



# WSDA Church Newsletter

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## HEAVEN IS A REAL AND WONDERFUL PLACE

When I read about Heaven being a real and wonderful place, I think of it as a “bright beautiful gated city” where all the redeemed will be welcomed by Jesus! I also ask myself many questions, like “Are we going to be able to recognize each other there”? or, “Are We going to be able to eat of the tree of life”? or, “What about having supper with Jesus, being served by Him”? or, “What would be the glories of our Heavenly Home”?

What is interesting is that the answer to all these questions and more, are in the word of God, the Bible. For example, in 1 Corinthians 13:12 is written: **“For now we see in a mirror, darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”** So we will be able to recognize each other! The redeemed will meet and recognize those whose attention they have directed to the uplifted Saviour. Those who have lived, not to please themselves, but to be a blessing to the unfortunate who have so few blessings – how their hearts will thrill with satisfaction!

I do not know about you, but I am excited to know that I will be able to eat of the tree of life! I remember when I was a kid back in my home country, El Salvador, my sisters and I used to be curious and loved the adventure of exploring nature, when my parents were not home, of course! We used to climb fruit trees and eat of their fruits, especially those of Mango trees! I tell you, those were the days! Not only fruits kept our tummy full but it kept us healthy, giving us the energy for the whole day.

Revelations 22:2 says: **“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”** The fruit of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden possessed supernatural virtue. To eat of it was to live forever. Its fruit was the antidote of death. Its leaves were for the sustaining of life and immortality. The redeemed saints, who have loved God and kept His commandments here, will enter in through the gates of the city, and have right to the tree of life. They will eat freely of it as our first parents did before their fall.

I am all about having meals at the table with family and friends. Revelation 19:9 tells me that supper with Jesus is not just a regular supper, it will be a Wedding Feast, and how special this is! **“Then the angel told me “Put this in writing. God will bless everyone who is invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” The angel also said, “These things that God has said are true.”** In both the Old and the New Testament the marriage relation is employed to represent the tender and sacred union that exists between Christ and His people. To the mind of Jesus the gladness of the wedding festivities pointed forward to the rejoicing of that day when He shall bring home His bride to the Father’s house, and the redeemed with the Redeemer shall sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The glorious city of God has twelve gates, set with pearls most glorious. It also has twelve foundations of various colors. The streets of the city are of pure gold. In this city is the throne of God, and a pure, beautiful river proceeding out of it, as clear as crystal. Its sparkling purity and beauty make glad the city of God. The saints will drink freely of the healing waters of the river of life. **“The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald...”**(Revelations 21:18,19)

All faces will reflect the image of their Redeemer. There will then be no anxious, troubled countenances, but all will be bright, and smiling in spotless and the best of all, and what will cause us the most joy, our lovely Saviour, who suffered and died that we might enjoy that happiness and freedom, will be there. His glorious face will shine brighter than the sun, and light up the beautiful city and reflect glory all around. *The glories of our Heavenly Home will be exceptional. It is a promise from our Heavenly Father!*



<p><u>HEALING</u></p> <p>Chandra (bladder/cervical cancer)</p> <p>Graham (cancer)</p> <p>Mark (heart problems, Malcolm &amp; Terry`s friend)</p> <p>Arun (health)</p> <p>Member`s sister (losing Faith in Jesus/ Depression)</p> <p>Frank (health)</p> <p>Misha (health)</p> <p>Maurizio (health)</p> <p>Marie (Heart surgery)</p> <p>Milan (2 year-old boy with brain cancer)</p> <p>Rebecca (double vision from brain surgery)</p> <p>Marian (cancer)</p>	<p><u>REQUESTS</u></p> <p>Philippines Typhoon</p> <p>Southern USA hit by Tornados</p> <p>Dennie (academic studies in Nursing)</p> <p>Ashera (family physical &amp; well-being, spiritual battle)</p> <p>Nabizadeh Family from Iran – Sponsorship process by WSDA</p> <p>Adventurers Club (restrictions affecting club)</p> <p>People of Ethiopia (War has broken out)</p>
<p><u>HEALTH</u></p> <p>David S – friend of Malcolm (health/financial challenges)</p> <p>Ryan (anxiety / depression)</p> <p>Elaine Pappajohn (health)</p> <p>Terry (Health)</p> <p>Basaraba Family (health), Walter (hospital - hip injury)</p> <p>Nobert Sithole (health)</p> <p>Shannon (health, broken wrist)</p>	<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Those affected by the BC Mudslides, floods and Supply Chain shortages</p> <p>Decisions for Jesus</p> <p>Community, visitors and guests coming to church or watching online</p> <p>Those affected by the BC Mudslides, floods and Supply Chain shortages</p> <p>Decisions for Jesus/ COMMUNITY, Visitors and guests coming to church or watching online</p> <p>Church Revival/ Mission field, Bible workers, Bible programs (TV, online) Mission field, Bible workers, Bible programs (TV, online)</p> <p>The victims and families impacted by crime, violence, hatred, racism, tragedies and fatalities in the world</p> <p>Healthcare workers, First responders, Frontline workers</p>



## RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDIA	OUR ADDRESS	CONTACT US
<a href="#">Live Streaming</a> <a href="#">Sermon Audio</a> <a href="#">Sermon Video</a> <a href="#">Photo Gallery</a> <a href="#">Newsletter</a>	<b>Westminster SDA Church</b> 7925 10th Avenue Burnaby, BC V3N 2S3 Office Hours: Tues - Thurs, 9am - 1pm	1.604.524.6969 <a href="mailto:info@westminstersda.org">info@westminstersda.org</a> <a href="http://www.westminstersda.org">www.westminstersda.org</a>

**Speaker on January 1<sup>st</sup>: Arun Sangar**

**Speaker on January 8<sup>th</sup>: Ps Ken Naidoo**

**Offering today: Local Church Budget**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL CONTRIBUTIONS!**

### USE OF MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN THE CHURCH

**BC SELF HEALTH CHECK:** Each person is required to do a Self-Health Check for themselves and their entire family. For the safety of the vulnerable population, please **DO NOT attend church if you or a member of your family shows ANY sign of illness including sneezing, coughing, extreme fatigue, difficulty breathing, sore throat, fever, chills, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, or a loss of a sense of smell or taste.**

#### FOCUS ON PROPHECY SCHOOL

- a. Prophecy Bible Study – 2:30 pm
- b. Online correspondence classes at [bibleschools.com/1143](http://bibleschools.com/1143)
  - i. Discover: Study the Christ Centred fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist faith
  - ii. Focus on Prophecy such as Daniel and Revelation
  - iii. KidZone: Study the Bible for ages 12 years and under
    1. [Voiceofprophecy.com/study/kidzon](http://voiceofprophecy.com/study/kidzon)
- c. [Bibleschools.com](http://Bibleschools.com) for alternate languages of choice

#### \*PRAYER NIGHTS - TUESDAYS, AT 7:00 PM

The meeting link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97305845601?pwd=YUFUUEFCbUVDa1JSSVJvbkF5RDcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 0584 5601 / Passcode: 824793

#### MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**Amazing Facts – Bible studies Series - please contact Ps Norman Cote at Cell Ph. 778-980-5499.**

If anyone is interested in having a Bible Study, they need to contact him first, by Sunday 7:30 pm to say they will be attending. If no one requests a Bible Study either by email [PastorNormCote@mail.com](mailto:PastorNormCote@mail.com), text or phone by 7:30 pm Sunday, then it is assumed that the Monday Bible Study is cancelled. So please call to be sure there will be a BS session at **Cell 778-980-5499.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96696160321?pwd=TXNPazNkSHRCbVdBNkg1NVVseDVZUT09>

Meeting ID: 966 9616 0321 / Passcode: 149630

#### **Baptismal class for youth & young adults**

Virtual Baptismal class for youth & young adults - Mondays at 6:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Alrick Watson at 778-961-0166 (cell) or email him at [awatson@bcadventist.ca](mailto:awatson@bcadventist.ca)

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#### BREAD MINISTRY

Terra Bread distribution today Sabbath, January 1,

At 12:30 pm.



### **GRACE CHURCH PLANTING – NEED VOLUNTEERS**

The Grace Church is still in need of volunteers to help out in different ministries. If you are able to help two Sabbaths a month, great! Or just one Sabbath every two months, your help is also welcome. Please contact Pastor Cote for more information, and/or to sign up at [pastornormcote@gmail.com](mailto:pastornormcote@gmail.com).

### **HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The government is moving forward with a plan to open a Resilience Centre in the Vancouver area. There is a request and a need of volunteers to help with registration, clothes' sorting, food distribution, etc. Please note that this project has not yet been officially launched, however it is a work in progress. Therefore, the support of the local community is greatly needed. More information will be released as the project finalizes. If you are interested in volunteering in this humanitarian project, please let us know by sending an email at [wsdabulletin@gmail.com](mailto:wsdabulletin@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **WSDA CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES MINISTRY**

#### **Free Income Tax Clinic (February – April 2022)**

We are so excited to announce that our church has registered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to offer our community a Free Tax Clinic next year.


We are now recruiting 10 people to volunteer with us during the next tax season. We are in need of:

- 4 e-file clerks (1 position left)
- 4 e-file assistants
- 4 greeters

Training will be provided by a former employee of CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) here at Westminster church in January 2022.

Please be specific in what area you wish to volunteer when you sign up. Also, it takes up to four weeks to complete the registration process with CRA therefore you need to sign up as soon as possible in order to be ready for the training date in January 2022. **To sign up or for more information, please call Julia Bonilla 604-771-1346 or email [wsdabulletin@gmail.com](mailto:wsdabulletin@gmail.com)**

# 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

  
**WESTMINSTER & NEW LIFE**  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH


**10**  
DAYS OF PRAYER

**THE THREE ANGELS CALL TO PRAYER**

January 4 – 14, 2022

“Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”  
REVELATION 14:6, ESV

Zoom id: 986 7039 3273  
password: 610647

Meeting Time: 7:30-8:30PM  [www.tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org)

Happy  
**New Year.**

Let the Lord guide you to  
great things in **2022.**

