



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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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.

Announcements

Online Worship/Church Meetings/Groups Only

We will keep you updated as restrictions and regulations change.

Monday, January 11: Virtual Full Council Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, January 21: Virtual Elders' Meeting 7 pm

Deacon Care

If you find yourself in need of any kind and would like / need some assistance, please contact your deacons. Phone Lawrence.

Church Family

We are so excited to announce the engagement of our son Matthew B to Hannah D, daughter of Colin D and Alison D- Jim & Darlene B & family

Henry VB has now moved to Abbotsford and is living with his daughter Anita.

Birthdays this Week:

Friday, January 1: Pierson A

Saturday, January 2: Betsy G, Ann W

Sunday, January 3: Candice B

Monday, January 4: Kensie V

Tuesday, January 5: Gerald P

Sunday, January 10: Stefan E



From Back to God Ministries International

BEING GOD'S COPYCAT

Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Colossians 3:12, God shows us how we can do what he does by acting with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

GROUNDWORK: COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP

Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Services are Live-streamed / Recorded

Friday, January 1 “New Year’s Day”: Pastor Kevin will bring the Message from Psalm 1.

Sunday, January 3: Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, “The Word of Life”, from 1 John 1:1-10.

Everyone can watch the live-streamed service at 10 am and the recorded service afterward.

website www.duncancrc.org and Pastor Kevin’s Church facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/duncancrc/>

Friday, January 1 “New Year’s Day”	Live-streaming at 10 am (and recorded service afterward) Offering: Church Ministries
Sunday, January 3	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Cowichan Valley Basket Society)
Sunday, January 10	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Cowichan Valley Hospice Society)
Sunday, January 17	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Clement’s Centre Society)
Sunday, January 24	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Cadets)

The Cowichan Valley Basket Society

was started in 1988 by a broadly based group of Cowichan Valley residents who saw a great need for a coordinated answer to hunger in the area. The first premises was opened on Evans Street and in 2015 they purchased property on Garden Street.

Coffee/Snacks: Monday to Saturday: 10:00 am — 11:00 am.

Served from the back loading dock.

Packed Lunch: Monday to Saturday: 11:00 am — 1:30 pm. Served from the back loading dock.



Cowichan Valley
Basket Society

Tom Veenstra receives the City of Duncan Sports Award!

From the Cowichan Valley Citizen December 16

Duncan Christian School athletic director Tom Veenstra receives the City of Duncan's Perpetual Trophy for Excellence and Sportsmanship during a Zoom ceremony earlier this month.

Over more than three decades of guiding the athletic programs at Duncan Christian School, Tom Veenstra has never sought out recognition for himself, always putting the school and its teams first.

He finally did get some recognition this month, however, when the City of Duncan honoured him with its Perpetual Trophy for Excellence & Sportsmanship.

"It's nice to be recognized for something I definitely enjoy doing," Veenstra said. "There are a lot of intrinsic rewards in doing what I get to do. I'm blessed that I get to do things like hosting [tournaments] and leading kids."

Veenstra started at Duncan in the 1985-86 school year, initially hired as a French teacher, with one P.E. class on his schedule. He gradually added more P.E. classes before taking that on full-time, and was eventually named athletic director.

"It's a love of mine to organize and run things," he said. "I have a supportive wife and family who know what my passion is. The school is supportive and always on board. They always know something is up when I bring to staff meetings a couple dozen donuts; they know it means a lot of work, but they always jump on board. Everyone does their part. People do a great job in their area, and it's exciting how things come together."

Veenstra is also grateful for the help he has received from students, parents and other community members over the years, especially when it comes to coaching. He hasn't had to coach a team in at least 10 years. That was when he and his wife, Sandy, returned from a two-year stint teaching in China. His oldest son, Bo, graduated in China, and his youngest, Reuben, came back to finish Grade 12 at DCS. Of course, the school hosted the provincial single-A boys volleyball provincials in the fall of 2010, just months after Veenstra returned.

Duncan Christian received the BC School Sports Outstanding School Award for 2006-07, and two years later opened a state-of-the-art gymnasium that was a longtime dream of Veenstra's.

Veenstra's work hasn't only benefited Duncan Christian, but also the community at large, as the tournaments hosted by DCS bring hundreds of athletes and their families to Duncan and the Cowichan Valley, where they need meals and hotel rooms. Veenstra has also been a supporter of larger events in the Cowichan Valley, such as the 2008 North American Indigenous Games and 2018 BC Summer Games.

This year, of course, has been unlike any of Veenstra's previous years at DCS, with all inter-school sports cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Had things gone as planned, the school would have played host to the single-A boys volleyball provincial championships in late November.

Veenstra's endless optimism and school spirit have clearly worn off on the students.

"They're going to make the best of what it is," he said.

