

Victoria Day weekend has long been established as the date for our annual family camp located at Sunset Point Camp (Alberta Beach). This year, 200 Vietnamese speaking delegates and 70 English speaking delegates came together for the purpose of building faith, love and community.

This camp is a gathering of Vietnamese Christian churches of various denominational backgrounds such as Mennonite, Alliance and Baptist from Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is a camp that offers three separate tracks of meetings: Vietnamese, English and children. Edmonton Vietnamese Mennonite church (EVMC) in conjunction with Calgary Vietnamese Mennonite church planned and directed the Vietnamese track while the English track was planned and directed by EVMC's English Ministry.

The keynote Vietnamese speaker was Dr. Tuan Nguyen, Director of Missions for Southern Baptist Convention, South California District. He spoke on "Living Godly in the End Times." His message was an encouragement to know God's word and take up the great commission to make disciples. He spoke on the power of prayer and how to pray effectively. Then he concluded by challenging us to do the work of evangelism for Christ.

The English speaker was Pastor James Law, pastor of student ministries at South Edmonton Alliance Church. He spoke on, "Gods of this World" and his message for us was that we are all worshippers and we need to give up the idols in our own lives in recognition of the fact that God is the only One who is worthy to be worshipped. As an act of commitment, we built a campfire and then wrote our idols on a piece of paper and tossed them into the campfire.



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Centre: Pastor James & Emily (to his right)

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