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“Naomi Entreating Ruth and Orpah to Return to the Land of Moab.” William Blake, 1795.

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Ruth and Esther, and the books of Samuel and Kings, all go under “history” in our bibles. In Samuel and Kings, God chooses kings, God speaks, God acts. In Ruth and Esther, God is silent. Which is true of your life? Aren't our lives are made up of both experiences? Ruth and Esther are powerful models of courage, love, and goodness even when God is silent. They keep praying and doing the right thing, even risking their lives for others.

May these women inspire us to be strong, to pray, and to grow in character to the end. God is not absent: Jesus is Lord and everything is being brought under his control.

Love,

Pastor Joel

Achievers 55+



The ACHIEVERS' LUNCHEON is the second longest running small group ministry at FBC. It is made up of those people who are 55+ years young. Some might say this is a group full of JOY: Just Older Youth. The Achievers' Luncheon group meet the fourth Thursday during the months of Sept to Nov and Jan to May, enjoying fabulous fellowship, tantalizingly delicious catered meals, a devotion, prayer, stimulating speakers, and a joke or two. Check out our Achievers' website for more information:

www.achieversregina.ca

Schedule of Future Guest Speakers:

November 22- Henry Friesen
January 24- Dianne Campeau
February 28- Marilyn Braun-Pollon
March 28- Merv Tippe
April 25- John Robinson
May 23- Reade Holstlander

Achievers' Bible Study

The Bible study meets Wednesdays in the church boardroom from 10:00 to 11:00 am.



Learning for Life

Learning for Life will offer two options for November:

- "Thrive!" (for families) with Deirdre Sentis. A 15 minute teaching video, discussion, and weekly family activity.



- "Hope!" with Annabel Robinson. Starting November 18.

When I preached on Ecclesiastes in September, I shared something that was on my heart, and still is. I said:

“As we get older we can also be gripped by another fear--not so much of death as of what may happen to us before we die: loss of memory, dementia, Alzheimer’s, losing our driver’s license, loss of independence, loss of ability to do the things we love doing. I speak from experience: arthritis keeps me from playing the violin; bad knees prevent me from walking; my own memory isn’t what it was and I wonder at times where all this is leading.

In this class we will follow up those comments. It’s for people of all ages, because the more we think about these things when we’re younger the better we will be able to live well when we’re older, not to mention the fact that trouble may strike us at any time. It’s my hope that there will be a dynamic interaction among people who come—or lurk online. You can start by emailing me suggestions or comments: annabel.robinson@uregina.ca

Prayer Times

Morning Prayer 7:15 am, 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!



Music

Our first Sanctuary Choir rehearsal this fall was held on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. However, YOU are invited to come to our following rehearsals and be warmly welcomed by enthusiastic choir members. Questions? Call Pastor John at 306-584-7434 or email jonel3454@hotmail.com

JuBELLation Ringers,

COME RING with us! JuBELLation Ringers is a most invigorating and refreshing music group activity! The FBC handbell programme has been running for 32+ years, utilizing a 5 octave set of Schulmerich Handbells and 3 octave set of Suzucki Chimes. To ring such intriguing musical instruments, we require at least 12-14 ringers who can read music. Interested individuals may contact Pastor John (306-535-0001).

Diaconate Report

The Diaconate selected 9 promising individuals from the 20 applicants and an appointed committee interviewed each for about an hour. All 9 of those interviewed appear acceptable, although some appear a better fit for our situation than others. At this point, we are definitely getting closer to making a tentative selection. After “search committee” selection, if the board confirms, we will need to continue with reference follow-up, more discussion/negotiations with the selected candidate, appropriate congregational input, and negotiation towards a potential contract. The board has discussed what the church can realistically afford. The final outcome may result in the pursuit of one full-time position, or two part-time positions, or one part-time position, or even no position at all. We hope to have a clearer picture to report when we come together for the Nov 17th general budget meeting.

Collin Carbno
Chair of Diaconate FBC

Tuesday Nights Together

Join us for a meal in the lower hall at 5 p.m. Bring your own meal and something to share. At 6 p.m. join an active group in the library for a Bible study led by Colin Carbno, or join the bell choir in the sanctuary (if you can read music and count to six, contact John Nelson). Everyone is welcome to the 6 o'clock activities - you don't have to come for the meal, but we are a great bunch to eat with, and there's always too much dessert!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. Location TBA.

Let Pastor Joel if you plan on attending. Mark your calendars and invite someone to join you. All ages welcome.

Finances

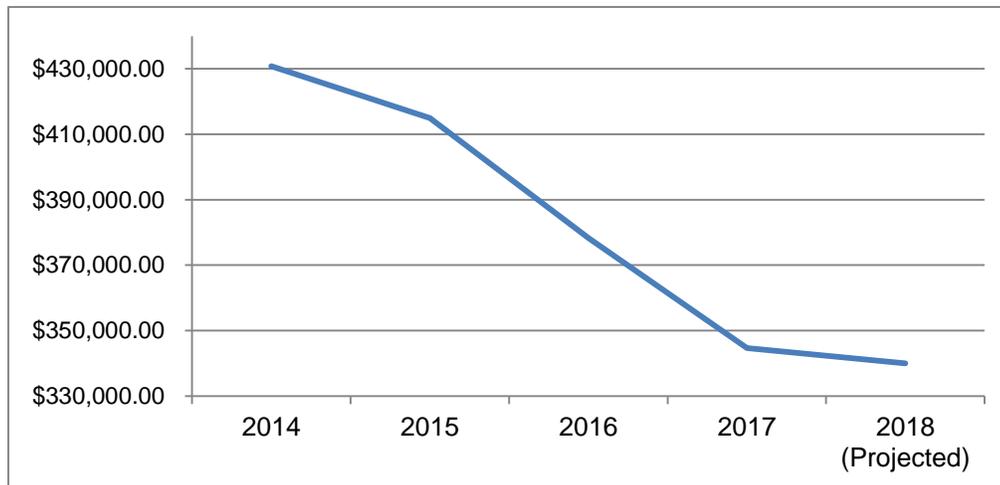
As you can see from the numbers below, our income has generally been keeping up with our expenses. In fact, we are projecting a small surplus at the end of the year.

HOWEVER ...

As noted in previous monthly newsletters, we have not been meeting the budget that we set for 2018. In fact, it appears that we will be at least **\$25,000 below our forecasted budget at year-end**. This essentially means that, although we've been able to keep the lights and heat on, pay our mortgage and other bills, support our partner organizations, and continue to pay our staff, we have not been able to do much beyond that. This includes hiring additional staff or undertaking any initiatives to address the results of the survey conducted at the beginning of the year.

Approved Operating Budget to end of September: (prorated monthly)	\$290,925
Operating Revenue to end of September 2018:	\$257,291
Operating Expenses to end of September 2018:	\$249,926
Restricted Reserve Balance:	\$183,498
CBWC Loan Balance:	280,771

This graph displays the income from regular offerings and donations that has been received over past years. It also demonstrates why it has been difficult to forecast a budget with faith that we can meet it:



Our church management system (ChurchTrac) has a Congregation Access feature which allows members of our church to access their own profiles and view their contribution statements. If you have provided an email address to us for the system, you will be able to use this feature. In order to view your personal profile, please use the following link:

https://churchtraconline.com/member_access.php?church=3063591450

KLC Update



For those that want an update on what happened at KLC this past summer, and our plans for next year, our Fall Gala and fundraiser is happening November 17th, tickets can now be purchased. Go to the KLC

website for more information:

<http://www.katepwalakecamp.com/>

CBWC has also put out a survey on CBWC camps to the camp directors, and to supporting CBWC churches regarding thoughts on

the direction that CBWC camps should go. This survey was probably spurred on by the many financial difficulties CBWC camps ran into this year with political changes around the summer grant programs. Talk to Tim Keizer if you are interested in further details.

Collin Carbno
Secretary on the KLC board.

Children

Children from 3 to 11 are invited downstairs most Sundays for their own service of worship. Speak to Pastor Joel if you can help.

Nursery

If being part of this ministry is something that you are interested in, contact Kayely Rich via email at kayelyrich@icloud.com.

Godly Play (3-6)

Godly Play is a method of Christian education and spiritual direction offered by First Baptist Church. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language, parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence around them and in their lives. We are in need of leaders and shepherds! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Esther Maeers at emaegers@yahoo.ca

Oasis (7-11)

Students spend 3 to 4 weeks reading through one Bible story. Every Sunday is different: after reading from their Bibles, the children explore the passage through painting, drama, games, cooking, science experiments, and any other way we dream up. This month our students will be reading through the book of Esther and learning as they watch a film, play games, and bake hamantaschen.

Youth

Nov.	Event	Location	Time
9th - No Youth (Remembrance Day Weekend)			
16th	Bible Study	FBC	7:00-9:00
23rd	<p style="text-align: center;">Bowling</p> <p>(Meet at the Golden Mile Bowling Lanes, 3806 Albert St. at 6:45. We have lanes booked from 7:00 - 8:00. We will then head over to the nearby DQ on South Albert. Please bring money for your own treat and \$2.00 for bowling.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Golden Mile Bowling Lanes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DQ</p>	6:45-9:00
30th	Bible Study	FBC	7:00-9:00

Flu Clinic - A Note of Thanks from Open Door

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the First Baptist Church team and wonderful volunteers who helped us throughout the day during our flu clinic on October 23. We immunized 486 individuals this year. Thank you again for providing us space. We appreciated it so much. Have a wonderful week !!!

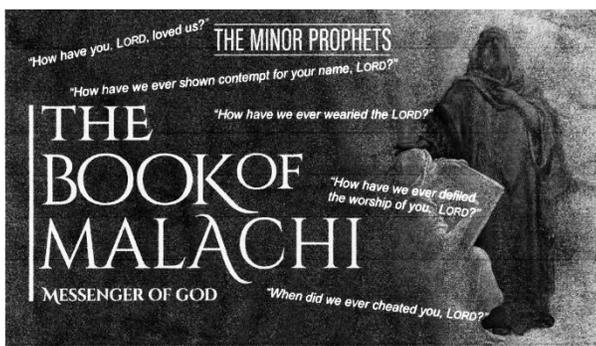
Regards, Dhaka Tiwari



First Baptist Church Fall Retreat

30 people came over the weekend to enjoy eating and praying together, walks through the valley, sitting by the fireplace, reading and resting, playing games and making puzzles. It was a great time. On Sunday some of the young people helped lead worship. We studied four scripture passages from Luke which make a pattern. Jesus provides food for his disciples, Jesus sends his disciples to eat with others, and Jesus sends his disciples to be guests.

OT Seminar with Kelvin Friebe



24th November, 2018

9:30-3:30

Glencarin Alliance Church,
139 Cannon Street

The topic is the Book of Malachi, the last of the Prophetic Books in the Old Testament. Although

written about 450 B.C., the message of Malachi is still very relevant to the church today as it addresses issues of questioning God's love for his people, of going through worship rituals but not really honoring God in what is being done, of placing ones' own economics above financially supporting God's ministries. Lunch provided

Please feel free to pass this information on to others who might be interested. All ages welcome.

VOICE

Voice is a reading group for women and open to anyone who likes to read, and who could commit a Wednesday evening twice a month to come together and discuss what is being read. We

are a support group, with emphasis on prayer and spiritual growth. Call 306-586- 7015 for further information.



Current read: The Ragamuffin Gospel, by Brennan Manning.

Schedule: Read chapters 2,3,4 for Wednesday Nov. 7th .

Ongoing schedule: November 14, 28th, Dec. 12th.

Place: 77 Motherwell Crescent.

Time: 7:00-9:00

First Baptist Church Staff

Joel Russell-MacLean, Lead Pastor

John Nelson, Associate Pastor

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

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Life Together

Sunday	9:30 am	Learning for Life
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
Tuesday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	5:15 pm	Tuesday Nights Together
	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Practice
Wednesday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	8:00 am	Prayer Breakfast
	10:00 am	Achievers' Bible Study
	12:15 pm	Noon Prayers
Thursday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	7:00 pm	Youth Event

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