

First Baptist Church

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Garden and City

Summer is a time for being outside in Canada. People head to the cabin, to camp, to hiking country, and into gardens. Many Christians count on these times for renewal and rest - and that is part of who we are. In the beginning, God placed humanity in a garden among other creatures. At the other end of time, however, Jesus chose a city to represent the future he was bringing to earth.

However you are enjoying your summer, let both these pictures reach your heart. Do get outside, but let that restore your love for people and your capacity to live in community.

With love, Pastor Joel

Prayer

Prayer Breakfast

We meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday mornings in the library. Please join us.

Prayer Times at First Baptist

Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Monday to Friday

(Friday's prayers are chanted.)

Wednesday 12:15 noon

Everyone is welcome. Each prayer time will include psalms, scripture reading, and prayer for our world, our church, and the people in our lives. "Where two or three are gathered," Jesus said. So, we would love company!

New Prayer Chain

Good morning, my name is Bryden Yeo and I am starting a prayer email line for our church. It's something First Baptist Red Deer Church did, and it really blessed my family and prayer life. A lot of the time I feel a bit disconnected by life and things going on; I am not sure how I can pray for my church family. Well, this is something that can help me with that problem and would help all of you who want to connect better with our church family.

Here is how it works. If you have a prayer request for yourself or someone else, simply send the request, either specific or general, telling us you'd like us to pray for yourself or your loved ones to <mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net>. I will send all requests out to people from our church who would like to pray. I will only send the requests to people who have asked to be on the prayer line. From

there your prayer requests will be prayed for throughout the day as people read them and make time to pray on their own time. All prayer requests will be held in confidence.

If you are interested in being a prayer warrior on our prayer list, please speak with me or with a pastor, and I can add your name to the list. I will not share your email addresses with anyone else, and should you choose to leave the prayer group just send me an email; I will be sure to remove you from the list as soon as I can.

TNT Summer Bible Study by Collin Carbno

A 3:16 Slice Journey through the Bible

When: Tuesdays, May to August: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: FBC Library.

Topic: John 3:16 is one of the best-known verses of the Bible. This summer study we will journey through the forty-nine (3:14-3:18) sections in the Bible. One might expect that most of these sections of the Bible would have nothing to do with John 3:16. However, I've found mysteriously deep connections to John 3:16 in these 49 sections that I would love to share with you. As we study three or four sections per week, we will easily fill the summer.

Supper Option: In past summers, some of us met in Wascana Park or in homes that people offered for BYO picnic suppers from 5:00- 6:30 p.m. Plans for this summer will be discussed at the Bible Study.

Old Testament Small Group

You are invited to join a small group of us who are reading through the Old Testament and meeting for discussion, questions, and sharing once a week. We are very friendly and informal and we love these sessions. Jump in any time, and there's no need to make a long-term commitment. For more information contact Annabel Robinson at 306-761-1458, or by email at annabel.robinson@uregina.ca

Missions

Please keep Emad and Almess Botros and their sons Nathaniel and Timothy in your prayers this summer along with the refugees they care for and the students at the Seminary.

“SENT” to Lebanon. We are excited about the chance to have a group from First Regina see the work in Lebanon first hand, perhaps next year in June. This group will have opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of ministries throughout the country.

Possibilities include:

- Working alongside Lebanese volunteers to run camps for Syrian refugee children.
- Participating in the annual Middle East Consultation at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Making ministry visits and gaining exposure to Syrian refugee relief efforts.
- Obtaining other opportunities, depending on our Syrian partners' needs and our team's gifts.

Arrival City: Beirut

Estimated Cost for a 2-week SENT experience (including all flights, insurance, and ground costs): \$3500/person.

Interested? Please speak to Pastor Joel or a member of the Missions Commission a.s.a.p. (A few people have already expressed an interest in taking part.)

Music@First

"Music is to mind, as air is to the body." (Plato)

A Contemporary Note

On June 24, our FBC family sang the Keith/Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend song, "Creation Sings the Father's Song." This wonderful contemporary song paints a colourful creative landscape with each verse ringing forth the refrain,

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, Hallelujah!
Fill the earth with songs of worship;
tell the wonders of creation's King.

Kristyn Getty provides a short background to the composition of this song: "This song of adoration to our Creator was written for an Irish conference on culture. The vistas of the Pacific coast provided fresh inspiration as we dwelled on not just the beauty of God's creation, but how all of it points ultimately to Christ and eagerly longs for His return."

"Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, Hallelujah!"

Summer Music Ministry

Summer is a time for family, friends, and refreshment! However, our worship experience continues with high expectations of inspirational congregational singing, exciting children's stories, special gifts of music, and uplifting preaching. At the writing of this

article, I am still seeking for musicians to share their gifts of music with us during July and August.

Our Sanctuary Choir is now taking a well-deserved rest, and we express our thanks to them for their faithful service week after week. As well, we express our thanks to our wonderful keyboardists, Christa Walsh and Mark Anderson, for their much-appreciated ministry of music. We will miss all of these people during the summer, for they have all enhanced our worship services during the past year. We eagerly look forward to the return of all of our music ministry family on our KICK-OFF SUNDAY- Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

First Baptist Church choir is a faithful group of singers who enjoy fellowship and musical expression together. This choir offers strong support in the worship services ten months of the year, as well as very special seasonal services. The choir is the longest running "small group ministry" in the history of FBC. The choir warmly welcomes and is regularly enriched by new members who join their "caring choir community." There is a place for you to sing and serve. "Music once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit and never dies." (Bulwer)

First Sanctuary Choir rehearsal- Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

Prayerfully consider joining one of these music ministries. For more information, contact Pastor John.

JuBELLation Ringers

JuBELLation Ringers is an exciting and refreshing music ministry for anyone who can read music, is 18 years or older, and wants to do

something to brighten their day or week. This activity is not limited to members of First Baptist Church, but offers an open invitation to the community at large. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m., using a 5 octave set of Schulmerich Carillon handbells and a 3 octave set of Suzuki handchimes.

This is an exhilarating music experience that is second to none!

*First JuBELLation rehearsal- Tuesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

"There is something very wonderful in music.

Words are wonderful enough; but music is even more wonderful.

**It speaks not to our thoughts as words do; it speaks straight to
our hearts and spirits,**

**to the very core and root of our souls. Music soothes us, stirs us
up;**

**it puts noble feelings in us; it melts us to tears, we know not
how:**

**it is a language by itself, just as perfect, in its way, as speech, as
words;**

just as divine, just as blessed." (Charles Kingsley)

This is what Music@First can do for you! This is "A Place to Belong."

VOICE

To all Voice members and anyone else who would like to join women who like to read and discuss books. Be thinking about subject material for Wednesday evenings as well as potential novels. See you in September. Watch for the date. Martha

Learning for Life

Coming in the Fall...

- *Thinking Christianly, Acting Faithfully in the World of Work*, led by Len Pauls and Derrick Bellows.
- *Basic Christianity - the basics of our faith*, for those who are curious, doubtful, unsure, confused, or just needing to review the basics. Led by Ron Phillips

A big thank you to Annabel Robinson for leading stimulating classes entitled, *Reading Scripture Well*, this winter and spring.

Katepwa Lake Camp

Summer camp dates are open for all ages.

Visit www.katepwalakecamp.com for dates and registration.

Sponsorships

This year, the camp is hoping to sponsor 100 young people who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. Contact Tim and Shelly Keizer, Katepwa Lake directors, if you wish to help support this initiative: 306.332.4727.

Our KLC AGM on April 15 raised \$7K+ towards our septic tank project. We learned the Tuesday after the AGM that CBWC forgave us an outstanding loan of \$6K, and gave us a \$6K grant. And with some help from a person at FBC, Social Services is now sending us a check for \$1K. With this money we have now purchased the needed septic tanks and low-flush toilets. Also, we have a donor for the LED lighting, and we are in the process of ordering the needed new

flooring for the lodge. Definitely a huge answer to prayer!

Thanks again FBC! Collin Carbno KLC board member.

First Baptist Church Fall Retreat

We have booked Katepwa Lake Camp for mid-September for an all-ages, church-wide weekend retreat. Previous weekends have included a mix of reflection sessions, free time, and gathered worship in the Qu'appelle Valley. They have been great times for friendship, rest, and spiritual renewal. Anyone interested in attending or helping to plan this weekend, please speak with Pastor Joel as soon as possible.

Diaconate Report

On Saturday June 16th, a half-day session with twenty-two of FBC's leaders, including members of the diaconate, staff, commission chairs, committee members, and leaders of the church gathered together for discussion. We spent some time looking at the calendar for 2018, and then we discussed various ideas around church direction. Joel then talked about the various "Expressions of Interest" and the thinking behind them. We finished off the morning with a discussion on how we could improve the governance structure of the church and improve our communication. During the morning, eight additional ideas were captured, bringing our idea file to 80 ideas. I appreciate the many individuals that sent me ideas and articles on things that can be done to improve our church. Keep them coming. (collin.carbno@sasktel.net).

During the summer, the diaconate and church staff will be praying for some quality applications to come in from the various job engine sites; they will also be doing good old-fashioned networking with various theological, music, and Bible schools for individuals who could perhaps be excited about being part of our church ministry team. Again, we invite the congregation to direct interested folks to check out our “Expressions of Interest” and to consider a ministry with FBC.

Copies of the manuscript describing the “Expressions of Interest” can be found in the vestibule of the church.

Wishing everyone safe summer travels, and a wonderful time enjoying summer and family.

Collin Carbno
Chair of Diaconate

Achievers

Achievers Bible Study

There are no Achiever's Bible Studies until September 12, 2018.

Achievers' Luncheons 2018-2019

Are you young at heart and age 55 and up? Consider marking your calendars and making the ACHIEVERS' LUNCHEONS (fourth Thursday of the months of Sept.-Nov. & Jan.-May), must attend events!

At these luncheons you will experience fabulous fellowship, fantastic food, and sensational speakers.

Become a participant of this enthusiastic group of seniors who reflect the true essence of the word JOY- Just Older Youth!

Who is coming to lunch during 2018-2019?

September 27- David Kaiser

October 25- Alicyn Miller

November 22- Henry Friesen

January 24- Dianne Campeau

February 28- Marilyn Braun-Pollon

March 28- Merv Tippe

April 25- John Robinson

May 23- to be confirmed

For more information contact Pastor John.

Congregational Care/Visitation Ministry Team

Carol Hepting, John Nelson, Martha Pauls, Ron Phillips, and Eleanor Russell

We have several people who visit members of our church family on a regular basis, but we could always use more volunteers. If you would like to offer friendship and brighten someone's day, please call John Nelson or Carol Hepting.

Help needed! Many Hands Make Light Work

Over the past few years, our congregation has seen individuals make a renewed commitment to help out where needed in our church. By sharing the load, we hope people feel "this is our church." We also hope it means that no one has to carry so much of the burden of church work as to make it difficult to become involved in their neighbourhoods.

Over the past year new volunteers have done the following:

- started the first new usher team in over a decade,
- doubled the number of tellers,
- continued repainting the building interior,
- reorganized years' worth of church files and records,
- handled office filing approximately once a week,
- chosen and set up new church software,
- handled bill payments.

If there is some way you would like to help once a week or once month with tasks such as those listed above, please speak to one of the pastors or deacons.

Financial Report

Our operating income was 9% below the prorated budget to the end of May, while our expenses were under budget by 15%. Continued good management of our spending will help relieve pressure on our finances through the summer months.

Approved Operating Budget to end of May 2018:	\$ 161,620
(prorated monthly)	
Operating Revenue to end of May 2018:	\$ 146,522
Operating Expenses to end of May 2018:	\$ 137,341

Help us with the “Summer Slum.” We know that church attendance drops because people are busy or away during the summer, but does giving have to drop, too? We’d like to remind you that our church has an option for regular donations and tithing through a Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) function. Using PAR, your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church’s ministry even when you are away. You will be providing a dependable flow of contributions, which increases the church’s overall financial stability. If you are interested in “PAR-ticipating” let us know and someone from our Finance Committee will be in touch with you.

First Baptist Church Staff

Joel Russell-MacLean, Lead Pastor
John Nelson, Associate Pastor
George McKenzie, Caretaker

First Baptist Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church office is closed on Fridays, because it is a day off for staff.

Website: firstbaptistregina.ca
Email: main_fbcregina@sasktel.net
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Backyard Barbecues and Patio Parties

Backyard Barbecues - 2018



- Barbecues start at 5 p.m.
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and desserts are provided.
- Please remember to bring a lawn chair, and a friend.
- **Donations** to cover the costs will be gratefully received.
- ***Please*** notify the office if you will be attending.
(306-359-1450, main_fbcregina@sasktel.net)

- **July 1:** John & Debby Nelson, 3454 Parkland Drive East
- **August 5:** TBA
- **September 3:** Joel & Heather Russell-MacLean, 1968 St. John St

Patio Parties - 2018



- Patio parties are usually 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- A dessert and beverages are provided.
- Please remember to bring a lawn chair, and a friend.

- **July 1:** *See Backyard BBQ.*
- **July 8:** Eleanor Russell & Vi Maeers, 2835 Thornton Avenue
- **July 15:** TBA
- **July 22:** Kevin & Julie Rich, 5955 Hague Crescent
- **July 29:** Len & Martha Pauls and Merv & Carol Hepting, 77 Motherwell Crescent
- **August 5:** *See Backyard BBQ.*
- **August 12:** Rob & Deirdre Sentis, 3704 Dewdney Avenue
- **August 19:** Lynette & Evan Wolbaum, 3 Burton Place
- **August 26:** First Baptist Place, 2153 Smith Street
- **September 2:** *See Backyard BBQ*

Life Together

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	7:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Nights Together Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Old Testament Study
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
	12:15 p.m.	Noon Prayers
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers
Friday	7:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers