

# Beyond Sunday

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### Moving into God's Vision The time is Now

... Rev. Frances Savill

*"Faithful God give us courage, boldness and passion, to follow where you lead and embrace your mission in the world."*

Embracing God's mission in the world today is a challenge. Outside the doors of Richmond Presbyterian Church the community has changed. The gospel imperative of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to do everything Jesus commanded remains, but our world and community are very different from the days when this church first opened its doors. We have begun a process that will give us a blueprint of how we will live out God's challenge to us. This blueprint is called *The Ministry Plan*. This Ministry Plan, developed with the Congregation and Session, will provide us with the picture of how we see Richmond Presbyterian Church being used by God to serve God's mission

in the world, and it will give us strategies and measureable goals that we will fulfill together as God's people. The Ministry Plan will become the framework and guide for the Congregation and Session for today and for years to come. The strategies we use and our specific goals may change year to year as the congregation changes, but the Ministry Plan will guide our work and witness for years to come as we embrace God's mission in our community and world. We seek to be God's faithful people, knowing that God has promised to be with us always, even until the end of the age.

Please pray for the Preparation Readiness Team, and the action teams that are working with them. Pray that God will give us all *courage, boldness and passion, to follow where He leads so that we might embrace God's mission in the world.*

## *Father's Love Letter*

### *My Child,*

You may not know me,  
but I know everything about  
you.  
Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and  
when you rise up.  
Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your  
ways.  
Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your  
head are numbered.  
Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my  
image.  
Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and  
have your being.  
Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring.  
Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you  
were conceived.  
Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned  
creation.  
Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake,  
for all your days are written in

my book.  
Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of  
your birth  
and where you would live.  
Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and  
wonderfully made.  
Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your  
mother's womb.  
Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the  
day you were born.  
Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented  
by those who don't know me.  
John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry,  
but am the complete expression  
of love.  
1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my  
love on you.  
1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my  
child  
and I am your Father.  
1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your  
earthly father ever could.  
Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father.  
Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive  
comes from my hand.  
James 1:17

For I am your provider and I  
meet all your needs.  
Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has  
always been filled with hope.  
Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an  
everlasting love.  
Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are  
countless  
as the sand on the seashore.  
Psalms 139:17-18

And I rejoice over you with  
singing.  
Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to  
you.  
Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured  
possession.  
Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you  
with all my heart and all my  
soul.  
Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great  
and marvelous things.  
Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your  
heart,  
you will find me.  
Deuteronomy 4:29

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Delight in me and I will give  
you  
the desires of your heart.  
Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those  
desires.  
Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you  
than you could possibly  
imagine.  
Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest  
encourager.  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

I am also the Father who  
comforts you  
in all your troubles.  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When you are brokenhearted,  
I am close to you.  
Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb,  
I have carried you close to my  
heart.  
Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away  
every tear from your eyes.  
Revelation 21:3-4

And I'll take away all the pain  
you have suffered on this earth.  
Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you  
even as I love my son, Jesus.  
John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is  
revealed.  
John 17:26

He is the exact representation of  
my being.  
Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I  
am for you,  
not against you.  
Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not  
counting your sins.  
2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I  
could be reconciled.  
2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate  
expression  
of my love for you.  
1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved  
that I might gain your love.  
Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son  
Jesus,  
you receive me.  
1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate  
you  
from my love again.  
Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the  
biggest party  
heaven has ever seen.  
Luke 15:7

I have always been Father,  
and will always be Father.  
Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is...  
Will you be my child?  
John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you.  
Luke 15:11-32

### **Love, Your Dad Almighty God**

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submitted by Pat McKendrick



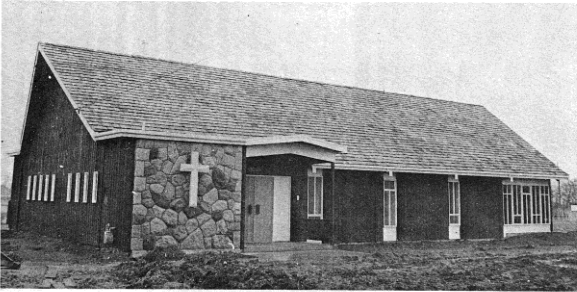
### ***Births***

- Christopher Bruce Imrie, son of Sarah and Brian
- Brayden Thomas Marcinowsky, son of Sarah and Garry. Brayden was baptized on Sunday, October 9, 2011.

## *Blast from the Past: RPC Welcomes the Community*

*Richmond Presbyterian Church*

CHURCH - 711 NO. 2 ROAD, RICHMOND, B.C. BR 7-4159



MINISTER - REV. GORDON BASTEDO B.A.

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR - MR. ED. RUMOHR

(excerpts from a brochure, no date, in the archives of RPC kept by Betty Goodwin)

Introducing....

Richmond Presbyterian Church

Since the completion of our new sanctuary, we are anxious to expand our membership and extend a welcome to every person to share in the Service of God.

We are attempting to reach those families who are living in this area and who have no connection as yet with any church. We urge you to make yourselves known to our minister — Rev. G. Bastedo — who will contact you and assure you of a real welcome by all those already worshipping in the Richmond Presbyterian Church.

We invite you to participate in:

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Sunday Worship Services     | - 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.                 |
| Sunday School for all ages. |   |
| Children of the Church      | - 11 a.m.                               |
| Regular Sunday School       | - 9:45 a.m.                             |
| Junior Choir                | - Monday, 7 p.m.                        |
| Teenage Choir               | - Monday, 7 p.m.                        |
| Senior Choir                | - Thursday, 8:15 p.m.                   |
| Women's Auxiliary           | - First Wednesday of the month - 8 p.m. |

We hope to form a men's club in the near future. Come along and make this possible.

If you would like someone to call and discuss this very important step in your life, we ask you to fill in the questionnaire at the bottom of this page, and mail to the Church Office - 715 No. 2 Road, Richmond, B.C.

# Off the Shelf



...Judy McIntosh

## All in the Family: RPC Library serves grandparents, too

“Anthony John is delighted to announce the births of Mary and Fred Abbott and Larry and Phyllis Crown, Anthony’s proud grandparents. All four have gained at least a foot in height this week. They are walking on air at the news of their grandson’s arrival.”

Ever read an announcement like that in the paper?

Well, you might not see that exact wording, but it’s just as true as all the other birth notices. The arrival of each child signals yet *another* new life: someone becomes a grandparent. When you’re blessed to have this special role, you want to share your love, pass on your wisdom, help your grandchildren to grow up in faith. And RPC Library has materials to inspire and inform you - check the Parents and Teachers section (P/T 306.874) for these and more:

• Bosak, Susan V. *How to build the grandma connection*

- Coleman. *Every Thursday: a warm, loving look at grandparenting*
- Elwell, Ellen Banks. *Christian grandma’s idea book*
- Haidle, Helen. *Cookies and milk devotions with Grandma*
- Hosier. *Living the Lois legacy: passing on a lasting faith to your grandchildren*
- Kimmel. *Extreme grandparenting: the ride of your life!*
- Lawrence. *Grand days: ideas for shaping faith moments between grandparents and grandkids*
- Sherrer, Quin. *Grandma, I need your prayers.*
- Teitsort, Janet. *Long-distance grandma: how to connect across the miles*

And when the grandkids come to visit, RPC Library has books and DVDs to keep you all entertained as you grow in faith. Just let Library staff ([Judy McIntosh](#)/[Margie Stager](#)) know when, and we’re happy to show you what’s available.

Whether you’re a first-timer or an old-hand at grandparenting, RPC Library can help you make your special role a truly “grand” experience.



# Two Trouble Makers

A couple had two little mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys’ mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed and asked to see them individually.

So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, “Where is God?”

They boy’s mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open.

The clergyman repeated the question. “Where is God?”

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

So, the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook



his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied: "We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"

(author unknown)

submitted by email  
from Lynn Green

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## ***Who do you do it for?***

...Gloria Moore

We know that God loves us and he is mindful of us. He knew us even as we were in our mother's womb and even knows us by name. We are told that he counts the hairs on our head. We are told--like in the old hymn--that his eye is on the sparrow, then I know he watches me.

God remembers us.... watches us... loves us and cares for us.

Do you ever think of how difficult it was for the disciples to remember all the things that they saw and heard directly from Jesus? We are told in John Chapter 21, that if all the things that they recalled about Jesus were written down in books, the world would not be big enough to hold them.

It must have been the Holy Spirit, guiding them to write down only the very things that we need today.

With our limited size brain and our sinful nature, I find it amazing that Jesus would ask us to remember HIM. It could be a statement about an object we might give as a gift, saying, "Whenever you look at that, you'll think of me." But, Jesus isn't saying this as a passive statement. He is saying, "DO this, in remembrance of me." This new Passover was now connected to Him.

Just after Jesus said to his disciples to remember him, he was hung on a Cross. The Lord, now hanging on a Cross that should have been for us. Now the words of remembrance are coming from an unusual source. A convict recognizes the presence of God in Jesus and says to him, "Remember me,

when you come into your Kingdom."

Could this convict have actually been an angel sent by God in the knowledge of things to come? Wasn't this the very words that the human part of him, Jesus, would need to hear: a confirmation of his victory

over Death when hanging in the pain of the World?

Jesus then, in the final moments before his death, quotes the words of Psalm 22.

Anyone who heard him would

have remembered the rest of the words of the Psalm that seemed to be fulfilled right in front of their eyes. The words pierce through the moment right to the heart of those who surround him.

All of our sin is now remembered but, because of Jesus suffering and death, it is remembered no more. When we go before God and ask forgiveness of our sins, does Jesus have to remember the pain of the Cross? Does our sin put his thoughts to that again? I think that because Christ conquered Death, it is for us to remember, not him.



If you look at the rest of the words of Psalm 22, verse 27 reads: “All the ends of the World will remember and turn unto the Lord and all the kindreds of the Nations shall worship before thee.”

So, what today has me thinking of these words? I have left the Congregational Meeting today, July 24, thinking of all that was discussed: The faith and focus of our Church.

Leaving the sanctuary, I looked at the words on the Communion Table, “Do this in Remembrance of Me.”

The question that came to my mind after the meeting, was, what would Jesus want us to do in Remembrance of Him?

What could possibly be fitting enough to honour him for all that He did for us?

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During the war the brave people of the Danish underground had a motto: “Do it well, and do it now.” What better motto could we have as Christians? Christian happiness lies not only in knowing what Christ would want us to do, but also in actually doing it!

(From *Editor’s Clip Sheets*, Logos Productions, Inc., Sept. 2003)

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# The Centre of God’s Plan

...Rev. Frances Savill

Some of you have heard me talk about a book *A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*. This is not a “how to” book, or a “five easy steps to grow the church” book, or even a book on the latest and greatest program for the church. Rather it’s a book that seeks to help congregations consider questions about what God is calling the church to be, and how we might become effective witnesses to the gospel in today’s world. The book is based on the fact that God chooses to work through local congregations. Congregations are at the centre of God’s plan and purpose. We live as a reconciled community, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the midst of a larger community. At the core of who we are as a church, is our identity as a people sent out to care for the world Christ died for. God is intimately involved in His creation, redeeming it and ushering in His coming Kingdom in all its fullness. We are called by God to embrace God’s mission in the world. Jesus’ great commission was for us to GO (meaning go out into our community) and make disciples (people who are fully formed followers of Jesus Christ), baptizing them and

teaching them to obey everything He has commanded us. To fulfill that command our focus has to be outward looking, and we need to be growing as disciples of Jesus, so that we might disciple others. We cannot give to others what we do not have ourselves. The church is called to be a community that obeys Jesus’ commands, that is learning to live as a forgiven and forgiving community of believers.

Becoming disciples is a lifelong process. We strive to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by....

- Praying daily
- Worshiping weekly
- Reading the Bible daily
- Serving at Richmond Presbyterian Church and beyond
- Relating with others to encourage spiritual growth
- Giving generously with a goal of 10% and beyond

This is some of the reading that is challenging and informing the work of the Preparation Readiness Phase Team as we work together to develop a draft blueprint for the future of the congregation. You’re being asked to pray during the process for God’s guidance for all of us. Prayerfully consider these questions yourself: What God

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given hopes and dreams do you have for the ministry and mission of Richmond Presbyterian Church? What might God accomplish through us in serving our community? What might we do to grow as disciples of Jesus who reach out serving and discipling others?

Copies of the *Field Guide for the Missional Congregation* are available in our church library. Please join the conversation.

On Nov 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> you were asked to come to the church and consider the draft Ministry Plan, and share the dreams God has blessed you with, as part of the congregation, serving Christ in the world. We move forward, Christ-centred and prayer-driven, trusting that God's Holy Spirit will empower and equip us in the days ahead.



## Fundraisers!

- The RPC Ride for Refuge Team riding for Ratanak International raised \$2400. The team consisted of: Wayne Borrowman, Tucker Goodwin, The Savill family, Nonnie and David Vaughan.
- The silent auction held last Saturday raised \$2,632, which will go to the Building Fund. A big thank you to Eleanor Tan and Allan Fairbairn for organizing this.

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## Weekly Chores

### Monday - Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

### Tuesday - Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

### Wednesday - Mending Day

Oh God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

### Thursday - Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

### Friday - Shopping Day

Oh God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

### Saturday - Cooking Day

Help me, my Saviour, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

### Sunday - The Lord's Day

Oh God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the Rest of my life in your presence.

(author unknown)

submitted by email  
from Joan Tweedlie

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## PAR?

...John Hanson

Have you sat in your pew on Sunday and wondered why some people do not put anything in the offering's plate? Those are the people who have signed up for PAR – *Pre-Authorized-Remittance*. They decided how much to give to the church and it's

automatically withdrawn from their account each month. Then if they want to give extra such as at Christmas they use the envelopes in the pew. Being able to count on their offerings is of great benefit to the church. We currently have 115 families using envelopes and 43 on PAR but those 43 families account for 48% of the church's revenue. We've told you that we currently have a \$4,000 deficit. Members in our church are generous and we hope to balance by the end of the year. Please prayerfully consider signing up for PAR. It means we have revenue we can count on; it's easy for us to administer and easy for you too. Contact John Hanson to sign up. Thank you for all you do to support your church.



### ***Beautiful Words***

*Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.*

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So a car's windshield is so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our past is

not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

(author unknown)

submitted by email  
from Desnia Ford



### ***Beyond Sunday needs You!***

...Pat Dyksterhuis

You've probably seen this phrase in the Notes and News section of the bulletin from time to time. I'm here to remind you that the newsletter takes submissions at *any* time.

As I was looking through old bulletins, searching for news items to add to the newsletter, I saw many events: Vacation Bible School, Logos, the George Mar Golf Tournament, the Car Rally, and I noticed there were no reports on them for the newsletter. At this final stage of editing the newsletter, it was too late to go seeking reports on these events. How sad, as I'm curious to know more about them. I'm sure others would like to know too.

So then I'd like to ask organizers of events to think of the newsletter, and, while the memories are still fresh, consider writing a paragraph or



two to let us all know how it went. Or ask people who attended to write their comments down and submit them. The newsletter has its own mailslot, and you can always contact me by email at [patwayne@telus.net](mailto:patwayne@telus.net).

Many thanks to those who have submitted articles, photos, and forwarded emails over the years. I look forward to your continued support.

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## *Moving into God's Vision*

The Preparation and Readiness team is drafting a Ministry Plan, a blueprint for the congregation as we grow from membership to discipleship. This Ministry Plan is the foundation for RPC's future building needs.

The whole congregation's participation, through prayer, support, encouragement and faithfulness to Christ's gospel, is essential to developing the Ministry Plan.

Christ-centered, prayer-driven, we move forward into God's vision, trusting that the Holy Spirit empowers and equips us.

**The Time is Now.**

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## Kids'spot

### COLOR THE PICTURE

"IT IS GOD WHO ARMS ME WITH  
STRENGTH  
AND MAKES MY WAY PERFECT.  
HE MAKES MY FEET LIKE THE FEET OF  
A DEER;  
HE ENABLES ME TO STAND ON THE  
HEIGHTS."

PSALM 18:32-33



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***RPC Picnic***

Woodwards Landing,  
August 7, 2011



(all photos by Wayne  
Borrowman)





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John Hanson, Judy McIntosh,  
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Rev. Frances Savill, and  
Joan Tweedlie

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## Editorial Team

... *that's you!*

Your newsletter welcomes your input. Submit short articles, cartoons, news, comments, reviews, ideas, etc. into the newsletter mailslot. We will include what we can, when we can. Be sure to include details of your "source."

Editor ... Pat Dyksterhuis

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## Next Issue

- **Please note the new dates.**
- Distribution will be:  
January 15, 2012  
\_news from you?  
*Deadline for submissions:*  
December 28, 2011

## Christ in the Neighbourhood: Congregational Experiments in Being Missional

Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-3:30 pm,  
Gordon Presbyterian Church.

Come to a day with the **Rev. Dale Woods** discovering how congregations are experimenting with ways of reaching out and being Christ in their neighbourhoods. Your registration fee of \$20.00 will cover lunch and cover other costs. For a detailed agenda and to register visit the web site [www.westminpresby.ca](http://www.westminpresby.ca) by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



January 27 - 29, 2012 at the  
Vancouver Convention Centre

## Grass Cutter Needed



This is a small part paid position of approximately 2-3 hours for the remainder of this year's growing season and next year's. If you would like more information, please contact Lorne Malkoske.