

# 40 Anniversary Celebrations

Years of Devotion

**Saturday, November 22 2014 Joy Fellowship celebrated it's 40th Anniversary.**

40 years of ministering to those with disabilities and offering a place of total acceptance, friendship, worship and love.

A crowd estimated between 200 and 300 came to the church service, followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. A wonderful success!

Plans for the Anniversary began several months ago when Dave Hayward Sr. took it upon himself to HANDWRITE over 250 invitations to friends of Joy Fellowship. The invitation went out to friends across Canada, the United States and many different parts of the entire world. Folks were also asked if they would care to send their thoughts and remembrances of Joy Fellowship. Many have been received and are currently being put into the form of a booklet.

Planning meetings took place with the busy committee comprised of Dave Hayward Jr., Dave & Ruby Hayward, Karl Johnston, Robert Yu, Christine Anglin, Ann Baranszky-Job, Victor Foo, Christina Poon, Judy Yee, Cindy Liao, Eunice Chan, Rick Benoit, and Kevin Pekrul.

Friday night before the service, leaders and helpers gathered to decorate the gym and set up tables for an estimated 125 guests, although many more arrived.



Saturday morning dawned with the sun shining brightly. The service was held at Trinity Baptist Church and church quickly filled up to overflowing--old friends, current members, wheelchairs and walkers, young and old, from near and far.



The service began with piper Sarah Carver entering the church playing "Amazing Grace", followed by Dave and Ruby Hayward, Fred Hilderman and the four members of the first congregation. Applause, smiles and waves greeted their entrance





The Opening Prayer and Blessing was given by Janice Bavis, followed by a Welcome and Introduction by Dave Hayward Senior.

The Sign Language Choir, under the leadership of Joan Lew, led the singing of three songs.

Throughout the service, a slide show gave pictures of leaders, members and friends of Joy Fellowship throughout the four decade we have been together. Comments ranged from “I remember her or him” to “Oh my, look at how young everyone was.



Fred Hilderman, one of the founding member of Joy Fellowship, spoke about the first decade and how he approached Dave and Ruby Hayward to ask if they would be interested in beginning a fellowship



for people with disabilities, such as his son Gordie. They eagerly agreed to start a fellowship, with Jane Watts, Betty Atherton, Jeff Dolynski, Grant Thompson and Gordie Hilderman being the first to attend. At the same time Betty Gjertsen had a small Sunday School class at Dunbar Lutheran Church comprised of Janice Bavis, Stephen Ross, Bryan Daigle who joined together with the group at Joy Fellowship.



Fred reminded us of the meaning of Joy Fellowship as explained by Bob Poutt: J is for Jesus, O is for Others and Y is for Yourself.

As more slides were shown, Christine Anglin spoke of what Joy Fellowship meant to her and how much Dave & Ruby Hayward had influenced her life.

At this point in the service, Roberta Bavis gave a heartfelt tribute to David Hayward Jr. Quote from her speech: “When we look at David, we see a true Disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A man who follows Christ’s teachings and obeys his word, giving so much of himself to Joy Fellowship. Reading from Mathew 25:40 “Jesus said truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, brothers and sister of mine, you did for me”. And for this we are truly blessed by David and very thankful.” As Roberta presented David with a gift to show our appreciated, the congregation rose to it’s feet to give a long and noisy ovation to David.



At this point, David left the service to prepare for the baptisms and the service was taken over by Karl Johnston, who offered a prayer of Thanksgiving.



Marking the occasion was the rite of Baptism for Christina Poon, her daughter Lisa, and John Chen. Pastors Dave Hayward Sr. and David Hayward Jr. welcomed Christina and Lisa into the Christian body.



All were blessed by Christina's testimony on how her life had changed with Christ and her belonging to Joy Fellowship. As Christina emerged from the baptismal waters, the smile on her face was joyous. Lisa Poon confessed her faith and her belief in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, then she too was baptized by Pastors Dave & David.



Pastor Craig Thiessen of Trinity Baptist Church was present to baptize John Chen, who spoke of his faith and joy in his Christianity.

Following the baptisms, 4 original members of Joy Fellowship were introduced to the congregation. Each is still a member, having been part of Joy Fellowship for all of the 40 years. As well, the 3 member from Dunbar Lutheran Church were recognized for their participation. Each was given a certificate of recognition.



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The service closed with prayer and the invitation to join together in the gym for a pot luck lunch.





Many more people than expected came to the lunch, but like the parable of the loaves and fishes, as more people came to the gym, more food appeared.

Casseroles, sandwiches, salads, desserts and different ethnic dishes were in abundance.



Our thanks to Kevin & Allen Perkul who worked tirelessly in the kitchen as well as the women who helped to serve

the meals under the direction of Judy Yee and Christina Poon.



An excellent chance for everyone to visit, renew friendships and share the richness of Joy Fellowship and what it has meant to their lives.



**To Fred, Dave and Ruby we say thank you for your vision 40 years ago.**



**And to the many who helped fulfill the dream**

## The World Market & Christmas Craft Fair

On November 29th, The World Market and Christmas Craft Fair took place at Trinity Baptist Church. In spite of the snow and cold weather, many friends and shoppers came.



The International Market, under the leadership of Carol Hansen, featured unique goods from many different countries.



Yummy goodies, Pastor David's bread, rice mixes and different treats filled the home baking booth.



All the while, music was played by our music team and every one joined in the carol singing.



A Children's Craft Table run by Sarah, Sheryl and Nellie-Jo kept the little ones busy as their parents shopped.

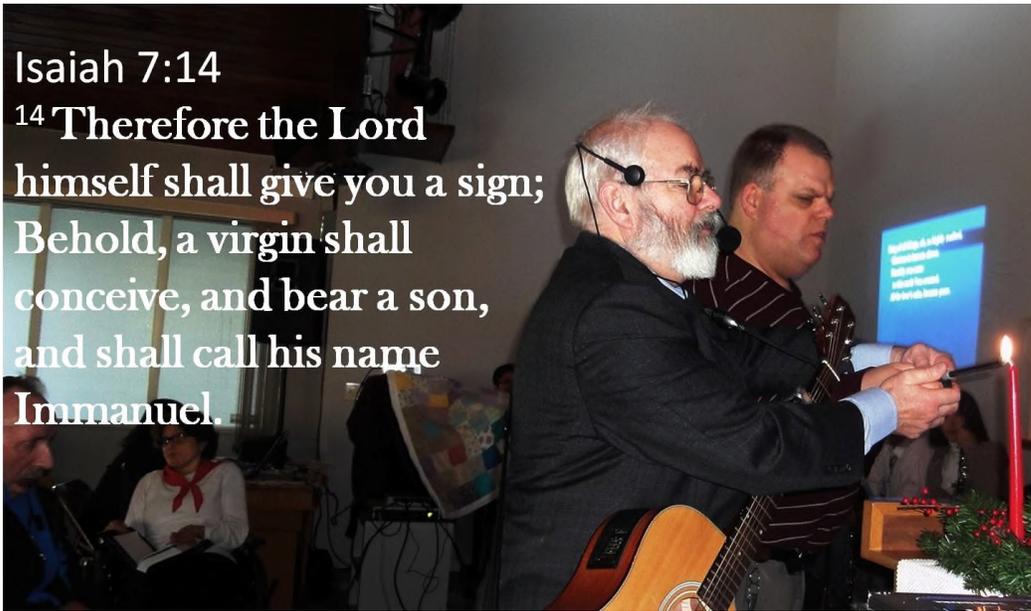
After a busy tour of the booths and many purchases, guests made their way to the Tea Room for lunch and to rest up for a final cruise through the Fair. Everyone was surprised and delighted when Santa popped in for a visit.

Almost \$5,000 was raised to help further the work of



Isaiah 7:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



Please join us in worship at the Joy Fellowship Christmas service and Pageant on December 21st

10 AM  
5880 Oak Street  
(42nd Ave. & Oak Street)

David and Richard light the first candle of Advent

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### Upcoming Events

- Dec.21 – Christmas Service
- Dec.28 – New Year's service  
with Billy Graham video 10 AM
- 2015**
- Jan.30-Feb.1 - Missionsfest  
Youth seminar on Friday.
- Mar.27 - Joy Fellowship AGM
- April 5 – Easter Service
- May 2— Joy Jamboree ay Trinity, 10-2
- June 19-21? – Camp Sunrise
- Oct.2-4 ?– Camp Squamish
- Nov.28 Christmas Craft Fair World Market
- Dec.20 – Christmas Service

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