

Too Hasty

Finally, in evangelism, we tend to be too hasty asking people to make a decision for Christ. When a person is showing some positive response to our sharing of the gospel, we tend to over-react and cannot wait to announce that he is saved and born again. Such reaction could lead to some adverse consequences:

1. The person maybe flattered, not knowing what it really means to follow Christ. As a result, he might think that being a follower of Christ is just a way of thinking.
2. Later, when you invite him to be baptised or disciple, he may run away immediately; because his "faith" has no root. Even if he doesn't run away, he may become a lukewarm Christian.

Rather than pushing for a premature commitment, we better hold off our enthusiasm and make more accurate assessment before launching the move. After all, new converts have to rely on us Christians to show them the way. There are three signs we should watch for:

1. Intellectual Agreement. After hearing the gospel message and testimonials from Christians, the person has adequate understanding of the faith and shows interest and endorsement. He has no objection to Jesus' divinity, resurrection, atonement, teaching, man's sin, and the last judgment. Basically, he agrees Christianity is a good value system. If everyone adheres to it, the world will be a peaceful place to live in. But agreeing is not the same as believing.
2. Emotional Association. If the person continues to show interest and maintains regular contact with Christians, that means he wants to be part of this new found religion. His degree of association may vary from words of support to acts of defense when Christianity is under attack. This is a good change of attitude. However, this is still not believing, but a show of goodwill to the Gospel. Too often, we mistake this for the sign of conversion.
3. Willful Commitment. When a person begins to make personal sacrifices to maintain his association with the Jesus, and Jesus' teaching, the Holy Spirit has surely worked in him. At this point, he is not looking at the Gospel as a doctrine, but a gift of life. He is ready to take possession of it. At this stage he may ask Christians many difficult questions; because he wants to make sure what we taught him is the truth. This serious attitude may sometimes be misunderstood by us as a malicious push. We need to make the discernment. Jesus used two parables to illustrate this phenomenon:

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. " (Matthew 13:44-46).

Prayer

Cantonese: Pray for our Re:Fresh worship service, as well as our 2nd round of Blessing Group Outreach.

English: Pray that we would grow as a community of love and belonging. Pray that we would be able to authentically pursue life as disciples of Jesus together. Pray for our world, and specifically for God's peace and mercy in Ukraine.

Youth: Pray for Mason Cheng as he takes over while Pastor Kim is on mat leave. Pray for the youth to commit to deeper living in Jesus.

Children: Please pray for God's protection for the children from being sick. Pray for wisdom for their parents leading them to worship at home.

Mandarin: Pray for the training of the members in the Blessings Group. May God's Spirit spark a fire in their hearts to share the gospel & fulfill their commitment.

Home Church News

In-person Worship Gatherings Guideline:

Proof of vaccination will not be required at indoor events for all attendees (unless required by individual event). While masks are no longer required in indoor public spaces, we strongly recommend mask-wearing to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

English Worship Service:

We are gathering every Sunday at 9:30AM in the sanctuary.

If you're still not quite ready to come back in person, you can still tune in to our livestream <https://www.bacfamily.org/podcasts/english-livestreams>.

Children's Ministry:

Nursery has officially re-opened for the 9:30 session. Due to lack of workers, 11:15 session remains closed. All worship and Sunday School classes are taking place in-person. Parents are strongly encouraged to bring your children back to BAC to worship.

BAC Summer VBS (Gr. 1-6): Will be held in BAC in August. For details, please check our BAC Children Ministry website.

Condolences to: Amy Lee (Cantonese congregation) as Amy's mother has gone to be with the Lord on June 16. The funeral will be on June 28 @10am, in Hamilton Harron Funeral Home (5390 Fraser St., Vancouver.) Livestream is also available <https://funeraweb.tv/en/diffusions/55805> (Chi Wah Han). May God comfort Amy and her family in their loss.

Upcoming changes on Worship Services: We welcome and encourage everyone to come back for in-person worship service. Effective July 1, we will discontinue livestreaming our services, in order that we can fellowship and worship together as a body of Christ. A recording of our worship service will still be posted on our church website, and YouTube channel afterwards for those cannot come back to church physically due to

sickness or other concerns. If you have any further enquiries, please contact Pastor Keith.

BAC 40th Anniversary Celebrations: On August 7 will be cancelled, all morning services will be cancelled, as we hold a joint congregational worship @3pm in ECBC Church (5110 Marine Drive, Burnaby). After the service, all brothers and sisters can go directly to Floata Seafood Restaurant (unit 400, Chinatown Plaza, 180 Keefer St., Vancouver) for the celebration dinner. After subsidy, adult tickets are \$35/person, children (age 5-11) are \$15/person, children age 4 and under (who sit with parents) will be free. For any enquiries, please contact the church office. We also have a souvenir for the 40th Anniversary which you can obtain in the foyer.

Installation Service: Mandarin Pastor Eric Li's installation service will be held today during the Mandarin worship. Eric & Veronica will also be introduced and be prayed for in other Sunday services as well.

Teens' Camp: Teen's camp is back! Our theme is "Journey". Early bird registration is June 3 to July 1. Contact Mason for more details mason.cheng@bacfamily.org.

Our Daily Bread: Hard copies of the newest edition (June-August) are now available in the foyer for pick up.

Last Week Offering Report & Special Offering Arrangement: Brothers and sisters who would like to see last week's offering report (June 17-24), please go to this [link](#). For special offering arrangement, please go to this [link](#).

Offering Arrangement: Please make your Ukraine relief donation directly through the C&MA website <https://thealliancecanada.ca/gift/global-emergency-response/> effective July 1, 2022.

Prayer: For anyone who would like to receive prayer, members of our prayer team will be available on the front sides of the sanctuary after the sermon on Sundays. If you would like to submit prayer requests at any other time, please use this [link](#).

LAST WEEK'S RECORD							
Sunday Worship (In-Person)		Prayer Meeting		Sunday School		Offering (June 17-24, 2022)	
Can.morning	53	Cantonese	35	Cantonese	59	General	\$ 20,590.00
Can. Noon &		Mandarin	21	Preschool	16	Thanksgiving	\$ 2,965.00
Re:Fresh	284	English	4	Children	36	Mission	\$ 3,715.00
English	205			ROOTS	10	Building	\$ 3,285.00
Mandarin	43					Teens Camp	\$ 50.00
Preschool, Children	39						
Total	624	Total	60	Total	121	Total CAD \$	\$ 30,610.00

Burnaby Alliance Church

"Witnesses of God in Word and Deed"

(In-person & Livestream service)

June 26, 2022 at 9:30am



The Gospel of King Jesus: Jesus the Fulfillment of Scripture 1

Matthew 5:17-32

Rev. Keith Cheung

Next Week's Sermon:

The Gospel of King Jesus: Jesus the Fulfillment of Scripture 2

Matthew 5:33-48

Speaker: Rev. Keith Cheung

Events for the Week of June 26-July 2

Friday	Connect & ICON: Summer Break 3D (College): Off week
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Stepping in to follow Jesus



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Requests for Information: church.info@burnabyalliancechurch.org

Room booking request: roombooking@bacfamily.org

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Alvin Poon

English Ministry:

Rev. Keith Cheung (Lead Pastor)
Rev. David Eng (Associate Pastor)

Mandarin Ministry:

Rev. Aymon Chu (Lead Pastor, Part-time)
Mr. Eric Li (Assistant Pastor, Half-time)
Mrs. Lily Li (Assistant Pastor, Half-time)

Youth Ministry:

Pastor Kimberley Lam

Children Ministry:

Mrs. Joan Fong
Mrs. Loran Tang (Recruitment & Training, Part-time)

Cantonese Ministry:

Rev. Chung Leung (Lead Pastor)
Rev. Jacob Wong (Mature Adult & Senior)
Rev. Mark Wan (Young Adult)
Rev. Symon Wong (CE-Half time)
Mrs. Mandy Ng (Caring-Half time)

Church Administrator: Mrs. Estella Au (Part-time, voluntary)

Mission: Rev. Alice Ho (Part-time, voluntary)