



# SURREY CHURCH OF CHRIST

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deut. 6:5*

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## David and King Saul—You and Covid

It is hard for us to imagine the spiritual lives of those in the Old Testament, but the life and psalms of David give us so much insight into his worship. The design of the Sabbath was not to assemble (that only began because of the scattering of the Jews as they went into captivity), but to take time every week to remember they were resting every week to spend time meditating on how God delivered them from the bondage in Egypt where they had no rest.

However, there were special feast days for Israel. Three times every year they came to the temple for those special days. That section in Psalms which contains the “Psalms of Ascent” gives us insight into the joy they celebrated as they ascended the mountains in Jerusalem to worship God. David describes his emotions. “I would go with the

throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival” (Psa. 42:4 ESV).

Then the wrath of Saul destroyed David’s ability to keep the feasts. As a youth, he made those three journeys with his parents for the feast days. For the early years in Saul’s palace, he enjoyed being part of the songs of praise with the multitudes. Angry Saul changed that. For over seven years Saul’s army robbed David of this joy. Hear his words showing the joy taken from him. “Come before the Lord with singing...Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful and bless His name” (Psa. 100:2-4).

How did the loss of this joy impact David? “As a deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirst for God, for the living God. When shall I come and

appear before God” (Psa. 42:2)? He longed for that day when he again might be able to go to the feasts. His heart rested in the hope that someday it would be restored to him. “Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance” (42:5).

Think of the parallel in David’s life and the lives of many Christians. Two years ago, they came every week to celebrate a festive time at the Lord’s table. David said, “I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise” (Psa. 42:4 NKJV). Covid came. It kept us from meeting our Lord in the keeping of the Lord’s supper.

Are you among those who have been driven from assembling at His table? Are you among those who for two years could not speak to one another in spiritual songs? The most vital question you face is do you miss worship like David did? Has complacency settled in and replaced the joy of coming with the multitude into His presence? Are you thirsting and panting to come to His table? Think about this.

- Dan Jenkins preaches at Palm Beach

<b>Worship Times</b>  Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M Bible Study Worship starts 11:00 A.M  Sunday Afternoon -  Friday Evening (Bro. Russ) 7:30 P.M	<b>Bible Classes on Sunday Morning:</b>  Kindergarten:           Jacqueline/Helen Elementary:             Jean/Shirley Teens:                   Kirk Pankey College:                 Kenny/Richard Adult Class:             Ron Beckett  <b>Numbers at a Glance</b>  <div> <div>Last Week’s Attendance</div> <div>           49 (In-person)            22 (Zoom/Facebook)         </div> </div> <div>Contributions</div>	<b>Ladies Online Bible Study</b>  Every Saturday at 7:00 PM (via Zoom) If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please email Joann at <a href="mailto:joannsimonsen@hotmail.com">joannsimonsen@hotmail.com</a> or Phone/text <b>604-230-6558</b>
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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

Thank you for joining us!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

\* Shelley Quesnel (Mary Ann's daughter)  
 \* Gerry & Marilyn Brandenburg  
 \* Jacqueline Blackwell  
 \* Paul Sondrup  
 \* Shirley (Marilyn's sister)  
 \* Lena Sung (Chung's mom)

**SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE**

**PSALMS 40:1-2 NIV**

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."



SHEILA GENABE APR 7

**NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH**

**CHURCH MEETINGS**

**Sunday morning service** resumes in the Church building. Bible study starts at 10:00 AM and worship service at 11:00 AM. We will also be streaming live on Zoom and Facebook. We will still continue to conduct Friday evening **Bible Study** taught by brother Russ Forman at 7:00 PM through Zoom. Please join us if you can.

**The Annual General Meeting (AGM)** last Sunday was attended by 21 persons and 8 connections via zoom

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

Thank you so much to those who contributed for the Ukrainian Relief funds last Sunday. The funds collected is more than \$2,000 (brother Ron should have the exact amount)

**PRAYERS**

**Marjorie James** for encouragement  
**Keumja Pak** for recovery from surgery.  
 Brother **Pak** (sister Keumja's husband) for quick recovery from surgery and back to good health  
**Won's** mother in Thailand for healing of illness  
**Penny Hole** as she is going for MRI on her brain

**Jessica Bailuk** for quick healing from pinched nerves

Brother **Hyoungkeun Oh** as he continues his treatment. Please include brother Hyoungkeun and his family in your daily prayers.

**Daniel Gill** (Elizabeth's brother in law in Kitimat) for healing of illness.

**Leah Idos** (Elizabeth's youngest sister) in the Philippines for healing of illness

**Joann Simonsen** for full recovery.

**Danielle St. Charles** for quick healing from her rashes.

**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The date for the next activity for the outreach project with Surrey Urban Mission society (SUMS) would be Thursday, Apr 7 (to be confirmed by brother Vince). If you would like to participate, please contact brother Vince Genabe.

**TRY AGAIN**

At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very wealthy man rose to give his testimony.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday: I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

As he finished it was clear that everyone had been moved by this man's story. But, as he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

- Unknown Author

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 Vincent Genabe (Benevolence & Visitation)  
 Dan Beckett (Benevolence & Visitation)

### IGNITE RADIO

Ignite Radio Broadcast Broadcasting 24/7 - [www.mixlr.com/ignite-radio-broadcast](http://www.mixlr.com/ignite-radio-broadcast)

**Tuesdays 5:30pm PT/8:30pm ET** - The Pathfinder with Bro Simon

**Wed-Fri - 5:00pm PT/8pm ET** - The Final Take

**Sat - 3pm PT/6pm ET** - The Weekend Edition of the Final Take.

### Well Said

We do not stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing.

—George Bernard Shaw

You may be only one person in the world, but you may be the world to one person.

—Author Unknown

Instead of putting others in their place, let us put ourselves in the place of others.

—Hiram Kemp

For some, prayer is as natural as breathing; for others it is like the hiccups—once in a while, and we are glad when they are gone.

—Hiram Kemp

“Meditate on these things.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

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### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY AND NEW TESTAMENT WORLD WITH GLBC

Greetings in Jesus Dear Brothers and Sisters in Surrey, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I am pleased to send my personal invitation to you and anyone you may know who could be interested to join us for,

#### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

Thursday afternoon to early evenings

March 3 – April 21 at 4:00–6:00 PM PST

#### **New Testament World**

Monday afternoon to early evenings

March 7 – April 25 at 4:00–7:00 PM PST

Please see the attached posters for more information and let me know if I can help you with any questions you may have: [paulbirston@shaw.ca](mailto:paulbirston@shaw.ca) (204) 471-7720.

With gratitude in Jesus "for the greater progress of the gospel" Philippians 1:12.

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[www.glbc.ca](http://www.glbc.ca) (Great Lakes Bible College)

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