# October

2021

# Sermon Title:

"Opponents must be gently instructed..." Scripture Passage:

Scripture Passa 2 Timothy 2:20-26

# <u>Announcements</u>

### Sunday School

English Ministry will be postponing restarting Sunday school. Stay tuned for details on restarting dates.

# Sunday Services



### **Missions Conference**

This year's mission conference will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details in the next few weeks.

## Pray Team/Prayer List

Calling all prayer warriors! English Ministry now has an online prayer list. It is emailed out every Thursday. Contact Pastor Rob to be added to the email list.

# Prayer for Unity

During this Covid time there are some different strongly held views on how the church should respond to health unit guidelines and vaccinations. The Alliance National Office has requested that we pray for unity in our churches as our communities journey through the rest of the pandemic.



# **Missionary news:**

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# Order of Service

- Welcome and prayer
- Worship with music
- Congregational prayer
- o Sermon
- Announcements

# **Doug and Carol Woon**

Doug is from Stoney Creek, Ontario, and Carol is from Oakville, Ontario. They met at Heritage Park Alliance Church in Windsor, Ontario, where Doug was serving as assistant pastor. After getting married, they studied for a year in Wheaton, Illinois. They served at Stoney Creek Alliance Church shortly before leaving for Tokyo, Japan. Together, they have three daughters: Heather, Laura, and Megan.

Doug was raised in a Christian home. He was challenged in his faith by participating in an evangelism training program at the age of 15. Serving in his home church and a recommendation by a youth pastor caused him to consider ministry at the end of high school.

Carol was raised in a Christian home but didn't meet Christ in a personal way until she was working in the emergency department of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Being exposed to illness and death in children caused her to question the meaning of life, leading her to ask God, "If you do indeed exist, please reveal yourself to me."

God's answer came shortly afterwards as she was a camp nurse at a Christian Athlete Hockey Camp, where she heard the testimonies of Christian hockey players and watched their relationships with their families. They obviously had the love, joy, and peace that she felt was missing from her life and asked for God's forgiveness.

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# How to give to missions:

If you would like to donate to the work of Doug and Carol, give to the Global Advance Fund at: https://www.cmacan.org/give/



# Charity Sunday

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> WCAC will take up a special offering towards Covid-19 Relief in India. In the memo or message section of your online giving, put your name, congregation, email address as before, but also add "charity Sunday offering" so that your offering will be counted towards Covid-19 Relief for India and Nepal.

#### Offering

If you would like to make an in person donation to the church, offering box has been fixed to the wall in the chapel lobby.

### **Rightnow Media**

WCAC has an account with Right Now Media. This means you have access to more than 20,000 videos on Bible Study, kids shows and leadership workshops/teaching. Click the link below and sign up for your free account.

https://www.rightnowmedia.org/a ccount/invite/wcac

# Helpful Links:

### Alliance beliefs:

Beliefs | The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (cmacan.org)

## Give to Missions:

<u>Global Advance Fund | The</u> <u>Alliance Canada</u> (cmacan.org)

#### **Christian schools:**

<u>Maranatha Christian</u> Academy | Windsor, ON

<u>FIRST LUTHERAN</u> <u>CHRISTIAN ACADEMY -</u> <u>Virtual Open House</u> (flca.ca)

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Hearing the statistic that 90% of the world's Christian workers work with 10% of the world's population caused Doug to be open to overseas service. During Bible college and in home service, Doug had the opportunity to minister to Asians and to observe ministry to Asians. This work, among other ministry opportunities, put a burden on his heart for Asia, with 60% of the world's population.

Doug and Carol arrived in Japan in 1987, and after two years of full-time language study, they moved to Hiroshima and worked with an already existing Alliance Church for two years. After their first home assignment, they were involved in traditional church planting in small Alliance churches in the outskirts of Tokyo.

Six years of ministry in the field office as leaders followed, and then in 2007 they moved to the Tokyo Bay area to be involved in fostering a growing network of congregations. They now serve as team leaders for the Canadian team and team developers for Japan and Taiwan.

In their area of Tokyo called Shiohama, Doug and Carol are involved in teaching English and the Bible to children, moms, and to singles to create, contribute, and to reach out to their community. They also meet with believers and seekers to study the Bible and spur them toward faith and maturity, and ultimately toward joining in the ministry of reaching others.

What Doug loves most about being an IW is studying the Bible with people who are being exposed to its truths for the first time, and to have his understanding of it deepened by questions he'd never be able to think of, having been raised in the church. What Doug finds most discouraging is to see how long it takes for a person to come to a commitment, so in a sense, the discipling process starts long before the person comes to faith.

What Carol loves most about being an IW is working with young moms and children in her neighbourhood. They are so open and interested in many aspects of her language and culture, including her faith. What she finds most challenging is helping these moms to realize that Christ's love, forgiveness, peace, and joy are also available to them. The Japanese language continues to be a challenge.

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