreciated by his large family and grew up attending a Catholic church. Later in life he was lovingly cared for by the dedicated caregivers in the Steveston group home where he lived for many years. He was a character, and remembered for his sense of humour and curiosity. He loved to explore his surroundings, sometimes getting memorably lost in the process. He was a gentle soul, who loved music, going for walks, friends and food, and attended Joy Fellowship each Sunday when it was possible. He didn’t say much, but his quiet pensive smile was a blessing from God.



DANIEL WILLIAM PRENTICE

OCTOBER 1960 – FEBRUARY 2012

Danny was a gentle, kind spirit who was became very special to us in Joy Fellowship over the 15 years we knew him. He loved children and animals, and was very fond of Joy Gregory. He loved coming to Church (where he sat next to his dear friend Verna Mooney, and proudly helped to collect the offering on Sundays) and Bible Studies and camps, when he was able. He took found joy in telling everyone about his hoses, electrical cords and tools. He loved helping, especially if it involved using machines (lawn mowers, vacuum cleaners!). His family expressed gratitude to the Joy Fellowship Outreach Team. “The gifts or acceptance and friendship you bestowed upon Danny did not go unnoticed”. We will always remember Danny joyfully singing “He Brought me to His Banqueting Table.” He is at that table now, sitting in a place of honour. Well done, Danny!



DONALD CHARLES BAVIS

MAY 1940 –MARCH 2012

Don was the dear father of Janice Bavis. In the early years, many of us met Don standing in the rain in the Trinity parking lot, waiting for the bus to take folks to camp or bring them back home home. In the past few years, Don attended the Tuesday Night Bible Study at Trinity Baptist with Janice. When Pastor Rick became ill and was in hospital, Don took over the leadership of the Bible Study and developed a close relationship with many of our folks. Don was a teacher in the Vancouver School system for many years and taught Learning Assistance students.

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<http://www.joyfellowship.bc.ca/newsltr.htm>.

Pennies for Heaven

Our Pennies For Heaven donations this quarter are going to support the Abetavu Children's Home.

Abetavu is run by Carli Travers and her husband Robert and provides a haven and home for children in Uganda.

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Joy Jamboree
Saturday May 12th, 2012
10 Am—2 PM
Trinity Baptist Church
49th & Granville



**Games,
Prizes,
Food**



JF – Newsletter Financials – Dec.31, 2011

By Treasurer Oscar Banziger

The following information was provided at the March 23, 2012 AGM, reporting the December 31, 2011 Year End results:

	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Approved Budget</u>
Total Income	\$161,358	\$163,714	\$140,400 Estimate
Total Expenses	<u>\$201,008</u>	<u>\$174,934</u>	<u>\$182,400</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$39,650)	(\$11,220)	(\$42,000)

Camp Fees & Helper Donations were \$4,629 lower in 2011, but Camp expenses were proportionately lower. On the expense side, the major increases were for Wages and Benefits (increased \$23,476, but we have reduced one part time position for a similar amount during 2012) and Automobile Operation (increase of \$6,668).

A number of initiatives have been implemented during 2012 to enhance revenues, which include a donor awareness program, establishment of an internet donor link, and offering a pre-authorized donation program to donors.

As at March 31, 2012 (3 months)

Total Income \$27,196
 Total Expenses \$38,955
 Operating Deficit (\$11,759)

Donate to Joy Fellowship on-line by going to the JF website and click on the CanadaHelps.org icon

Your Joy Fellowship Board is thankful to the Lord for His many blessings including your faithful support. Psalm 121 verse 8 says “The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore” and upon this promise we stand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-1:00
- May 12 – Joy Jamboree – 10:00-2:00
- June 2 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00
- June 3 – Myanmar service at Ward Memorial – 5:30-8:00
- June 22-24 – Camp Sunrise at Langdale
- July 7 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00
- July 31– Aug 3 – Tent Camp at Porpoise Bay
- Aug.4 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00
- Aug.5 – Myanmar service at Ward Memorial – 5:30-8:00
- Aug.23 – Mfest envelope stuffing at Mfest office – 10:00-2:30
- Sept.1 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00
- Sept.29 – Walk the Wall