



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

930 Trunk Road, Duncan, British Columbia, V9L 2S1

May 17, 2020



From Pastor Kevin

Sunday, May 17's Sermon will be found on the Church website www.duncancrc.org and on Pastor Kevin's Church Facebook page.

Pastor Kevin is posting regular videos of encouragement and devotions on our church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/duncancrc/> . If you're not "on" Facebook, you can still visit the page and watch the videos. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow the page.

We also have a Facebook group where regular church attenders can communicate:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/duncancrcfamily>

From the Deacons

Offering

During this time when the Worship Services are cancelled, you can drop off your offerings or contributions to the office during business hours or you can mail them to the church.

Church Office is open this week, Tuesday - Friday, 9 - 12 noon.

Church Address is 930 Trunk Rd, Duncan, V9L 2S1

Give by e-Transfer

In addition to dropping off or mailing your offerings, we are now setup to receive your offerings through Interac ETransfer from your bank online.

Log in to your bank's online banking and navigate to the Send Interac e-Transfer area. Your first time using this method you will need to add giving@duncancrc.org as a new recipient. (You can leave the mobile phone number blank, and if it asks for a security question you can make up anything - we are setup for auto-deposit so the security question will not be used.) To designate a portion of your offering to a specific cause, note the amount for that cause(s) in the note with your transfer. Any undesignated funds will go to Church Ministries.

Offering for Sunday, May 17: Church Ministries

Write the cheque to Duncan CRC and the cause in the memo line.

Offering for Sunday, May 24: Church Ministries and (Back to God Ministries International).

Deacon Care

On behalf of the Deacons, we know we are living in troubling and unprecedented times. If you find yourself in need of any kind and would like / need some assistance, please contact your deacons. Phone Lawrence. Stay safe.

Offering for next Sunday, May 24

Back to God Ministries International

When we spread God's love through all forms of media, people connect with truth. That's when spiritual rebirth happens and communities are transformed.

Back to God Ministries International is the media ministry of the CRCNA (Christian

Reformed Church in North America). Indigenous ministry teams proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through the web, radio, television, phone, print and social media produced in the "heart languages" of people around the world. By God's grace, this outreach opens doors for salvation and discipleship, broadcasting the gospel in otherwise closed regions.

BTGMI aired its first radio program in 1939. Today we are reaching people in nearly every country in 10 major languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Note: 210,000 Today devotionals are given out in North America and abroad.

148,000 people are reached everyday through radio, television, the internet and social media.



Back to God
Ministries International

Announcements

Cancelled at the Church:

Everything until further notice.

The Church Alarm

will be set at 7 pm every evening and disarmed at 8 am every morning.

The Church Office will be open Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon of this week.

Ascension Day - this Thursday, May 21

Ascension Day is the celebration of Jesus rising into Heaven after He had spent 40 days on Earth after the Resurrection. This date is also ten days before Pentecost. "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." Luke 24:50-51 (NIV)

From Back to God Ministries International

Mud, Bath, and Beyond - Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's 10 Commandments Bookmark to help with your bible reading and daily devotions. <https://kidscorner.net/activities>.

Today Devotionals have arrived

The Today Devotionals for May/June 2020 from Back to God Ministries International have arrived at the church and are available during office hours (this week Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon).



Church Family

Birthdays this Week:

Monday, May 18: Fred W

Thursday, May 21: Len B, Jayden L, Levin E

Friday, May 22: Lena P, Abigail B, Ben vB

Saturday, May 23: Sonya W, Keiyen VE

Sunday, May 24: BJ W, Tak A-W

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Message to the Congregation

Dear friends in Christ,

We have now endured about 2 months of the covid-19 pandemic and its restrictions on our lives. I hope that everyone is continuing to do well and staying safe and healthy. My understanding of Dr. Bonnie Henry's comments is that large gatherings will continue to be prohibited until a vaccine has been developed or some other treatment has been developed. This means then that we will not be gathering for regular church services for some time yet. Even though we miss seeing each other on Sundays and have that close communion with each other, we can still have a sense of community through social media, phone calls and some visiting on a limited basis. We will continue to be fed spiritually through pastor Kevin's weekly sermons on youtube as well as weekly devotions. He is also keeping in contact with as many people as he can through phone contacts.

Being isolated from one another, our new reality for now, can result in some negative emotions. Some people may begin to feel down or mildly depressed. They may be emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and physically tired of this new reality. When I've had clients who feel down or mildly depressed, I suggest an exercise to them. I suggest that on a piece of paper they write down a list of all the negatives in their life – the order of importance does not matter. Then I suggest that beside the list of negatives, they write a list of all the positives in their life. Most clients find that the list of positives is longer than the list of negatives and the positives far outweigh the negatives. However, as human beings, we often tend to focus on the negative. This exercise helps to remind us that there are many more positives in our lives. We give thanks to God and praise Him for the many positives He places in our lives.

On behalf of council I am urging everyone to keep your eyes toward Heaven and to trust God that He will help us through this crisis. He is our Comfort and our Strength. As council we wish you God's grace and peace.

Frank G, Chair of council

