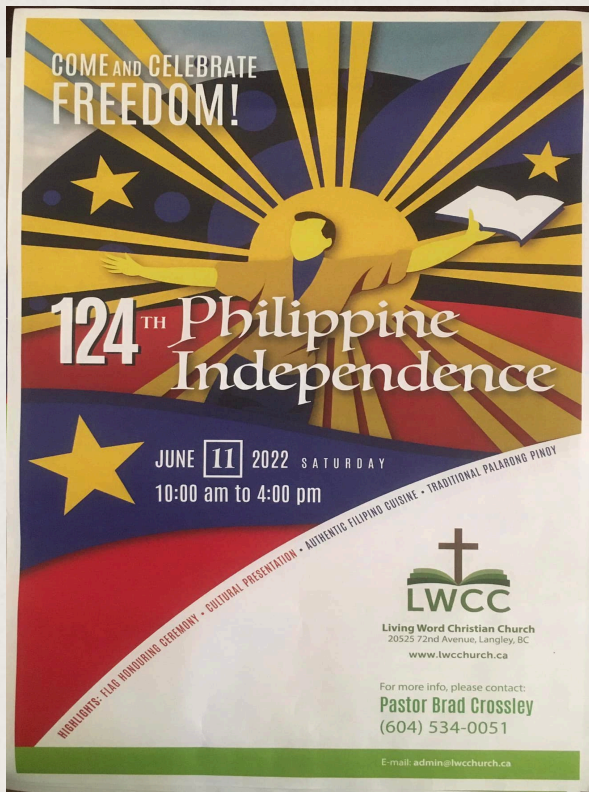


# Living Word Christian Church

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## What's happening in June



### Proverbs 20:7

*The righteous lead blameless lives;  
blessed are their children after them.*

Women's Ministry had a  
successful bridal shower  
last month



Happy Father's Day to  
all our Fathers. We  
celebrate you!



# Pastor's Corner

## No Vacation from Tithing

By Pastor Brad

Summer vacations will soon begin. People are eager for a vacation from school, or for a vacation from the office or for a vacation from the city. God bless you as you embark upon your vacation. But don't forget that the ministry of the church continues through the summer and you must not take a vacation from tithing. Please remember to support God's work and strive to follow the example of the Macedonians.

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, this is what we read about this special group of people: "And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

The Macedonians were poor, and compared with many other wealthier people, what they had to offer may not have seemed like much. But they gave generously. Practically speaking, maybe they gave even more than they should have, or more than they could afford. Still they gave because they saw giving as a privilege. They pleaded for the privilege of giving. They excelled in giving. Why? They excelled in giving because giving was just as significant in the Christian life as faith, speech, knowledge, and love. Further, they excelled in giving because they knew, as Paul did, that "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

The Macedonians knew that if they excelled in giving their generous God would respond by providing what they needed so that they could continue to abound in every good work. Rather than trust in their money, they would give it away and trust in God. W.A. Criswell used to tell the following story when he ended a sermon on giving:

*John Rascus put \$300 in the collection plate when it passed, and he softly said, "I'll see you in heaven." Those around him said, "Old John is getting senile. He says he is going to see that \$300 in heaven. He may meet his Maker over there, but he certainly won't meet his money."*

*Now the treasurer used some of that \$300 to pay the electric bill. He gave some of it to the preacher to buy gasoline. Some went to ministerial students, and some to the mission field. Early one morning John Rascus died in his sleep. On that first Lord's Day in glory, he walked down the golden streets and a young fellow came up and said, "Thank you, brother John. I was cold and lonely and it was a dark night. I saw the lights of the church. Just to get out of the dark, I went in. While there, the darkness left my soul and I found Jesus."*

*Another came to him saying, "The preacher came to the filling station. As I filled his tank, he told me about Jesus and I gave my heart to the Lord." Next John met a throng of people who said, "I want to thank you for those students you helped. They preached the gospel to my family, and we found the Lord." He next met those who spoke various languages who said, "Thank you, brother, for sending us the gospel across the seas."*

*Finally, old John came to Hallelujah Square and, turning to an angel, he said, "I feel sorry for you angels. You have never known what it is to be saved by the blood of Jesus, My Lord." John thought a moment, then added, "And you do not know what it is to transform the possessions of earth into the treasures of heaven."*

May we all excel in the grace, in the privilege of giving. No vacation needed