

## Easter. From the Cross to the Promise of Eternal Life



Good Friday March (with the Cross leading the procession) of The Longhouse, Ward Memorial, East Side Vineyard and Joy Fellowship joint service

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM, endured the cross, despising the same, and is seated at the right hand of God.”  
Hebrews 12:1-2

I've been thinking of this verse this year, that Jesus endured the cross and all the shame and suffering involved for the JOY SET BEFORE HIM, Somehow He was able to go through with what He knew would be so terrible, because He could see something that would result from his obedience that would make it WORTH IT! He could see JOY coming – he kept his mind and heart on the JOY that was to come. That is a mystery isn't it. What JOY could he see ahead?

Surely it was joy that we, who deserved death, would instead receive mercy and grace and light and life eternal. We remember with sorrow the great women of our congregation who have passed on in recent days, but we also look forward in JOY to seeing them again, because of what Jesus has done. Remembering this, we now, challenge each other to run boldly the race set before us, casting aside the sin that so easily entangles, running with the silent cheers of the great cloud of witnesses that has already welcomed Ruthie and Verna. Their race is over. Ours is not. Let us run well dear sisters and brothers.  
- David Hayward Jr.



Bill Dade, with help from Christine Poon, transform the old rugged cross into the symbol of Life eternal at the Joy Fellowship Easter morning service

# In Memoriam



Verna Mooney

Verna Mooney, who recently went Home at the age of 92, was one of the great, great saints God has blessed us with over the years. Verna first came to know us because she heard that we needed helpers at one of our camps, Camp Alex I think. She came to serve, and found a new and loving family that became her own. She came to love our people and we came to love her. Verna had a great servant heart so she was usually in the background, hard at work helping to see that everything went smoothly. While she had a car she was one of our faithful drivers, and that is a very valuable help to a ministry like ours. She had a great faith, and was a blessing and encouragement to us and to me. Verna was a great woman of prayer, and participated in a number of Bible study meetings and prayer circles apart from Joy Fellowship, but over the last two decades of her life she dedicated her time more and more to Joy Fellowship. She attended our camps until her mid-80's, and would often provide a place to stay for interns who came to serve with us. Over the years she housed most of those interns who went on to ministries else-where, and I know she had a great influence on them. She showed wonderful hospitality and loved having people over for delicious meals – for a time we had our prayer meetings in her apartment. She had been a teacher, and that was an asset as she helped with Bibles study groups and in small groups at camp. She had a great sense of fun, and a great and loving heart – always encouraging us to do our best, and giving herself generously to serve others. I had the honour of being one of Verna's pastors in these last years, but she was really a pastor for me too. You are one of a kind, Verna, and we really miss you. - Dave Hayward Jr.

Our sweet sister Ruth Metzger passed away last month, and we had a service on April 11 to remember her. She was a faithful part of Joy Fellowship for at least three decades, first of all attending the Kerr St. Bible study, and then getting involved in camps and then in church services. She enjoyed her many life-long friends from Oakridge school, and saw many of them at church. She was a delight, and I was deeply fond of her. She had a great sense of humor and an infectious chuckle I can still hear. She was a gentle, affectionate, sensitive, co-operative, cheerful, kind-hearted young lady. She was very loving and I think that everyone who knew her loved her. She loved people, and animals and jokes and had no meanness in her at all I think. She had a beautiful faith, and deep love for Jesus, and confidence in his love for her. Her parents were both remarkable Godly people too, and they loved her deeply. She had lived at home most of her life, but when her Dad suddenly died, she moved to live with Nisa and Vincente Chow, and made a good adjustment. She continued to go to her beloved Fraser program, and come to church and Bible study as long as she was able, but over the past year, she became wheelchair-bound, and dementia took her memory. May she rest in sweet peace. We miss you, Ruth, but are glad you are with your dear Dad and Mom again. - Dave Hayward Jr



Ruth Metzger



Linda McManus

Although a bout of pneumonia has set me aside for a couple of weeks, I'm thankful to say, that there has been no let up in the Ministry of the Joy Fellowship. My son, David, has kept me informed with encouraging reports. And his words about last Sunday gave me particular cause for praise. It seemed to me that two thing which transpired that Sunday summed up what Joy Fellowship is all about.

The first was the inclusion in the morning service of a segment to especially honour and remember Linda McManus. A Down's Syndrome lady with whom we'd had contact. Her mother and some of her family, including an uncle from Saskatchewan were present. According to Dave, Mrs. McManus and the family members present indicated their appreciation of the service. I felt assured that it brought them comfort and closure.

The second thing concerning my son's involvement was along side the sick bed of Jill Thorburn, a former group home mate of Gordie Hilderman. We first met Jill in the seventies when she was a resident of Woodlands Institution. When Woodlands closed Jill moved into a Bethesda Group Home in Richmond and we were able to follow up on her there. As long as we have known hers, she has been confined to a wheelchair and never learned to talk. It turned out that my son's visit that Sunday afternoon was to be her last moments on earth for as he played and sang hymns and choruses to her, she quietly slipped away.

Linda and Jill, two limited lives, recognize as being important, given honour and dignity. To me this was Joy Fellowship at it's finest. - Dave Hayward Sr. (March 2015)

**Editors note: Dave Sr. is well again, back at Joy Fellowship and continuing to drive to church.**



Jill Thorburn

**The Joy Fellowship AGM** was held on Friday March 27th at Trinity Baptist Church Hall. Approximately 60 people (plus one dog) were in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer by Dave Sr. and singing with the Sign Language Choir. President Ann Baranszky welcomed everyone to the 41st AGM. She gave a brief history of Joy Fellowship, including the recent 40th Anniversary Celebrations, paying tribute to Dave and Ruby Hayward and Fred Hilderman. Oscar Banziger, Treasurer, followed with the Treasurers report, showing a small surplus this year.

The following Council was presented for Approval:

PRESIDENT: Ann Baranszky	DIRECTORS: Carol Hansen	Joan Lew
VICE PRESIDENT: Bramwell Lamb	Dave Hayward	Cindy Liao
TREASURER: Oscar Banziger	Ruby Hayward	Carol Travers
SECRETARY: Karl Johnston	David D Hayward	

A slide show reminded us of events of the past year, followed by singing “Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart” and a time of prayer at each of the tables.

On the lighter side of the evening, Director Carol Hansen was celebrating her birthday and the occasion was the opportunity for Freida Aune and Carol Travers to playfully offer gifts from a large bag to Carol Hansen to mark her “advancing years”, which were accepted in good fun.

Along with refreshments, a birthday cake was brought in and everyone sang for Carol.



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**The Joy Living Society** held its Annual General Meeting on March 28th in the basement of Trinity House with nearly 40 people in attendance. Former members of The Parent Support group were welcomed as they joined with the Joy Living Society in their quest for housing for their adult disabled sons and daughters.

The meeting opened with prayer, followed by the Financial Report and the Election of Officers. Changes to the constitution were discussed, amended and approved. Val Hooke from Communitas gave a brief summary of her involvement with the Joy House and with clients supported by Joy Fellowship and Communitas. Everyone joined in the singing of the Joy House song, sung to the tune of “This Land is My Land”. Roses were presented to the Board with thanks. Following adjournment of the meeting, lunch was served and a time of fellowship shared.



**Joy Living Society Board of Directors:**

Robert Yu, Carol Hansen, David Hayward Jr, Eunice Chan, Bonnie Glassford and Chris Ferguson.

## Carey Hall Seminar— by Robert Yu

Once again, Joy Fellowship had the honour to give a seminar to a Christian student group at Carey Hall, UBC.

But it was quite different from the seminar we gave Monday at Columbia Bible College. The students attending this seminar were all mature adults, which meant that they are already the leaders in their church. Some were taking a Master's Program.



Pastor David and Karl led a big team of 18 folks. It's a great combination. Each one of the team member have different special gifts with different struggles.

The Seminar began with Nick's prayer and David introduced Eunice—Nick's mom, both of them on the worship team and playing the Clarinet. Sign Language girls and Joan gave an impressive performance. Lezlee talk a lot about her thought on God, so did Lori-ann and Elaine.

We didn't have any rehearsal but they just could give a great response to David and Karl's questions. Corey knew the boundaries—just a hug, no kiss, and all the students liked him. Richard was there singing and answering the questions that's made a strong impact to those students. Only a one hour's seminar, but it felt just like 5 minutes.

After the seminar, we went to MacDonaldd.. We met a senior lady and when she knew it was Nana's birthday she went out and came back and gave Nana a birthday cake.

David had prepared a hand-made cake. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Nana. And we shared the cake with other people in Macdonald.

What a blessing day for the team and those students.

What a joyful day for Nana.

Great thanks to the team:

Sign Language group = Joan, Lezlee, Anna, Nana and Tracy

Worship team – Rick, Karl, Nick, Eunice, Cindy, and David

Usher – Vernon, Robert

## Memories

Reaching out and touching

God's hand thereby believing

he's real

See angels around my room

Having Jesus speak to me

Asking God why the disability

Seeking him with everything

He said to me as clear as day

"You are a blessing."

- Stephen Klaue

Stephen is from the Langley Bethesda group home



Caregiver Joel and Stephen Klaue

# SMILE OF THE MONTH

## John Reithofer

- When is your birthday?* December 17th
- What is your favourite colour?* Blue
- What is your favourite TV show?* “The Love Boat”
- What is your favourite food?* Noodles, Coffee and Muffins
- What is your favourite song?* “Go tell it on the Mountain”
- What are your hobbies?* I loved dancing and bowling
- What do you do in Joy Fellowship?* I love collecting bottles and cans for Joy Fellowship

*(Editors note: John has been in Vancouver General Hospital and Pearson Hospital for over a year now. He still has a smile to greet visitors and hospital staff. All are blessed by his beautiful smile.)*



Krisha Beyer Horn with husband David and their newborn daughter Hannah Irene Horn.

Hannah was born March 16th, 2015, weighing 6 lbs 14 ounces. Krisha is a former assistant pastor at Joy Fellowship. We welcome Hannah and wish much happiness to the Horn family.

**Joy Jamboree**  
**Saturday May 2nd, 2015**  
**10 Am—2 PM**  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
**49th & Granville**  
**Games,**  
**Prizes,**  
**Food,**  
**Baking,**  
**and Crafts !**



## Joy Fellowship Newsletter

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## 2015 Upcoming Events.

- May 2 - Joy Jamboree at Trinity  
10:00 to 2:00 at Trinity Baptist
- June 19-21 – Camp Sunrise
- July 1 – Canada Day –  
Voices together at the Colliseum
- July 25 – Jan Bridgeman will be visiting  
from New Zealand until Aug 1st.
- Aug.1-8 Mi Hye will be visiting from  
South Korea.
- Oct.2-4 – Camp Squamish
- Nov.28 - Christmas World Market  
at Trinity 10:00 – 2:00

### JF – Newsletter Financials – Dec.31, 2014

The following information was provided at the March 27, 2015 AGM, reporting the December 31, 2014 Year End results:

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Approved Budget</u>
Total Income	\$206,394	\$175,529	\$152,400 Estimate
Total Expenses	<u>\$193,919</u>	<u>\$198,482</u>	<u>\$189,340</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$12,474	(\$22,953)	(\$36,940)

Revenue was higher in 2014 due to three one time donations, but expenses were somewhat lower, primarily as the Memorial Expense incurred during 2013 was not repeated in 2014.

#### As at March 31, 2015 (3 months)

Total Income	\$23,401
Total Expenses	<u>\$47,374</u>
Operating Deficit	(\$23,973)

Your Joy Fellowship Board is thankful to the Lord for His many blessings including your faithful support, both prayer and financial.

## Cans And Bottles—Keep Collecting!

Cans & Bottles generated \$1,452 (2013 \$1,603). Funds raised under Cans & Bottles were provided to Global Aid Network (Rambai Mukti Mission) \$1,162 and International China Concern (ICC) \$290. The Cans & Bottles receipts were divided 50/50 between Global Aid Network and ICC commencing September 2014

Right now the cans and bottles funds are going to help Sheeba and Jyoti in India, and two folks with ICC in China, Zhang Ji, a 13 year old boy with spina bifida and club feet, and Wang Ge, a 28 year old woman with Cerebral Palsy.

