

1 Church and Campfire

It's hard to imagine that we have been in the COVID-19 pandemic for over a year now! The lockdown (and no church in-person gatherings) started in March, 2020.

It hasn't been easy for many of you – life has become a lot busier for some, or isolated for others. A couple of important questions are:

- 1) ***Have you been supported by your church community as you are going through this?***
- 2) ***Are you overwhelmed by all that is happening, and have been disengaged from the faith community?***

Perhaps you wonder if and why engaging in the faith family is important. It is **because church is essential for our faith vitality!**

A church is like a campfire. If you have ever built a camp fire, you know that it's easy to snuff out a piece of burning firewood. You only need to take the lighted piece out of the burning stack, and leave it on the side, away from the others. It'll keep lit for a little while, but soon it'll go out.

And if you want to put out the whole campfire, you would first disperse them, and they will die off slowly one by one!

What are some Signs of a Disengaged Believer:

- One has not been attending any small group or fellowship gathering for a while (and not motivated to go)
- One has been slipping in worshipping our Lord online (worship viewing keeps getting postponed, and sometimes even skipped. Even while worshipping, one is generally distracted, or focus on "channel flipping" - looking for the most "helpful worship")
- When in-person church actually resumes one day, wondering whether you would still be going.

Scripture reminds us that:

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Being engaged in the church is essential for your faith. A Christian is never a loner, we need one another, so do you.

Prayer

Cantonese: Please pray for God's peace in our hearts during this time of the Coronavirus outbreak, and God's mercy on those suffering from the impact of this outbreak.

English: Pray for those of us who are weary, struggling or feeling disconnected in these challenging times. May we find our rest in Jesus who invites us to come to Him. Pray that we would be more intentional about our discipleship as we seek to Be like Jesus, Be with Jesus and Live like Jesus.

Youth: Pray for the youth during this time. We have seen some youth stop attending or responding to messages. Pray for these lost sheep to return.

Children: Pray that God would use our online ministry to strengthen and build up our children.

Mandarin: Pray for the training of the members in Blessings Group started in January. May God's Spirit spark the fire in their hearts to share the gospel & fulfill their commitment.

Home Church News

Congratulations to: Stanley Chan & his family (Cantonese congregation), as Stanley's father has accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior today. Let's celebrate & rejoice with Stanley & his family!

Daylight Savings Time: Please remember to adjust your clock one hour forward on Saturday night, March 13.

Online services and gatherings: In compliance to provincial COVID-19 orders limiting church gatherings, all of our gatherings are currently online until further notice. You can tune in to our BACatHome online service every Sunday at 10pm at <https://www.bacfamily.org/podcasts/english-livestreams>

Special Members Meeting: Held on Feb. 28 via Zoom, with a total attendance of 111. The General Fund and Mission Fund Budgets were adopted with 96% approval.

2021 Elders Nominating Committee: Has been formed by Pastor Alvin, elders Peter Yau and Stanly Ho, and one member from each congregation. All three candidates for the Member Representatives, Sylvester Wong, Christina Lui and Keith Wen were elected, with 89% approval during the Special Members Meeting.

2020 Offering Receipts: Were mailed on Wednesday, February 17.

2020 Annual Report: Has been uploaded to our BAC website. To see the report, click "Office" on the top of homepage, select Annual Reports.

Offering Report: Brothers and sisters who would like to see the weekly offering report, please go to <https://www.bacfamily.org/office>.

Missionary of the Week: Please continue to pray for our MOTW: AIDIA is a local ministry in southern Peru working to translate the entire Bible into the Eastern Apurímac Quechua language. Please pray that the translation will be completed by July 2021 and the teams may be able to travel to the local communities.

Easter in a Bag: The children ministry has prepared activities and home devotionals for children to understand the true meaning of Easter. If you wish to pick up one of these bags, please click on this link to sign up. **Curbside pickup dates are March 13 and 20.** Sign up asap as supply is limited!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CACA62CA1FBC52-easter>

Pre-school & Children Worship: Children Worship lesson is "Feeding of the 5000", Preschool Worship lesson is "Elijah Reminds the Israelites to only Worship God".

Our Daily Bread: Hard copies of the new edition (March-May) are available outside the church main door for pick up.

Prayer: For anyone who would like to receive prayer, members of our prayer team will be available to pray for you after the sermon on Sundays. Please click on the [link](#) and you will be directed to a private "meeting room" where a member of our prayer team will be standing by. If you would like to submit prayer requests at any other time, please use this [link](#).

Special Offering Arrangement:

- Brothers and sisters can place your offering in the church offering box directly.
- If there is no one at church, you can put the offering inside our church's mailbox, with an envelope marked for church offering purpose only. Do not put cash inside.
- Or you can send your offering to church by mail to the church address:
8611 Armstrong Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 2H4
- Interac e-Transfer is now accepted.

Annex Rebuild Update: Please continue to pray for God's guidance on the rebuild. As of February 28, received 159 Faith Pledge Forms totaling \$1,415,420 of which \$ 1,936,705 had been received.

| LAST WEEK'S RECORD | | | | |
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| Sunday Worship | Prayer Meeting | | Offering | |
| All In-Person | Cantonese | 45 | General | \$ 20,988.00 |
| Worships suspended | English | 3 | Thanksgiving | \$ 935.00 |
| Live Streaming continues | Mandarin | 19 | Mission | \$ 2,810.00 |
| | | | Building | \$ 2,625.00 |
| | | | Benevolence Fund | \$ 325.00 |
| | | | Faith Pledge | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | Total | 67 | Total CAD\$ | \$ 29,183.00 |

Please follow the procedures below for using Interac e-Transfer:

- Go to your online banking and select Interac e-Transfer.
- If you do not have Interac e-Transfer set up, follow online instructions for setting up send and accept e-Transfer.
- Enter your email or a Canadian cell phone number.
- Add a new payee - Burnaby Alliance Church and enter church's email address office@bacfamily.org, some bank may require to verify your identity during the setup.
- After you finish the registration process, select payee and fill in donation amount to send. In the message box enter your name, church offering number and the designations you want to assign to:
General Fund - GF, Thanksgiving - TK, Year-End Thanksgiving-YTK,
Building Fund - BF, Mission Fund - MF, Faith Pledge - FP, Benevolent Fund - BV
****Example: Peter Chan 123 GF 100 MF 100**
- Bank will email a notification to BAC office once the e-Transfer is successfully completed.
- Any transaction received by noon on Thursday will count as last week offering.

Burnaby Alliance Church

"Witnesses of God in Word and Deed"

(Livestream service)

March 7, 2021 at 10:00am



Romans Part. 3:

Good Citizens

Romans 13:1-7

Rev. David Eng

Next Week's Sermon

The Debt of Love

Speaker: Rev. Keith Cheung

Romans 13:8-14

Events for the Week of March 7-13

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| Friday | Connect (Grades 7 & 8): Small Group ICON (Grades 9-12): Small Group 3D (College 8pm): Small Group |
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DISCIPLE SHIFT

EXPLORE ENGAGE EMBRACE

Matthew 28:19-20

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Praise/Prayer Requests: <https://forms.gle/1wWdxEwbGzrfkpi6>

Requests for Information: church.info@burnabyalliancechurch.org

Room booking request: roombooking@bacfamily.org

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| Senior Pastor: | Rev. Alvin Poon | Mandarin Ministry: | Rev. Aymon Chu (Lead Pastor, Part-time) |
| English Ministry: | Rev. Keith Cheung (English Lead Pastor) Rev. David Eng (English Associate Pastor) | | |
| Youth Ministry: | Pastor Kimberley Lam | | |
| Children Ministry: | Mrs. Joan Fong | | |
| Cantonese Ministry: | Rev. Chung Leung (Cantonese Lead Pastor) Rev. Jacob Wong (Mature Adult & Senior) Pastor Mark Wan (Young Adult) | Rev. Symon Wong (Associate Pastor-Half time) Mrs. Mandy Ng (Caring-Half time) | |
| Church Administrator: | Mrs. Estella Au (Part-time, voluntary) | Mission: | Pastor Alice Ho (Part-time, voluntary) |