

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*A Reflection on Mark 10:17-31 at Thanksgivngtide.*

Often the Bible acts as a mirror, throwing us back to us reflections of ourselves or of our culture in the characters and conversations on the page. The questions asked, the attitudes exposed, the priorities held seem amazingly modern. Certainly this is the case with the figure traditionally called the rich young ruler.

Actually, the gospel reading for Thanksgiving Sunday is composed of three separate conversations. First is the interchange between Jesus and the rich young ruler. All three conversations concern the critical topic of money. It seems to me that this rich young ruler has to be taken at face value and not made into some proud, self-righteous character. The key verse is 10:21. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." Seeing him clear through, Jesus does not rebuke or discipline him, but loves him. It is much more than admonition or respect or sentimentality. "You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Wholehearted discipleship cannot take place until the ties to the man's possessions are broken, ties so intense and so enslaving that he can only hang his head and walk away grieving.

Jesus' response to Peter (10:29-31) rounds out the discussion about possessions. The requirement laid on the rich young ruler is not a call to abandon the world. There is one great issue with possessions and wealth. Being a disciple never allows one to negotiate a permanent peace with the world, where wealth is a highly cherished commodity. There always remains a critical tension with the world, which often results in hostility and opposition. Since the church cannot flee the arena in which it is called to live and serve, it needs the constant reminder that the first will be last and the last first.

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Rick Taylor  
September 2003



**OCTOBER 2003 – NOVEMBER 2003**



**HARVEST LUNCHEON**  
**Friday, October 3, 2003 at 12 noon**  
**Steveston United Church**

\$10 per person for Buffet Lunch  
includes delicious desserts and tea/coffee

**PRE-SOLD TICKETS ONLY.**

**Sunday, October 05, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Job 1:2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: "Remember Me" Pepper Choplin

**WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Sunday, October 12, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Thanksgiving Sunday*

Readings: Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: "Simple Thanks" Nancy Price/Don Besig

*A Moment for Christian Mission / Richmond Food Bank Rally Sunday*

**PLEASE BRING: Non-perishable food items to fill our chart.**



**Sunday, October 19, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Job 38:1-7, Psalm 104:1-9, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: "What God Can Do!" Nancy Price/Don Besig

*World Food Day*

**FUNDRAISER**

**UNITED STEVESTON ARTISTS**

Steveston United Church will host an  
**Art Show**

**Saturday, October 25 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

There will be 12 local artists who will display their work in the church. Among the featured artists are Raymond Chow, Stephanie Foisy and Robert Forsman.

This is a chance to meet the artists and to also purchase their art.

Complimentary Refreshments ~ Lunch/Dinner for Sale

Join us for part of this wonderful day!



**Saturday Evening – October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember before retiring to set your clocks back one hour ---  
we will return to Standard Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Sunday, October 26, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Job 42:1-6, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: “He’s The Lily In My Valley” Billy D. Martin/Michael Barrett

*The Sacrament of Baptism / Reception of New Members*

*Peace Sabbath*

**Sunday, November 02, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: “We Are The People Of God” Joseph M. Martin/Brant Adams

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**ADDITIONAL CHOIR PRACTICES**

Join the choir as we begin to practice for the **Advent/Christmas Season**. The children of our Sunday School will also practice for the first 15 minutes of this session for their service participation on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we begin to celebrate the upcoming season of joy.



**Sunday, November 09, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace” (Prayer of St. Francis)

*A Moment for Christian Mission / Food Bank Rally Sunday*

**PLEASE BRING: Non-perishable food items to fill our chart.**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003**

Today is the **DEADLINE** for submissions to the Christmas newsletter.  
Your newsletter will be out on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, November 16, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Psalm 113, Hebrews 10:11-14, Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: “House of Grace”

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Set up for the annual Christmas Bazaar. Volunteers are needed!  
Join us for a couple of hours or the day. Luncheon will be served.

**TOGETHER WE ARE THE CHURCH!**



## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 22, 2003**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

*Featuring:*

**SILENT AUCTION**



**Home Baking**



**Chow Mein Luncheon ("To Go" or eat in)**



**Country Store**



**Christmas Crafts / Ornaments**



**Gift Ideas**



**Raffle**



**Sunday, November 23, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*The Reign of Christ*

Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, Revelation 1:4(b)-8, John 18:33-37

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: "Blessed Be The King:

*Children's Sunday / The Sacrament of Baptism / Reception of New Members*

**Sunday, November 30, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*The First Sunday of Advent*

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: "The Light Will Come"

*The Lighting of the Candle of Hope / Christmas Newsletter available*

**ADVENT CHORAL SERVICE**

**When: Sunday, November 30, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: South Arm United Church (No. 3 Rd. at Steveston**

**Hwy.)**



**WHERE IS GOD ANYWAY?**

When I first attended Steveston United Church in May 2002, I was a very unhappy, worried, frightened, angry person. I was physically and emotionally drained after caring for my husband who had been diagnosed with cancer in April 2001. He had just returned to work and I decided, since he worked Sundays, I would attend different churches over the summer of 2002. I was not sure there even was a God, and if there was, He certainly didn't care about me. My faith had been shattered for many reasons. I challenged God. I wanted, no, **I needed** a church where I could come, be acknowledged with a hello or two, sit, take in the service and then leave. I kept coming back to Steveston United!

In November 2002 Don was told the cancer was back, this time in his liver. He was facing liver surgery and now the waiting for treatments/procedures/surgeries began all over again. On December 23<sup>rd</sup> he was rushed to emergency due to the pain he was experiencing. We were really scared and exhausted. Had the cancer spread further? All we had were questions and again we had to wait for a diagnosis. Thankfully, this was not more cancer but he needed more surgery. So now we were waiting for liver surgery for the cancer and bladder/prostate surgery. That same day, Rev. Rick Taylor called and said he had a few things for us from the church. I was surprised and absolutely awed when he delivered a couple of bags of gifts to us that afternoon. On Christmas, with every gift we opened, we felt the love with which it had been given. We were blessed by every one of those gifts. What we thought would be a Christmas without, became a **Christmas of more blessings than we could ever have imagined.**



This community really cared and showed they cared! We were being held up in prayer on Sundays but also were being prayed for by many others on a daily basis. I know this, not only because people told us, but I was not so anxious anymore and really knew people were praying. Every Sunday morning we were asked how we were doing and felt so cared for, we knew we could answer honestly if we weren't doing very well; some days were good and some not so good. Dinners, lunches, hugs, prayers, rides to appointments, hearty handshakes, smiles, invitations for us to take what we

needed from the food bank box --- all were given freely and caringly. Also, of great importance to us, we were allowed to give back to our church community in whatever ways we were able. We are still struggling to live with the uncertainty of the cancer which is invading Don's body. Please know that each and every one of you who attend Steveston United, from the oldest to the youngest, give us the courage to keep on going and fighting. Every Sunday when we look around the church, we see God in every face. Each face represents something different and I now know God does exist in each and everyone of you. The support, prayers, friendship and caring of all of you has shown us that. Every time I think of Steveston United Church I smile. Every Sunday morning I look forward to attending. **I belong at Steveston United! We belong at Steveston United!** We are accepted just the way we are. No one (at least, not many) tries to change us. Wow!

At the beginning I asked the question, "Where is God anyway?"

### **GOD IS AT STEVESTON UNITED CHURCH!**

**Thank you to each and every one of you for helping me to see that God does exist. He does not leave us on our own. I now know that when I feel God doesn't care, all I have to do is look around me at each of you and I again am reassured God is real and cares. Thank you for sharing our joys and burdens. Thank you for sharing your faith. Thank you for caring and praying. Thank you!**

Sincerely,  
Linda Paul



If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, she learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, she learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, she learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, she learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love in the world.

Submitted by: Irene Huan

## Prayers for the Family

Loving God  
in the sharing of bread,  
in the doing of dishes,  
in the work and the play we enjoy together,  
in the quiet times and the boisterous ones.  
May we know your loving presence with us,  
guiding us this day and all our days. Amen.



From *Faithful Moments*, p. 20

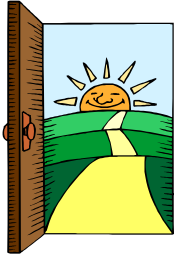
## THE LEPER

You should have seen the priest's face when I arrived at the door. He knew my family. They never talked about me. You see, when you get leprosy, you don't belong anymore. This was the priest who had confirmed the diagnosis. The priest who had asked God to "have mercy on my soul". But here I was back.....seven years later, minus an arm, presenting myself as cured. He didn't know what to say. He didn't know which book to look for. He had never learned how to receive anyone back into the community of faith. How is this possible? he asked me. I said, "It's possible because in a world where everybody including my religious friends has avoided me, somebody.....one man....touched me. No he didn't just touch me, he embraced me as if I were the lost brother he'd always wanted to find." The priest didn't ask his name. It was as if he knew, and as if he were disappointed that what religion turned away from, God embraced with thanksgiving and love. Thanks be to God!

Income from all sources, August 2003	\$ 6,166
Expenses – August 2003	\$12,089
Loss – August 2003	\$ 5,923
Year to date Income (from all sources)	\$70,965
Year to date Expenses	\$89,825
<b>Year to Date LOSS</b>	<b>\$18,860</b>

From Tracey Sakai, Treasurer

# Keep the Christian Satisfied,



Notes from Max Lucado:

*The following message was transcribed from a recent strategy lesson Satan gave to his demons. Read it so that you will be aware of his scheme. II Cor 2:11*

Don't make Christians angry, for then they will act. Don't make Christians defensive, for then they will think. Don't overwhelm Christians with the immensity of their task, for then they will pray. No, the strategy for the Christian culture is satisfaction – for satisfaction spawns complacency.

Make the Christian satisfied. Make him satisfied to be a pretty good person. Teach him to be satisfied with who he is and what he has accomplished. If he starts trying to put away some old habits or prejudices, tell him that everyone is entitled to a vice or two and to enjoy life while he still can. If he feels bad over what Christians call "sin", then teach him to compare himself with the likes of Adolf Hitler and Mussolini.....that will make him feel like a saint.

Encourage the Christian to exalt mediocrity. Remind him daily of all the reasons he can't have an impact on the world (he's not bright enough, he doesn't have time, he was potty-trained too early, etc.) Tell him that people like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King and Winston Churchill were born with a silver spoon in their mouths. They were destined for greatness. And then keep these history books out of his hands so he won't see the truth.

More specifically, make the Christian satisfied with the size of his congregation. Train him to close his eyes at the thousands around his church that are lost and just be happy with the few hundred within his church that are saved. Take from his heart any compassion or sorrow as he drives through the city.

Numb his conscience to the spiritual plight of his working associates and neighbours. Keep the Christian satisfied. Whisper in his ears that empty pews are just a sign of the times. If he hears about a church that is growing, be quick to tell him that their growth is a sign of their liberalism and that small numbers are the price you have to pay to preserve tradition, uh, I mean truth.

Yes, keep the Christian satisfied. If he is satisfied where he is then he will never envision where he can be. If he is satisfied with the present, then he will never dream about the future. If he is satisfied to be average, then he will never try to be great. So let him be an average Christian. For, in reality, an average Christian is no Christian at all.

## THE SIN OF LYING

The preacher told his congregation, "Next Sunday my sermon will be on the sin of lying. To prepare yourselves please read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark." The following Sunday arrived and he asked, "How many of you read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark?" Most of the congregation raised their hands. "Good", he replied. "There are only 16 chapters in Mark. Now for the sermon on the sin of lying."



Submitted by: Irene Huan

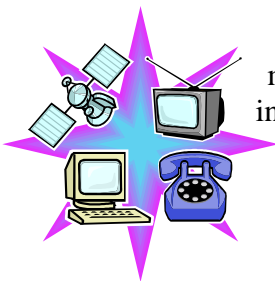
## May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day



How did this become our closing music at the end of Sunday service?

After talking personally with Rev. Ken Matsuga and various others, it was Lucy Sorensen, a former organist at Steveston United who was able to provide this. Around 25 years ago there was a Christian rally in the area which was attended by some members of the then congregation and one returned with this piece of music. Lucy cannot recall who. Does anyone else have something to add about this song's church history?

Submitted by: June Taylor



We have learned to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. But have you wondered what would happen if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing this: "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for Requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for Complaints
- Press 4 for All Other Inquiries"

What if God used the familiar excuse, "I'm sorry, all our angels are busy helping other saints right now, however your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line." This might be followed by - "If you would like to speak to:

- Gabriel, press 1.
- Michael, press 2.
- For a directory of other angels, press 3.
- If you would like to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding, press 4.
- To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, enter his or her Social Security Number, then press the pound key. (If you get a negative response, try area code 777.)
- For reservations at "My Father's House", please enter J-O-H-N, followed by 3-1-6. For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here"

Alternatively:

"Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow so that others may have a chance to get through. This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again Monday after 9:30 a.m. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local pastor."

Thank God (today) that He doesn't have voice mail and that He listens whenever we pray and that will never change!

Submitted by: Irene Huan

## MONEY AND MOTIVES



It was Martin Luther who said, “There are three conversions a person needs to experience: The conversion of the head. The conversion of the heart. The conversion of the pocket book.”

It is worth noting that money is such an important topic in the Bible that it is the main subject of nearly half of the parable Jesus told. In addition, one in every seven verses in the New Testament deals with this topic.

In fact, 15% of everything Jesus ever taught was on the topic of money and possessions – more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined.

Why such an emphasis on money and possessions? There is a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money. When the tax collector, Zacchaeus, was converted, he would give half his possessions to the poor and would pay back four times the amount he had overcharged anyone on their taxes. Zacchaeus’ encounter with Christ affected every aspect of his life, including his cheque book.

We might recoil from any teaching on money, because such teaching is sometimes abused and used for personal gain. But we need to get a proper biblical perspective on this important subject. Let’s consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 6. “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed maybe in secret and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.” (Matthew 6:1-4 NKJV)

In other words, the heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. Over and over again our Lord comes back to motive, and He addresses it here when He speaks of giving. Every believer should be giving a portion of his or her finances to the Lord on a regular basis, but it should not be done in an ostentatious way or in a manner that would draw unnecessary attention. When people want to be noticed because of their giving, they want others to think they are more spiritual than they really are. This is hypocrisy.

When we give, when we pray, worship or whatever we do, God is looking at our hearts. Motive is everything. When you give, realize that God is aware of it. It comes down to this: If we remember, God will forget. If we forget, God will remember. Leave the bookkeeping to God.

In the same chapter, Jesus addressed the subject of possessions: “Do not lay up for your yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....” (Matthew 6:19-20 NKJV)

The above phrase literally could be translated, “to lay up something horizontally, as in storing it permanently.” This verse isn’t saying that it is wrong to save or invest your money. What it is saying is that it is wrong to accumulate possessions for the sake of accumulating them, and more specifically, for the purpose of impressing others.

Jesus was not teaching against being blessed with material things. Of the many instructions He gave, only once did He tell an individual to sell his possessions and give them to the poor. This person was the rich, young ruler, and Jesus recognized that he was possessed by his possessions.

The point is, we are to keep things in perspective, recognizing that everything we have comes from God and that He provides it for us with a purpose in mind. Don't put your hope in material things. They will all be gone some day. If your primary ambition is material things and then you try to make your primary ambition the things of God, it won't work. You can't do both. You need to make a decision. Invest in spiritual things. Store up treasures in heaven.

Submitted by: Irene Huan



*Vancouver School of Theology  
Chalmers Institute Continuing Education*

**Please see the website to view Fall/Winter course offerings and to register on-line**  
[www.vst.edu](http://www.vst.edu).

During re-construction of the Iona Bldg. all courses held at VST will be in the Chancellor Bldg., 6050 Chancellor Blvd., Vancouver, BC. Phone: 604-822-9815

**Forming Adult Disciples: Four Models of Adult Education: Catechumenate, Disciple Bible Study, Education for Ministry and Journey**

Friday, October 3, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
\$85/\$77 team/\$69 seniors

Location: First Lutheran Church, 5745 Wales, Vancouver

**3<sup>rd</sup> Age Program – Open to Adults of All Ages**

**Time with a Difference: Transitions – Living into Change Faithfully**

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$70/\$65 team/\$60 seniors (lunch included)

Location: St. Mary's Kerrisdale, 2490 West 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Larch, Vancouver

**Computer Courses for 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Learners**

THE REV. GORDON LAIRD

Level I – Saturday, October 25, Level II – November 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$72/\$65 students and seniors/per level

Location: VST



## **PRAYER CYCLE for VANCOUVER SOUTH PRESBYTERY**

Rev. Jim Short, Ladner/St. Stephen's Pastoral Charge has graciously provided us with a list of the various congregation and ministries in our presbytery and conference. We will use this tool beginning Sunday, October 05 and encourage you to do the same.

Oct. 05	Brighthouse	The Rev. Stuart Appenheimer, Steve Anonby
Oct. 12	President of BC Conference & Conference Committees	The Rev. Foster Freed
Oct. 19	Chown Memorial – Chinese	The Revs. Ernest Kao, Eric Stephenson, Cynthia Hoy
Oct. 26	Executive Secretary, Conference Ministers & Support Staff of BC Conference	The Rev. Doug Goodwin
Nov. 02	Dunbar Heights	The Rev. Michelle Slater
Nov. 09	Vancouver School of Theology	Principal Ken McQueen, Students & Staff
Nov. 16	Gilmore Park	The Rev. Anna Christie, Kerry Child, Amanda Barnes
Nov. 23	Larger United Church	The Moderator, The Rev. Peter Short, the General Council Executive & Committees & working groups
Nov. 30	Grace Memorial	The Rev. George Feenstra
Dec. 07		The Executive Secretary, the Rev. Jim Sinclair & the Church House Staff
Dec. 14	Knox – Vancouver	The Rev. Edith Baird
Dec. 21	Vancouver South Presbytery	The Chair, Jon Jessiman & members
Dec. 28	Ladner/St. Stephen's	The Revs. Jim Short, Doug Graves, Cliff McMurty, Belinda Burke
Jan. 04	Cariboo Presbytery	The Chair, Jim Massey & members
Jan. 11	Marpole	The Rev. Gerhard Bihl
Jan. 18	Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery	The Chair, the Rev. Maggie Enwright & members
Jan. 25	Oakridge	The Rev. Louise Mangan, Teri Meyer
Feb. 01	Richmond-Sea Island	The Rev. John Guy
Feb. 15	Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery	The Chair, the Rev. Gwen Davis & members
Feb. 22	Ryerson	The Rev. Gary Person, Diaconal Minister Bari Castle & Eric Hamlyn
Feb. 29	Kootenay Presbytery	The Chair, the Rev. Shelley Stickel-Miles & members
Mar. 07	Shaughnessy Heights	The Rev. Harry Oussoren, Cathy Cryder, Diaconal Minister Ross White
Mar. 14	Prince Rupert Presbytery	The Chair, Donna Ziegler & members
Mar. 21	South Arm	The Rev. Gordon Verplank, Jen Cunnings
Mar. 28	Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery	The Chair, John Culter & members
Apr. 11	St. Stephen's Vancouver	The Rev. Gary Gaudin
Apr. 18	Victoria Presbytery	The Chair, the Rev. Selma Sheldon & members

Apr. 25	Steveston	The Rev. Rick Taylor
May 02	Westminster Presbytery	The Chair, the Rev. Dal McCrindle & members
May 09	Tai-Kong	The Rev. Colin Kang
May 16	Vancouver South Presbytery	All Lay members
May 23	Tsawwassen	The Rev. Doug Alexander
May 30	Youth and Young Adults Ministry in BC Conference	Vancouver South/Vancouver Burrard staff person, Tracy Murton
Jun 06	Vancouver-Japanese-Nissei	The Rev. Robert Baird
Jun 13	Vancouver South Presbytery	All Ministry Personnel
June 20	Wilson Heights	The Rev. Brenda Fawkes, Sandra Bonner
Jun 27	BC Conference	All those who are in some form of Chaplaincy ministry
Jul 04	United Church Camps	The ministry
Jul 11	Chalmer's Institute (VST) and their Summer School	
Jul 18	Naramata Centre	
Jul 25	Native Ministries Consortium meeting at VST	
Aug 01	Fairhaven Homes and all Senior's Ministries	
Aug 08	First United	Superintendent, Ruth Wright & Staff and the ministry
Aug 15	Ministry of the Women of the United Church & the AOTS	
Aug 22	Various Ethnic Ministries in BC Conference	
Aug 29	Health Services in BC Conference	

## DEATHS, BAPTISMS and MARRIAGES

### RECENT DEATHS

within the wider community and church family include:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Service</u>
Florence English	July 16, 2003	July 21, 2003
Harold Turner	(drowning – presumption of death)	October 04, 2003

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Lucas Alexander Sings	July 10, 2002	July 06, 2003
Edward Walter Matthews	February 11, 2003	July 06, 2003
Jenna Elizabeth Madden	April 29, 2003	August 17, 2003
Janet Ann Madden	(adult baptism)	August 17, 2003

Avery Grace Lane

April 01, 2003

August 31, 2003



## **RECENT MARRIAGES**

**within the wider community and within the church family include:**

John Pottie to Laura Thornley on Saturday, July 26, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Hernani Sumaydeng to Vida Gappi on Sunday, July 27, 2003 at Fantasy Garden World. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Scott Ramsay to Jane Yau on Sunday, August 03, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Scott is the son of Des and Shirley Ramsay. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Hidekazu Nitta to Chikako Itani on Sunday, August 10, 2003 at Steveston United Church. This was a Watabe wedding. Rev. Bruce Cameron officiated at the ceremony.

Jayson Opena to Joyce Sasis on Saturday, August 23, 2003 at Steveston United Church. This was a Richmond Filipino Baptist wedding. Pastor C. Reyes officiated at the ceremony.

Gray Robinson to Alexandra Nelson-Lang on Sunday, August 24, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Gray is the son of Tom and Yvonne Robinson. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

James Tweedly to Shane Gendron on Sunday, August 31, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Clinton Yiu to Debbie Viridi on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Quinton Jansen to Patricia Ushijima on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Roland Grahame to Cynthia Brown on Saturday, September 27, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Olaf Gorecki to Camille Worrell on Saturday, September 27, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Pastor Hardo Ermisch and Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Derek Mah to Joanna Young on Saturday, October 11, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

*Our thanks to Joan Crich her wedding coordination responsibilities.*