

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

WELCOME VISITORS: DATE _____

Please take a minute to fill out this form and put it in the offering bag or in the blue boxes on the wall at the back.

Name: _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Invited to Chapel by: _____

Would you like a visit? _____

Would you like to be added to our email prayer chain? _____

If you have moved please fill out the above for a change of address.

COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRAYER NEEDS:

I would like my prayer request on Oaklands email prayer chain.

Luke 3:1-20- John's Ministry of Preparation: Shaking up the Status Quo Speaker: Phil Horton

1. Read Luke 3:1-20. As you reflect on the entire passage, what impression do you think Luke most wants to give by his description of John's ministry? What stands out to you as John's primary role in the story? In your opinion, what phrase most captures the heart of John's message?
2. Verses 1-2 – Compare these verses with Isaiah 1:1 and Jer. 1:1-4. The language Luke uses to introduce John's ministry would be familiar to those who read the prophets of the OT. Why do you think it is important for Luke to introduce John in this familiar way? How would this give extra weight to the ministry of John in the minds of those initial readers?
3. Verses 4-6 – Talk about how John's ministry fulfilled the words of Isaiah's prophecy. Imagine how we might be involved in a similar kind of ministry in our day – what does it look like for us to prepare the people in our world to see God's salvation?
4. In vs. 7-9, John speaks some hard words to the crowds of people. What does it mean to "produce fruit in keeping with repentance" and how can we apply this challenge to our own life and society today?
5. John speaks specifically to 3 groups in v. 10-14 – the crowd, tax collectors, and soldiers. What values are upheld in the injunction to each group and how might we apply them to our own life circumstance?
6. Note how John clearly points attention away from himself and onto Jesus, the One who would come after. What does this teach us about John's understanding of Jesus and how can we similarly be sure that our lives point to Jesus and not to ourselves?



Our Teaching Series in Luke
"Discovering the Central Character of Salvation History: Walking beside Jesus for a while..."

*Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill made low.
 The crooked roads shall become straight,
 the rough ways smooth.
 And all mankind will see God's salvation.*
 Luke 3:5-6

Today **JANUARY 18, 2009**
10:00 am - Family Service with Communion
Luke 3:1-20 John's Ministry of Preparation: Shaking up the Status Quo Speaker: Phil Horton
 Babysitting available, program for Toddler – Grade 12 & ESL
After the service – stay for coffee and enjoy our library and **sign missionary cards in the foyer.**
12:00 pm - Student Lunch and UDK Pizza Lunch
3:00 pm - Aberdeen Service

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WELCOME TO OAKLANDS CHAPEL! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If Victoria is your home, we would love to have you become a regular member of our fellowship. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. If you have any special needs or requests please share this with one of the greeters or other members of the congregation. Or contact the office -Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 250-595-1411.

AT A GLANCE:

NEXT SUNDAY JAN. 25: 10 am Family Service with Communion
“**Discovering the Central Character of Salvation History: Walking beside Jesus for a while...**” Luke 3:21-38 The Commissioning of Jesus: Divine Approval; Eternal Heritage Speaker: Phil Horton
7:00 pm - Upcoming meeting of interest! We are pleased to host Jamie McIntosh, **Canadian Director of the International Justice Mission** at Oaklands Chapel. Plan to come along and be challenged by the work of this good organization that seeks to uphold the values of justice and righteousness in our world. Check out www.ijm.ca for more information about the organization.

Jan 29, Thurs.- 7:30 pm - Dr. Tony Campolo is speaking at Glad Tidings on “Global Justice: What can we do?” See the poster in the foyer for more information.

Jan 30 - Feb 1 - Mission Fest in Vancouver – pick up a brochure in the foyer for details.

Jan 31, 8:30- 4:30 pm One day Real Marriage Conference @ Glad Tidings Church \$50.00 per couple Lunch is provided. To register: email gtidings@gtvictoria.com

Feb 15 Plan on staying after the service for our Family Fellowship Valentine Lunch with a short Congregational Meeting where we will be asking the congregation to affirm the appointment of 3 new leadership team members. Look for profiles on these new candidates in next week's bulletin!

Feb 20-22 Women's Winter Weekend - Pick up a registration brochure in the foyer. A weekend with girlfriends – what could be better!!!! It is filling up fast **so register before Jan 19 for a reduced rate.**

June 5-7 – Mark this date on your calendar for **Oaklands Family Camp.**

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

This week **OPOT (Our People Over There)** – Please pray for the Johnsons and their missionary work. **Missionary Cards – Please take a moment to sign the cards in the foyer. (SOME OF YOU MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY LAST WEEK SO THEY ARE OUT AGAIN)**

IN THE FOYER:

Pick up registration forms for **Camp Imadene** for the 2009 programs.

Pictures in the foyer: You may notice it is bare out there now. We would like to take the next couple of months to hang photos of all the ministries at Oaklands. If you have pictures of any ministries at Oaklands them to Sally by email or bring in and she will format.

Minutes from the AGM in Nov. – We did have them in the foyer during our snowy season but you may not have got a copy. So help yourself to a copy today.

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

Please continue to **pray for Barb Horton** and the family. Barb has completed her radiation and now waits for her Oncologist appointment on January 29th to discuss the effects of the radiation and any possible next steps.

We try to keep a list of current prayer requests in the prayer room– there are copies in there to take home if you wish.

THIS WEEK:

Monday Jan 19 - 6 pm – AWANA

Tuesday Jan 20 - 6:45 am - Special Needs Prayer

7:00 pm - Dorcas

Wednesday Jan 21 - Small Groups –

Thursday, Jan 22

Small Groups

7:00 pm - Friends of Imadene Dessert Meeting @ Saanichton Bible Fellowship

Friday, Jan 23, 7:00 pm - Youth Group

Saturday, Jan 24, 7:30 am - Men's Breakfast – all men are invited

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

LOST AND FOUND – Please check by the Cedar Hill Door for any items you have may left in the chapel lately. Everything currently there will be given to Goodwill at the end of January if not claimed.

Every Sunday you see the music, announcement, and often sermons on the big screen. We need more people to **volunteer to be in the sound room** to run this. This is a great way to volunteer because you are both helping us and you won't miss any of the service.

Pray about it and if you feel you can help out call the office.

If you are **storing something in the Fernwood House** please let Clint know as we are will be dumping most items after February 10.

Please check your cupboards and **return cloths and towels** that may belong in our kitchens.

Our food supply to help out those less fortunate is quite low. Please bring any donations and put them in the bin in the foyer.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY:

The library, or at least the contents, is a place of encouragement, solace, challenge, a place to expand knowledge... There are several avenues to do this. One is through teaching books like John Ortberg's, 'If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat'. One is through doctrine books which help us study particular passages of the Bible that we don't completely understand. One is through fiction of every kind. One is through books which tell the stories of other people who have gone through similar things to us. Another is through stories of people who have stepped out for God. These stories encourage us about what God is doing in the world and might also be God's catalyst for encouraging us to do something He wants us to do but we are not sure about. As a side benefit, stories about people usually make for very entertaining reading. You can find mystery, suspense, adventure, drama, excitement and even love stories. In the library, we have all these things in the form of books, videos, DVD's and CD's. There are also many interesting books for children in the library downstairs. If you have something in mind, ask Beth or Elizabeth and we can probably find it for you. Check out the table in the foyer for new books and books that tell people's stories.



To go along with our series in Luke and today's sermon topic we have a book on **"John the Baptist"** by F.B. Meyer in the 232.94 section.

Also recently added to our shelves is the companion book to Dallas Willard's "Renovation of the Heart". Dallas has joined with author Jan Johnson to write: **"Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice"**. It can be found in the library's display case.