

2012

Verna Mooneys' 90th Birthday



When Verna Mooney arrived at the church on Sunday, June 17th, the front lawn of the church was covered with pink and white balloons and friends to say Happy Birthday.

During the service, Pastor David asked Verna to come to the front and as Verna sat in a special chair, members of the Sign Language Choir and others came forward, each carrying a long stemmed pink rose to give to Verna, along with their prayers for good health and thanks for her 90 years. The church sang Happy Birthday and David spoke of how valued Verna was to our congregation and her work over the many years she has been part of Joy Fellowship.

Following the service, everyone came downstairs for further celebrations. Again, balloons and flowers and pink cupcakes in the shape of the number 90. More prayers and singing and everyone enjoying coffee, tea and cupcakes. Folks had the opportunity to congratulate Verna, who was joined by her daughter Jeannie and son-in-law Jim. A lovely birthday celebration for a lovely lady. The memory to take away from the day was the beautiful smile on Verna's face as she enjoyed a tribute from the many whose lives she has enriched.

Our sister in Christ, Verna Mooney, is one of those godly followers of Jesus whom the Lord called to serve in our Joy Fellowship church. She was an active member in Grandview Calvary Church but learned through a friend that Joy Fellowship needed more help for the summer camp which was coming up. I recall being at that camp and getting to know Verna. She had no difficulty finding jobs to do and one that she faithfully undertook was to see that any of the folks' clothes that needed washing were collected daily and laundered. The cabins were spread around the camp site and she made the trek from cabin to cabin early in the day, keeping track of where the different items came from, and returning them in the afternoon, to their owners. As well, she bunked in with some of our folk offering support and friendship. Her background as a teacher made her a valuable help in Bible studies and skits and her friendliness enabled her to fit in beautifully wherever she served.

Although Verna didn't own her own home, over the years she has provided accommodation in her rented quarters to a number of the women who came from abroad as interns to serve in Joy Fellowship and as long as she could drive she used her car to transport our folks to the various Joy Fellowship functions. Also when Dave and I were off in India for several months at a time throughout the 80s she undertook the leadership of the Bible Study Dave Sr. had led. Last but not least, Verna is a woman of prayer and that aspect of her ministry with us cannot be exaggerated.

Every Sunday Verna sat in the same place near the back of the church. On her left was Danny Prentiss and on her right was Merilee Morgan, both shy folk who chose to be near her to receive Verna's warm friendship. For some months Danny had been given the honour every Sunday of taking one of the offering bags up to the front and handing it to Pastor Dave and as he turned to return to his seat would look up to Verna and with a big smile on his face call out "I did it Verna!" That was always a highlight of the service to us.

The first Sunday Danny and Verna were both missing at church, it was because Verna had moved to an extended care facility in West Vancouver that week and because Danny had died suddenly in his home. Verna now lives in West Van and still comes when her daughter is able to bring her and I, Ruby, have chosen to take Danny's place beside Verna in church.

- Ruby Hayward

Edmund and Lillian Visit Joy Fellowship



In June, our congregation was blessed by a visit from our dear friends Edmund and Lillian Hsiah. Edmund & Lillian are currently living and teaching in Tianjin China. For many years, they were faithful members of our Joy Fellowship and are well known to our folks. They were home in Canada on vacation and spent a Sunday morning sharing their experiences in China through pictures and stories. They also shared in the music as we have missed them as part of our Worship Team.

As you can see by the pictures, they were warmly welcomed by our congregation.

Mother's Day and Father's Day Celebrations



Again this year, the mothers and fathers of our congregation were celebrated on Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. The importance of their love was spoken of and members of the congregation told of the love their parents had for them. On Mother's Day, all mothers came to the front and were presented with a rose. On Father's Day, each dad received a small bag of "Dad's Cookies". The love of our parents for us is wonderful, but the love of our Heavenly Father surpasses all.

Walk the Wall

"We plan to take a team from Joy Fellowship to join the ICC Walk the Wall fundraiser on Sat., Sept.22, between 9:30 and 2:30. This will be the fourth time we have joined this walk, and each year the number of participants grows. We add a wonderful dimension to the crowd, because this is in support of work with children in china who have disabilities.

We greatly respect and value this work, which will celebrate 20 years of ministry next year. You are welcome to join the walk, or to sponsor one of more of our walkers on the ICC website.

www.walkthewall.org

ICC

Esther Lee came to speak to us from International China Concern, a ministry that cares for children who have been abandoned because of their disabilities. China's orphanages are full of these kids, living in often terrible conditions. We hope to take a team of about ten next year to encourage, support and bless disabled

babies and children, some who have grown into wonderful adults and their caregivers and parents. This is a picture of Esther last year in Changsha – she helped interpret for the Canadian pastors who visited the work – here we are in a workshop, much like our old 'sheltered workshops'

We have had interest from quite a few of our congregation. We'd love to take some parent/child combos, and some Christian Caregivers too. We'd probably plan to go in the fall of 2013, for a little over a week, and the per-person cost might be about \$2500.



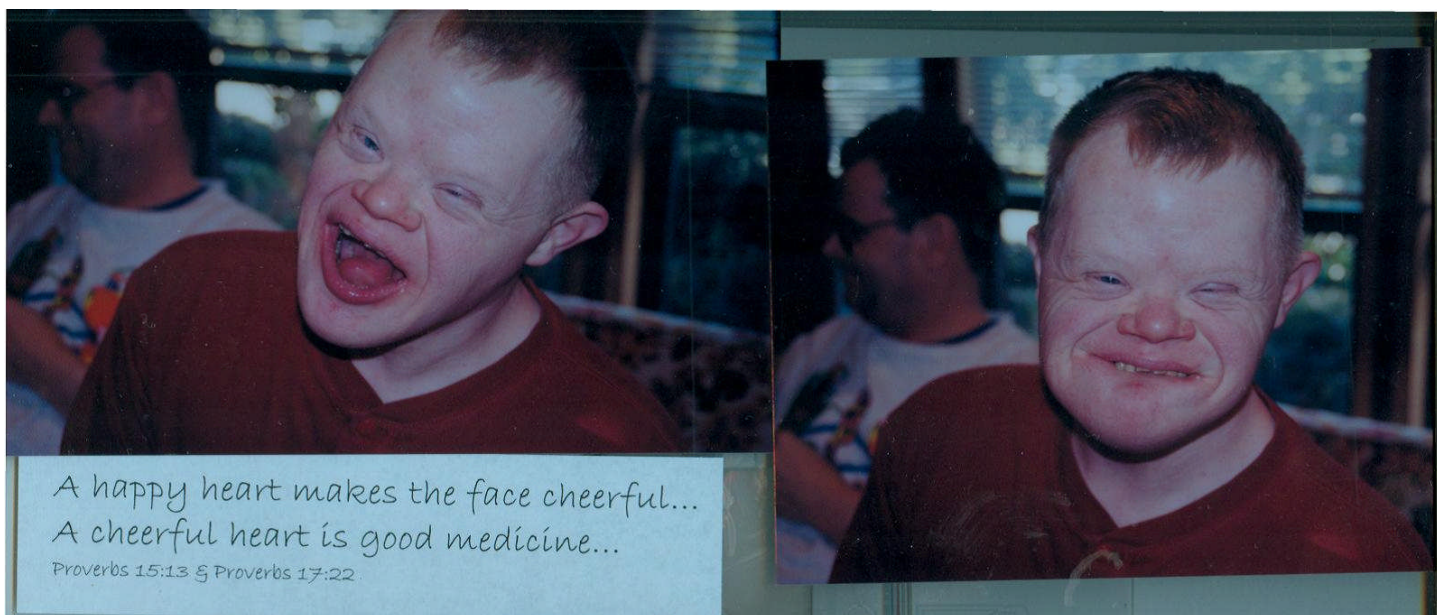
Old soldiers never die, they only fade away. Still the skin of their face was shining by the union with Jesus Christ. Look! How joyful he is. Look! How joyful we are.

June 24, 2012, Joy Fellowship had a camp in Sunshine Coast. David Jr., Karl... many of them went to the camp, so David Sr. led the worship. Around 50 folks came to gather together. Without a laptop, we used the song books. And David Sr. brought a slide projector (which should be in the museum) to show pictures which were taken when they were in India. What a wonderful service we had.

-Robert Yu

Gordon Lee Hilderman

17 August 1957— 7 May 2012



Dear friends

Gordie has gone Home. The chariot came and angels escorted him to the place prepared at his mother's side in heaven. Joy will have joyfully welcomed him. He is with His Lord, and free at last.

His journey is over, but he leaves a large hole. He was the one the Lord used, 37 years ago, to stir up the establishment of Joy Fellowship, because of his dad Fred's concern that Gordie didn't have a church where he felt welcome. Largely because of Gordie, Dave and Ruby Hayward began a small Sunday School group that began to meet weekly in a basement room at Trinity Baptist. The congregation has grown and become strong by the grace and mercy of God, and we are now a church that has contacts and supporters all over the world, and we can say that this God used Gordie to build this fellowship. One by one, those pioneer members are moving on to their heavenly reward, and Gordie has now joined them.

Fred Hilderman, who has been a strong foundation stone in the ministry of Joy Fellowship and Joy Living society, is now left behind. Fred has been such a wonderful and tireless supporter and encourager of our work, and such a fantastic Dad – no one could have done more to guard, love and support his son than Fred has done.

Gordie was a hero. He lived a rich life, with gusto and joy, good humour and love. His spiritual life was an example and blessing to us, and the love and grace he showed us was one of the very sweetest parts of being a pastor in Joy Fellowship. Everybody he touched loved Him, and he drew the best out of many of us. He had a very wide circle of friends, and God used him in wonderful ways to touch us and bless us. He was one of the reasons that we began the Joy Living Society many years ago, which now helps to provide residential care for 6 of our members. In recent years he found a wonderful Bethesda home in Richmond where he was much loved, and where he blessed a whole new sphere of people.

We love you Gordie and are thankful that God brought you into our lives, and we pray for those you left behind that they will find comfort and joy in the Holy Spirit. We look forward to singing with you again in heaven when our day comes.

Thank you Lord – David Hayward Jr..

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joy Fellowship Newsletter

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Pennies for Heaven

“Our Pennies for Heaven are going to help the Abetivu children’s home in Kampala, Uganda, that is Carli Travers’ remarkable ministry.

They are in the middle of a building project to have their own farm and homes outside the city, where they can live rent-free, and raise some of their own food”. The web address is www.carliskids.com

So far \$300 have been sent to Abetivu and another \$550 to the Father’s Heart work in El Salvador

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Aug.4 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00

Aug.5 – Myanmar service at Ward Memorial – 5:30-8:00

Aug 10—Indian Arm Cruise

Aug 14—Lynn Valley Picnic

Aug 19—Visit by Vania Levins (Talking about trip to North Korea)

Aug.23 – Missonfest envelope stuffing at Missionfest office – 10:00-2:30

Aug 30—Corn Maze Day Trip

Sept. 1 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00-12:00

Sept. 22 – Walk the Wall at Stanley Park fundraiser for the ICC

Sept. 25—Bible studies start again

October 5—7 Camp Squamish

November 3—Prayer Meeting at Haywards 11:00-12:00

Nov. 8 – Missonfest envelope stuffing at Missionfest office – 10:00-2:30

November 30 Christmas Craft Fair set up at Trinity Baptist

December 1—Christmas Craft Fair at Trinity Baptist

December 23 Christmas Service

For Your Information

A letter was recently sent out regarding a Change of Address for Oscar Banziger, our Treasurer. This led several people to believe that Joy Fellowship was moving to Surrey.

We would like to clarify that Joy Fellowship will still meet at the church on 42nd & Oak as per usual. All donations should still be sent to

Joy Fellowship, C/O 3036 East Georgia Street Vancouver B.C. V5K 2K7

As June 30, 2012 (6 months)

By Treasurer Oscar Banziger

Total Income	\$66,193.02
Total Expenses	\$81,147.59
Operating Deficit	(\$14,954.57)

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. Please keep the Joy Fellowship ministry in your prayers, so it accomplishes the Lord’s will.

One Body - By Robert Yu

" we are one body with different parts with different function...."

The head never can say to the toenail " I don't need you." Because one day the body will lose the toe because the toe is without the toenail's protection; and then the body will lose the foot because the toe was infected. Even worse the body loses the leg because the foot was infect...Finally the body is only left with the head. And then the head said to "itself" " Sorry ! My body, I am too proud."

That means: "FORGIVE ME MY LORD, I SHOULDN'T SO PROUD"

But how wonderful we are! From the set-up before the service to the clean-up after the service, everybody does their part of the body's function.

Praise the Lord!

On Sunday, June 3rd, 2012, Pastor David Jr. invited folks to read a Bible verse in different languages: Ruby first, David Sr. (in SORA), and then Sri Lankan, and then TAGALOG (Filipino language) , CANTONESE, IRISH, MANDARIN , GERMAN . After that, together all we sang "Jesus Loves Me" in different languages. How wonderful it was.