



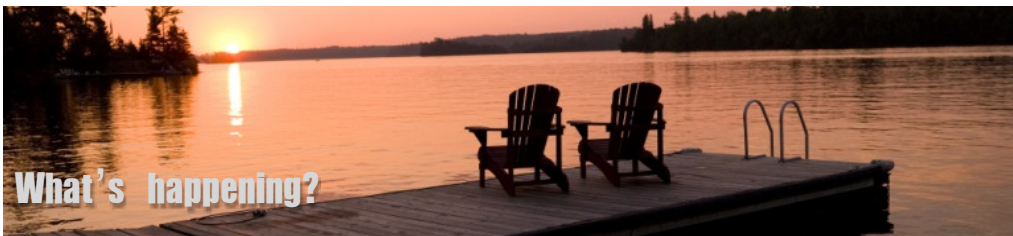
Today's Speaker: Gareth Brandt

Gareth Brandt cycles to work every day in Abbotsford, BC where he teaches practical theology at Columbia Bible College. His educational background includes degrees in spirituality, theology, and psychology with an emphasis on the spiritual formation of young adults. He has a background in congregational and denominational youth ministry.

Gareth has been writing poetry since he was a teenager and he has published various articles in journals and magazines. His book on men's spirituality was published last year (*Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality* is available at the Welcome Centre) and he also writes regularly on his website: mensspirituality.com. Gareth is married to Cynthia, an elementary school teacher, and they have four children ages 19, 17, 15, and 8. They are active members of Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, BC. The family enjoys participating in music, drama, and other creative pursuits.



Today's canvas was painted by Joyce Zhou. The scene is based on the Genesis 39 story of Joseph fleeing from Potiphar's wife (verses 11-12).



Langley's International Festival – Two Weeks Away!

Don't forget to attend Langley's International Festival, a two-day event that will be hosted outside the LEC on August 27 & 28. Event organizers are anticipating attendance at this year's festival to exceed 20,000 people and JRCC will be organizing a Children's Chalet on Saturday evening (Aug 27). We're looking for people to help our team out, so please refer to the enclosed insert for specifics on how you can get involved.

Coming Up...

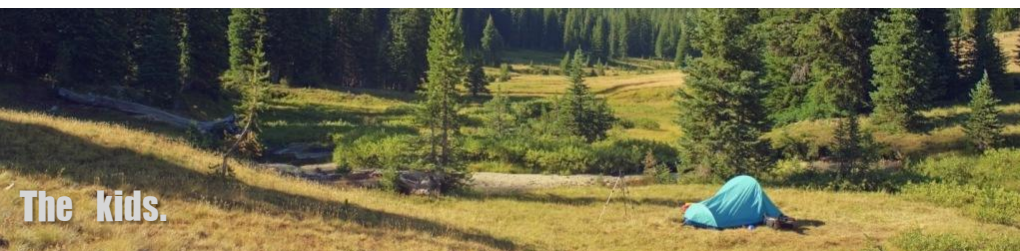
Due to some scheduling changes, we'll be diverging from the chronology of the Genesis story over the next two weeks. On August 21, Ron Toews (Director of Leadership Development with the BC Conference of MB Churches) will be speaking on Genesis 49 and the significance of the blessings and curses that Jacob gives his sons. We will then return to the story of Joseph's time in Egypt on August 28, when Ken Esau (Director of Biblical Studies at CBC) will be speaking on Genesis 45.

Giving Update

The current giving total for our 2011 general budget is \$163,030 and our estimated budget needs are \$196,130 (current through August 7). We are thankful for the generosity of those who continue to invest in the life and ministry of our church. Please continue to give faithfully.

Core Value Emphasis: Holistic Worship

Singing songs is one way that we can worship God, but worship is not confined to this expression alone. Worship is a lifestyle; it's the act of offering ourselves to God in everything that we do. Worship is the response that happens when we gratefully recognize God's grace in our lives. Our desire is that we will learn to worship God in every circumstance.



Playgrounds & Prayer

Join us for our next "Playgrounds & Prayer" event scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm at the LEC spray park. We'll be getting together to pray for children's ministry and the Willoughby community during this time. Please contact Ruth Ellen Crossley (children@jerichoridge.com) for more information.

Sunday Cinema

Sunday Cinema is our video-based, parent-led, summer program designed for children age 2 – grade 3 (parents can sign up to help in this program at the Welcome Centre). Children will be dismissed for Sunday Cinema during Coffee & Connection Time. Children age 2-kindergarten will be meeting in Room A on the 4th floor and kids going into grades 1-3 will be meeting in Room B. The sign-in tables for Sunday Cinema are in Rooms A & B.