



FEBRUARY PONDERINGS

Jesus' words recorded in Mark's gospel, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul" have profoundly influenced my faith journey. Over the years these counter-cultural words have informed discernment about education and ministry direction, the priority of family, and increasingly the aspirations of my heart.

Elsewhere, the imperative to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" is stated by Jesus. These are challenging words. The enticement of contemporary society often seems to reinforce a philosophy of seeking self-fulfilment. This may be reflected in our acquisitions, our accomplishments, or our achievements.

The invitation of Jesus however is to a radically different pursuit; one in which our chief ambition becomes cultivating a relationship of intimacy with him. Enveloped in the Father's love, it is a call to abandon ourselves, our hearts, to the Father and his good purposes for our lives. As we do the Spirit breathes life and transformation into our inner being. Spending time in his presence, resting in his delight, listening and responding to his voice characterize this pursuit.

Fairhaven guests are increasingly sharing stories of responding to Jesus' invitation with purposeful engagement. This is our story. This is our mission . . . encouraging the health and renewal of Christian leaders.

*This has been another time of refreshing and rest in this perfect setting.
We are so blessed to have been able to come.*

PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer continues to be central to the Fairhaven narrative. Just this past week yet again, a guest commented sensing how much this place is prayed over.

Would you consider joining our prayer network and being part of an email group committed to praying with us and for the ministry of Fairhaven in this next year? If so, please e-mail us at info@fairhavencanada.com and we'll add you to our prayer list and begin sharing regular updates and prayer requests with you.

DALLAS & DONNA SYLVESTER

In a close community like Fairhaven, a sense of fit is foundational to our mission and everyday ministry context. However, that sense of fit did not occur and the Sylvesters have returned to the Langley area. We wish them God's best as they discern next steps. Here at Fairhaven we sense God's leading in a couple of creative options for covering the facility needs in the months ahead. We anticipate being able to share more details as they are finalized.

2017 DINNER SCHEDULE

Gwen and I look forward to reconnecting with you during this spring's events. If there are friends who might be interested in the mission of Fairhaven, please invite them to join you! Your RSVP will greatly assist us our planning.

SHERWOOD PARK /EDMONTON

Friday April 7th

Heartland Alliance Church

53105 Highway 21, Sherwood Park

Time: **Dinner served at 6:30 PM**

Reservations: **Susie Greig**

780.467.6788 x 208

or sgreig@theparkchurch.ca

CALGARY

Saturday April 8th

RockPointe Church (Bowridge)

12 Bowridge Dr. NW, Calgary

Time: **Lunch served at 12:00 Noon** (in the Fireside Room)

Reservations: **Faith Jalving**

403.686.4652 or kjalving@shaw.ca

LOWER MAINLAND (SURREY)

Friday April 21st

abc Country Restaurant

15373 Fraser Hwy, Surrey

Time: **12:00 Noon** (in the Harvest Room)

Reservations: **Robin MacFarlane**

604.842.7422

or robin.macfarlane@twu.ca

VERNON

Sunday April 23rd

Vernon Alliance Church

2601 43rd Ave, Vernon

Time: **Dinner served at 6:00 PM** (in the Hall)

Reservations: **Local 250.260.1616**

or info@fairhavencanada.com

KELOWNA

Friday April 28th

Willow Park Church

439 BC-33, Kelowna

Time: **Dinner served at 6:30 PM** (in the Fireside Room)

Reservations: **Leona Born**

250.860.7453

or rlborn@telus.net

SASKATOON AND MOOSE JAW

As we expand our network of those who share the Fairhaven mission, it is becoming necessary to spread out the travel times. For this reason, the Saskatchewan portion of our annual Dinner Tour will occur in the fall. Stay tuned for dates!

**RSVP for any of the events can also be made through the Fairhaven Office
Toll Free: 1.888.732.1544 or info@fairhavencanada.com**

EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Fairhaven serves a unique place in the shifting dynamics of contemporary ministry. Increasingly the themes of Sabbath rest, spiritual formation, renewal, and soul care are shaping leadership discussions. In this next season, we want to shore up our capacity to respond to this opportunity. This relates to our day-to-day operating expenses and God's provision through 165 new partners who would join us in this good work giving the equivalent of \$100.00 per month each. This also relates to the provision of coaching, counselling, and spiritual direction that is so central to our mission and supporting those who come seeking rest and renewal. Would you pray into this need with us? These two mission-specific areas will be the primary focus of our events this coming spring.

Thank you for your ongoing "partnership in the Gospel" as reflected in the ministry of Fairhaven. The stories of our guests and how God meets with them during their times here are moving. A privilege to witness . . . a privilege to give expression to your faithful prayers and provision. Thank you for supporting God's work through Fairhaven.

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Blessings,

Tony Schnare,
Executive Director.