



## From the Pastor



Hello Friends!

I would like to enter with you a friendly contest among the members of Victoria Baptist Church to attract as many people to church as possible on Sunday, October 6th. We hope the sanctuary and pews will be filled on "Friends and Family Day." The goal for the day will be to show everyone that comes Christian Love and extend our hospitality in a time of Fellowship, which are proper in church and good for the spirit! So, invite a friend or family member to come with you to church and be in prayer for what God is going to do in and through us.

Another date to keep is our Fall Festival at Venue 89 on Sunday, October 27th, 4:00-7:30pm. Games and activities for the children including a bonfire, music and Trunk or Treat? Dinner will be shared together on the grounds at 5:00pm. We hope

you will be able to attend this fellowship and outreach opportunity!

This month I will be starting a sermon series entitled "Misquoted" that investigates four popular sayings that are often attributed to the Bible. The only problem is, you won't find them in there! The words we speak say a lot about who we are. So, it's frustrating when someone takes our words and twists them, because it leads people to believe things about us that aren't true. Likewise, when God is misquoted, it causes people to believe God is someone He is not.

This series challenges us to draw near to God, because the closer we are to someone, the more likely we will know their voice.

The misquotes we are going to explore:

1. "God helps those who help themselves." – October 6th
2. "God wants me to be happy." – October 13th
3. "God will never give you more than you can handle." – October 27th
4. "Bad things don't happen to good people." – November 3rd

Lastly, the Wednesday Night Bible Study will be starting a new 6-week series that complements what we have learned from the "Contagious Christian" study. "They Like Jesus But Not the Church" by Dan Kimball explores six of the most common objections and misunderstandings emerging generations have about the church and Christianity. The objections come from conversations and interviews the church has had with unchurched twenty and thirty-somethings at coffee houses. Each session raises the objection using a conversational approach, provides the biblical answers to that objection, and gives examples of how churches are addressing the issue. I hope you will be able to join us!

Pastor Tim



## Dates to Remember

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. - LOL

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. - WOW dinner

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study

October 6 - Friends and Family Day

October 19 - Birthday Celebration for Jackie Clement's 90th birthday

October 27 - Fall Festival at Venue 89 from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child - Sunday, November 17

Lunenburg Concert - Friday, December 6

## Electronic Newsletter

We are moving toward an electronic newsletter by the

November newsletter. To those currently receiving paper newsletters, this month will be the last paper newsletter you receive unless you contact the church office by October 31 to let us know you would like to continue to receive it. If you wish to receive the electronic newsletter, please provide the church office with your e-mail if you haven't already done so. Also, the newsletter will be available monthly on Facebook and the church website.



## Operation Christmas Child

Victoria Baptist Church will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program again this year. The VBS participants raised money to pay shipping costs for 35 boxes already. We would like to have at least 50 boxes to donate this year. Please consider donating items from the list below, money for us to purchase some of these items, or \$9 per box for shipping. You and your family can also pack boxes as you have done in previous years (see Stacey Newton for packaging labels and boxes.)

The VBS kids and their families will be filling shoeboxes after church on Sunday, November 17. All donated items, money, and any filled boxes need to be at church that morning so that they can be delivered to the collection site during the National Collection Week.

Items Needed for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:

Wow items—soccer ball with pump, doll, musical instrument, shoes, stuffed animal

Toys—toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items—toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs

School Supplies—pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators

Accessories—socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), hair clips

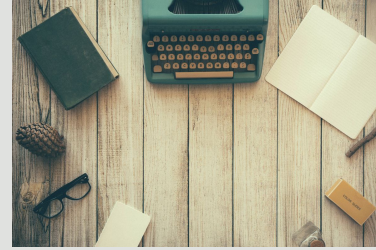
Items that should NOT be included:

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

## Letter from Pastor Ion Damian

Our Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We thank you very much for the love you showed us this summer when we had the grace and honor to spend time with you in our visit to America. Thank you for the wonderful relationship of friendship and brotherhood. We thank you for your help in the work of the Lord. We praise God for you!



We thank the Lord for His presence in our life and for His guidance and support in the work to which He has called us.

We thank God for you, for the privilege of working with you in His ministry and for the love with which you support us in the work of the Lord.

With the help of the Lord, we share prayer reasons regarding the missionary work that are before us these days. **(see bulletin board for a list of missionary work being done)** Thank you for your prayer support we need. We pray to God for His leading and provision, to be useful to His work, to bless with fruit the mission of the Gospel in which we are joyfully involved.

We thank you for all that you do in prayer and in the missionary support offered in the Lord's work in which we are happy to serve with you. Thank you for your love and care!

Any mission help for the ministry means much for the works here, as we share with you. It is possible also to support the Gospel works here through the PayPal Service on this e-mail [damianion@yahoo.com](mailto:damianion@yahoo.com)

We pray that God will bless your life and your ministry. With love we are praying for you. We look to hear from you. We miss you!

May God keep you in His rich grace!

In the love of our Lord Jesus,

Ion & Marinela Damian

“Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.” – Isaiah 46:3-4



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