

LADNER BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission

Following Jesus Together.
Sharing His Hope.

Vision

Everyone together —
belonging, growing,
serving, reaching out.

Values

Growing In Faith

Fostering Community
and Belonging

Reaching out
in Compassion



Our Origin Story

We began as a group of residents meeting in a town hall during the late 1890s. In 1899 a group was sent to attend the Baptist Convention in Vancouver. Upon return, they met with the home mission board and with their assistance formed the First Baptist Church of Ladner on July 18, 1899. By 1900 we helped plant a church on Crescent Island, dedicated to reaching the farming community, and by 1901 our first building in Ladner was completed. We weathered the depression of the 30s by being motivated by the youth in our church and by the early 50s were already outgrowing our building. This led us to plant South Delta Baptist Church in 1959 and to begin work on our current building in 1964. Over the years we added Sunday school rooms, a youth hall, and eventually a second half of the church including a gymnasium and additional Sunday school rooms to accommodate the growing ministries. This building is and has been well used to facilitate various ministries in the church and to serve the community. Starting as a small group faithfully meeting in a town hall, we are now a congregation of about 200 with ties to South Delta and beyond. In 2009 South Delta Baptist Church took a step in faith by planting Village Church in



Affiliation

Pacific, a community of 100+ autonomous churches in British Columbia and Yukon. Nationally, this region is part of the larger network of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada with more than 500 churches across the country.

Facilities

Building: Ladner Baptist Church's present location of 1.8 acres was purchased in 1961. The main sanctuary was completed and dedicated in March 1973. In 1997 construction of the first phase of a two-phase building expansion project to provide additional Christian education space, a gymnasium and new kitchen facilities began and was completed in spring 1998. The second phase is still pending. Classrooms and offices are located in both parts of the building.

Community Use: Several groups from the community use our facilities. These include Migrant Workers Ministries, Compassion Dogs, BC Guide Dogs, South Delta Home Learners, Mental Health Peer Group, local sports associations, and other community groups from time to time who require a meeting space. We choose not to charge non-profit groups who wish to use the facilities.

the Surrey area. Our history is filled with seeds of faith as we have followed Jesus together, sharing his hope with those in our community and beyond.

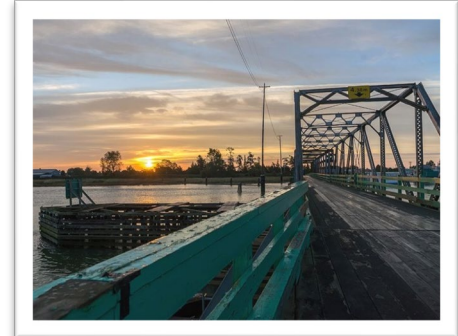
The Community of Ladner

Ladner is named for Thomas and William Ladner, who came to the area in 1868 and began large farming and fishing operations. It is a community that is well

known for these industries, with areas like Westham Island to the west, and the harbour in the center of town.

Ladner is bound to the west by the Strait of Georgia, to the south by Tsawwassen and

[Tsawwassen First Nation](#), to the east by North Delta, and north by the Fraser River. Ladner is bisected by Highway 17A, which runs north-south from Highway 99 to the BC Ferries terminal. One of the many unique features of the area is Ladner Village. This is a heritage community with wide, boulevard sidewalks, open-air cafes and local shops.



There are some heritage residences in this area, mostly built in the 1930s, but apartment complexes replaced many of them some decades back. There are numerous schools, recreation facilities and parks to support the thriving family and community life present in the town. With its [quaint small-town feel](#), it is often the location of movie or TV sets and is locally referred to as a small-town retreat nestled in the middle of a bustling metropolis.





Leadership Structure

Church Board: The lead pastor is accountable to the Board. This is a group that is elected by the members of the church for three-year terms. These men and women must be members in good standing and adhere to the requirements set out in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The Board meets monthly to discuss matters pertinent to the church, pray for the spiritual health of the congregation and transact business as needed. The Board works alongside the Lead Pastor to help create and guide the vision and mission of the church.

Lead Pastor: All staff are accountable to the Lead Pastor. With the partnership/assistance of other pastoral staff, he is charged with the spiritual leadership of the church. Working alongside staff members and key volunteers, he facilitates the success of the ministries of the church and the attainment of the mission and vision.

Staff: A unique aspect of the staff at Ladner Baptist is that many current staff were church family prior to being hired. We believe this to be consistent with our church culture of developing leaders.

Current Church Life

General Information

Doctrine – We subscribe to the Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in BC and Yukon (Fellowship Pacific). This statement of faith is published on their website at fellowshippacific.ca.

Worship Style — Throughout scripture, the people of God are commanded to worship God with music. In Ephesians 5:18-19 Paul writes “be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”. Ladner Baptist is blessed with unique worship teams led by leaders and musicians with different skills and styles. Though mainly filled with contemporary song choices we often include hymns that fill the walls with harmonies glorifying the Lord.



Attendance & Membership – We have been averaging 150 people each Sunday, with numbers ranging from 120 in the summer to 200+ on special occasions like Easter. We currently have just over 100 people on the membership roll of Ladner Baptist Church.

Preaching

Ladner Baptist adheres to these guiding principles for presenting the Word: the Lordship of Christ, the Glory of God, and the Holy Spirit's design for the church. Sunday morning services generally include 30 minutes of preaching. Series on books of the Bible or specific topics are a common way to structure, but not necessarily the norm. We strive to preach effectively the full counsel of God, being gospel focused and scripturally faithful.

Other Unique Ministries

Pickleball: With the sport growing in such popularity, some members decided to offer time and space in our gym. LBC folks invite their friends & neighbours to join them in friendly games, with all equipment, and even instruction, provided. This is a very popular activity on Tuesday nights in Fall through Spring.

Coffee: We have the unique and delightful opportunity to host this ministry because of the bustling coffee bar located in the back foyer. This ministry sees people not only being served, but trained in a new skill. Every generation can be seen working behind the bar and ordering from in front. It also has provided us with one of our biggest and most diverse, weekday gatherings "Community Coffee Morning" where members and people from the community can be seen chatting and fellowshiping together over a hot cup of coffee, often while watching their kids or grandkids play in the gym.

Ministries

Children's Ministry: Children are a priority here at LBC. Providing a safe, fun environment for children to learn about God and the Bible is important to us. Our goal in children's ministries is that our kids will look forward to coming to church and enjoy learning about the Lord. Sunday School runs from September-June, where kids join their parents in the service at 10:00a.m. and then leave for Sunday School before the sermon. Children's Church, for kids age 3 through grade 3, runs in July and August. We also have an unstaffed nursery for babies and toddlers throughout the service.



Thrive is our active pre-teen ministry for anyone in grades 5, 6 or 7. It runs biweekly on Thursday nights and is a time for pre-teens to hang out, play some games, learn about God, and build healthy relationships.

We are also fortunate to run a bustling summer day camp every year that greatly involves the local community and seeks to serve and minister to them. A distinctive offering in our Children's Ministry is the Connect Ministry which exists to reach out to families of children with special needs. Many times, families stop coming to church because they feel uncomfortable and their needs are not met. Our aim is to provide an atmosphere of acceptance so that both children and their parents can feel at home at Ladner Baptist Church.

Youth and Student Ministries: LBCYouth exists to know, show, and share the good news of Jesus. We work to see students reached with the gospel, growing in their faith, living out the gospel in their daily lives, and leading other people to Jesus. Youth is one of our fastest growing ministries and is high energy all around. Grades 8-12 come together for an upfront time of games and a message and



Missions

LBC partners with six missionaries who serve both locally and globally. The focus of these mission partners ranges from Skateboarders in Metro Vancouver to church planting and Bible translation among the indigenous tribes of Papua New Guinea. The Missions Committee at LBC is working hard to help members of the church connect with our missionaries and to have at least a basic knowledge of who we support, where they serve and what they are doing. It has also been exciting to support people from within our congregation as they participate in missions. Most summers we have several students serving at camps. In the summer of 2018, we sent 14 people to Salima, Malawi to work alongside our missions partner, Cornerstone Ministries. Prior to that (summer 2014) a team of 23 travelled to Guatemala to serve with Impact Ministries.



then break off into life groups. This ministry has a strong social media presence which is how most attendees get updates and information. LBCYouth also strives to raise up student leaders through mentorship and training. Alongside LBCYouth, Ladner Baptist hosts a unique program called Skatelife. Skatelife is part of Young Life of Canada, a non-profit organization committed to reaching young people across Canada. They are a faith-based organization telling the story of Jesus in a fun and relevant way. Skatelife is run in the church gymnasium at the same time as youth, as well as other times throughout the week. This ministry is also integrated into the local community, where its leader will go to local parks to do outreach. (See [LBCYouth Overview](#) for more information.)



Growth Groups: Ladner Baptist has a strong passion to see people grow in their faith, wonder and knowledge of God. We are called to grow personally and corporately and we provide the opportunity to do so through Community

Groups. This ministry is re-growing with approximately 5 different groups that host over 50 people. More groups are needed. Community is a crucial part of God's purpose for His church. Jesus teaches us that through our unity and affection for one another, the world will know we are His.