

# First Baptist Church

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“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.”

At a New Year’s extended family gathering, each family shared some highs and lows from the past year and a few things coming up. The mix of people meant that some were expecting children, new jobs, or homes; some only had uncertainty ahead, and others shared news of serious illness, or painful situations. They shared their joy and sorrow together in love and in prayer.

Each person at First has his or her own story. Do we know what is ahead in our lives? What others are expecting? In the New Year, may we continue to pray and care for each other, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.

Love, Pastor Joel

## Achievers 55+

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### Achievers' Luncheons and Guest Speakers for Winter 2019

An enthusiastic group for those people 55+ years of age.

Check out [www.achieversregina.ca](http://www.achieversregina.ca) for exciting information on both our guest speakers and the Achievers' group. Cost of the tantalizing luncheon meal is \$10.00.

- Jan. 24 Diane Campeau
- Feb. 28 Marilyn Braun-Pollon
- Mar. 28 Merv Tippe
- Apr. 25 John Robinson
- May 23 Reade Holtlander

### Achievers' Bible Study

The Bible study meets every second Wednesday in the church boardroom from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The first meeting in 2019 is on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.



## Learning for Life

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### Hope!

Our class/conversation about spiritual fitness in later life will start again on Jan 20. We will frame it around topics you have expressed an interest in or want to bring up. Dell Bornowsky has offered to lead us in some of these. Derrick Bellows will start with a discussion of some issues in Viktor Frankl's Man's Search for Meaning (available for \$12.33 from Amazon and for \$7.96 from Kindle, and well worth a read).

We've shared from the heart about our fears and convictions. If you haven't attended the three sessions so far, now is a good time to join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings, starting January 20, venue to be announced.

### Church Library Corner

Blessed are the Peacemakers (Dewey 248), by Neil T. Anderson and Charles Mylander, isn't just a great book about the theory of being peacemakers, but a full working manual based on the actual work of peacemaking in the country of Liberia by Freedom in Christ Ministries. Filled with true stories of conflicts and personal life impacts, it is an engaging read. Virtually every aspect of peacemaking is considered in all contexts: marriage conflicts, church conflicts, religious conflicts, civil war, race conflicts, sexual conflicts, and so on. Grounded solidly in scripture, deep pastoral experience, and international Middle East crises, the book has a lot to offer. I'm sure that there is something for every Christian to learn in this book.

## MISSIONS

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### **Missions Prayer Points**

Please remember our Mission partners in prayer throughout 2019!

### **Local:**

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (Sask. director, Rachelle Low)

Katepwa Lake Camp (directors, Tim & Shelley Kaiser)

Healing Hearts Ministries (directors, Walter & Cindy Selke)

Youth for Christ (director, Corey Illingworth)

### **Global:**

Canadian Baptist Ministries (exec. director, Terry Smith)

Our Lebanese partners at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary - the Botros family

The Gideons

### **Prayer Times**

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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!

## **Prayer Breakfast**

Prayer Breakfast takes place on Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. to about 9:15 a.m. We meet in the library for a simple breakfast, Bible reading/discussion and prayer time for our church, the wider Christian church, and the world. You are invited to join us by coming in the Lorne St. door. Please join us!

## **Week of Prayer for Church Unity.**

Sunday January 20, 3 p.m. Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd.

Every year, churches around the world set aside a week to meet together for prayer across denominations. This year, Resurrection Roman Catholic church is hosting the final Sunday service.

## **Music@First**

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Bach gave us God's Word.

Mozart gave us God's laughter.

Beethoven gave us God's fire.

God gave us music that we might pray without words.

Author Unknown

The music ministry programme of FBC has a rich history of over 110 years. Faithful Christians have shared their gifts of music vocally and instrumentally down through the years, enriching the worship and the lives of members/adherents of this church family.

When you become a Christian, you become a minister. When God gave you the ability to sing, ring, or play an instrument, you also received the responsibility to be a minister through music. The Sanctuary Choir and JuBELLation ringers offer opportunities for you

to use these musical gifts.

Sanctuary Choir is a faithful group of approximately eighteen members who enjoy fellowship and musical expression together. This choir offers strong support in our worship services ten months of the year, as well as for very special seasonal services. The choir is enriched when new members join this "caring choir community."

You would certainly be welcome. High school/adults practice on Thursday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

JuBELLation Ringers is an enthusiastic group of 10 dedicated musicians who come together to ring bells every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Anyone who reads music is always welcome to join.

## **Invitation**

We invite you to consider joining one of our music groups for 2019. Our music programmes have "much fun and fellowship." Why not join in and experience for yourself the joy of making music together with others? Whether your gift is large or small, we are interested in you as a person and what other attributes besides music you might bring to our Place to Belong.

Easter Alleluia presentation - Sunday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

### My Singing/Ringing Is A Prayer

My singing/ringing is a prayer, O Lord,

A prayer of thanks and praise;

In music, Lord, I worship Thee;

Thy beauty fills my days.

I give my talents, Lord, to Thee,  
My mind and heart and voice,  
for Thou, alone, art worthy, Lord;  
In Thee I do rejoice.

Accept the worship of my heart,  
Accept my music, too;  
Help me to live always for Thee,  
Lord, keep me strong and true.

O bless me, Lord, and help me sing/ring  
thy love so full and free;  
And bless all those who listen, Lord,  
Help them to worship thee.

Novella D. Preston Jordan (1901-1991)

## **Diaconate Report (Collin Carbno, Chair)**

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My thanks to everyone for the support and prayers I felt throughout 2018. The EOI (Expression of Interest) process has proved both spiritually uplifting and challenging at the same time. We are truly blessed with an amazing set of candidates. I firmly believe God is leading us steadily to a sound choice. I hope in the next month or two, we may have

something to announce. The Diaconate and pastoral staff are coming to a deeper sense of direction, and feel God's calling for us to engage our community and to grow FBC. Tangible plans are in formation; I find myself excited with our future possibilities and even impatient to get moving ahead.

As many of you are aware, I lost my mother somewhat unexpectedly before Christmas, and I thank you for support in this loss. One of my mother's favourite metaphors was that life is a book, and as each chapter closes a new chapter opens. We need to embrace the new chapter fully. I sense a new chapter is opening for FBC and invite you to embrace it fully.

## **Men's Breakfast**

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Our breakfast this month will be on Saturday, January 19, 8:30 - 10 a.m. at Nicky's Café. Let Pastor Joel if you plan on attending. Mark your calendars and invite someone to join you. All ages welcome.

## **TNT**

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On Tuesday nights we get together, bring our own meal and something to share. In addition, there is an adult group that meets and discusses things from the Bible or from a DVD.

Following is an outline of the proposed TNT program. Feel free to discuss additions to this program.

On Tuesday, January 8 at 6 p.m., TNT will be introducing a new program which is a part of the "That the World May Know" series



with Ray Vander Laan. The current unit in the series we will undertake is, “Cultures in Conflict -- Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord.” The January 8 session will be an introduction to the Series, to Ray Vander Laan, and to Paul and his journeys. The series is produced by Focus on the Family. The introduction will be followed by 5 weekly sessions that start with a 30-minute video that takes you to the places where Paul’s travels took him 2000 years ago, and amplifies the context in which he lived and preached the Gospel. The sessions are as follows:

January 15: Engaging the Mind: Paul in the Stoa of Athens

January 22: Engaging the Heart: Paul before the Areopagus

January 29: Turning Weakness into Strength

February 5: The Lord's Supper: Discerning the Body

February 12: Transforming the Chaos

Each Video is followed by Discussion, Faith Lessons, and Closing Prayer. Total duration is approximately one hour. If you cannot make it to all sessions, note that each session stands on its own and can be studied separately from the rest.

We would like some one to start a children’s program on Tuesday nights, so families can come out and not worry what to do with their kids. Also, interested persons can join the bell ringers and learn something new with John Nelson, after the meal.

## Church Website

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### Collin by the Stained Glass

Collin does a fantastic job of welcoming our online visitors to First Baptist Church. His video clip is warm and inviting. The sun streaming through the stained glass window adds to the ambience of the welcome. Don't miss it. You can

even watch it full-screen if you click on the full-screen icon in the lower right of his video window. Click on the "Get Connected" tab at the top of the FBC Homepage (<http://firstbaptistregina.ca>) to view Collin Carbno's welcome.

### Joel Makes Visitors Comfortable

Joel succeeds in putting our online visitors at ease with his "Welcome to First Baptist Church" video clip. Joel invites people in with a picture of the church sanctuary as his backdrop. He invites people from all backgrounds, dress preferences, and faith questions to join us. Don't miss it. You can even watch it in large format if you click on the full screen icon in the lower right of his video window. Click on the "Get Connected" tab at the top of the First Baptist Homepage (<http://firstbaptistregina.ca>) to view Pastor Joel's welcome.



## What to Expect

As a visitor to the church, you may wonder what to expect on your first visit.

### What happens when I arrive?

We trust that you'll feel welcome and at ease as you are greeted. Ushers will answer any questions you might have and provide you with a service bulletin. Visitors are welcomed but not singled out. No one will ask you to stand up or raise your hand and identify yourself.

### What will the worship service be like?



## Photograph Time

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Have You Outgrown Your Photo? If so, come and put your best smile forward.



All of us love to see a smiling face, or even a family of smiling faces.

But some of the names in our directory don't have a photo to go with them. It is sometimes difficult to put a face to a name. That is why it is so important to have everyone's photo in our 2019 First Baptist Church Photo Directory.

We will be updating our Photo Directory early in 2019. Here is your opportunity to:

- Update your family photo if you've outgrown your previous one (but not required).
- Get your photo taken if you missed the opportunity last time.
- Receive photo print(s) suitable for distribution or framing (donations accepted).
- Update your contact information.
- Receive an updated Photo Directory when it is completed (donation appreciated).
- We'll begin January 6, 2019 in the NE entry area.
- Please call us if you are unable to come – we'd love to come to your home to take your photo.

## KLC Update

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

KLC January Update:

Our directors, Tim and Shelley took in the Christian International Camping Conference in Banff in late November, and then had two weeks vacation visiting their parents and family back in Eastern Canada. Please keep them in your prayers. Some extra year-end giving has definitely helped us enter into 2019 out of crisis mode, but finances remain tight. Pray that we be successful this year in

getting summer grant money. The year 2019 looks exciting: pray that we can break the 300 campers mark with another successful and safe set of summer camps.

Collin Carbno, Secretary on the KLC board.

## Finances

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The budget for 2019 was approved by the congregation at the Fall Business Meeting. This approved budget will allow us to hire an additional full time staff. The budget, however, will require a greater commitment to giving from the congregation. As discussed at the meeting, we will be stepping out in faith that God is leading our church to being more than we are now.

The financial numbers for the end of November have not altered the year-end projections that have been highlighted at the Fall Meeting and in recent announcements. However, the initial offerings for the first weeks of December are indicating a more positive outlook for our revenue at the end of the year. But we won't know for certain until our year-end financials are complete.

Approved Operating Budget to end of November: \$355,564  
(prorated monthly)

Operating Revenue to end of November 2018: \$ 313,995

Operating Expenses to end of November 2018: \$ 312,032

Restricted Reserve Balance: \$ 183,887

CBWC Loan Balance: \$ 278,184

We have several ways in which you can to provide your regular tithes and donations to the church:

1. Place your gifts in an offering basket during any worship service or mail to the Church Office.
2. Establish a **Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) Plan**. This will automatically transfer funds from your account into the FBC Regina account on a regular basis. Please email the church or contact the Treasurer if you would like to set up PAR, or change your commitment.
3. Make an online donation:
  - Use **Interac e-Transfer** to donate from your phone or computer to [FBCRegina@gmail.com](mailto:FBCRegina@gmail.com) (*no fee or cost to the church*).
  - Use a credit card or PayPal via the **PayPal Giving Fund** (*no fee or cost to the church*).
  - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a fee of 3.5% is deducted from the donation*).

**PLEASE** refer to more specific information on these contribution methods that is available on the church website. You may email the church or contact the Treasurer for further details.

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 for 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](https://churchtraconline.com/member_access.php?church=3063591450)**

If you have not provided an email or are having problems accessing the system, please send a note to the Church Office ([main\\_fbcregina@sasktel.net](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net)).

## **Children and Youth**

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

### **CE Training Time**

Mark your calendars. January 13, 9:30 a.m.

Orientation for everyone involved in Sunday morning children's programs. All volunteers and parents are encouraged to come. The goal will be to evaluate how we are doing in each area, and to review both policy and safety concerns.

### **Nursery**

If being part of this ministry is something that you are interested in, contact Kayely Rich via email at [kayelyrich@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto:emaegers@yahoo.ca)

### **Oasis (7-11)**

Our 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, quizzing

games, cooking, science experiments, and any other way we dream up. This month the young people are studying the stories of Daniel.

## Youth

| January          | Event  |
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| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Bible Study and hang out at First Baptist Church. 7:00 - 9:00.   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Intergenerational Games Night at First Baptist Church:</b> Youth ages 10-18, and adults aged 50 and up are invited to come and participate in this event. We will be playing games and hearing testimonies from people who have had a lifelong faith in Christ. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Regina Pats hockey game:</b> Bring \$5. for your ticket and any cash you would want for food, snacks, etc. Please let Chris know if you can make this event, as we will need to purchase tickets well in advance.   |

## Congregational Care

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### Give and Take

This new section of the newsletter called "**Give and Take**" is where First Baptist folks can list things to give away or things people are looking for. Please contact Marilyn Phillips ([phillimarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:phillimarilyn@gmail.com); 306-515-1113) if you have items you wish to "Give and Take."

### Items Needed:

Does anyone need any household items?



## Tai Chi

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Tai Chi for Baptists started at First Baptist Church about 15 years ago. We have met in various venues since our beginning and have now returned to the Lower Hall. We are an exercise group that enjoys the slow, non-combative movements of Tai Chi, but with a Baptist twist (You'll recognise that by the number of moves we have renamed which seem to emphasise food and fellowship!). Tai Chi helps to build strength and balance and is beneficial for all ages. Our oldest member just celebrated her 93rd birthday, so don't think you are too old to join us! All are welcome to join us for a short devotional after our exercise time. We don't take ourselves very seriously, so there is a lot of laughter and good-natured teasing. We meet on Saturdays at 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Because some of us are wimps, we take January off, but will start up again on February 2nd. If you are curious, come in Feb. to see what we are up to! Enter by the elevator door, park in front of the Youth Centre or east of the church if you can't find street parking closer. Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking shoes (runners work well). We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Hilary Ryan

## Property Commission

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**"Go raibh maith agat!": Thank You!**

What we expected to take months was finished in weeks. Nearly everything on the list in December's newsletter was completed:

- ~~refill containers with salt~~
- ~~salt and pepper shakers cleaned and refilled~~
- ~~clean kitchen, including fridge/freezer x 2~~

- ~~fill any holes and cracks in walls, etc.~~
- ~~secure exit sign in rear Lorne Street lobby~~
- ~~fix ballast and light in nursery washroom~~
- ~~fix washroom stall latches~~
- ~~clean up sound room ceiling~~
- ~~sort out balcony west prayer room~~
- ~~fill holes in wall in balcony east side~~
- ~~fix sound room step (plaster broken)~~
- ~~clean front steps of bird droppings~~
- ~~clear snow from drop zone and disabled parking area~~
- ~~replace all coat hangers to look the same~~

~~We are looking for items on an on-going basis :~~

- ~~white plastic coat hangers~~
- ~~6 entrance matting \$124.12 each~~

In the new year we will continue with the repainting of the church, beginning with the lower hall. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Rob Stafford

## **VOICE**

The regular Wednesday evening VOICE studies begin at 7:00 o'clock at my home (77 Motherwell Cresc) on January 24th. We will finish Brennan Manning's Ragamuffin Gospel, chapters 9, 10, 11 that evening, and consider books for further study.



I have one possibility: Respectable Sins; Confronting the sins we tolerate, by Jerry Bridges. Ron Phillips recommended this

book. Some of you may have come across other books that you would like to consider. Please bring them along.

If weather and circumstances warrant, you will be notified via email whether or not the meeting will take place as scheduled. Martha.

Voice will sponsor a Novel Study on January 19 (Saturday morning) at 10:00 o'clock at the home of Annabel Robinson @ 91 Windfield Road. Novel studies are traditionally a potluck breakfast followed by discussion of a novel that everyone has read. The novel for this session is called **Educated**, written by Tara Westover. Please order and read it, and be prepared to bring along a breakfast favorite to Annabel's. We are usually finished at noon. This study is open to any woman who has read the novel.

If you have questions, please call Martha at 586 7015 or Annabel at 761 1458.

## **First Baptist Church Staff**

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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

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Learning for Life (starts Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> )                            |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:15 a.m.  | Morning Prayers   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 7:15 a.m.  | Morning Prayers   |
|                  | 5:15 p.m.  | Tuesday Nights Together   |
|                  | 6:00 pm    | JuBELLation Practice  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:15 a.m.  | Morning Prayers   |
|                  | 8:00 a.m.  | Prayer Breakfast  |
|                  | 10:00 a.m. | Achievers' Bible Study (every second Wednesday—starts Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|                  | 12:15 p.m. | Noon Prayers<br>VOICE (every second Wednesday—starts Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:15 a.m.  | Morning Prayers   |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir Practice  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7:15 a.m.  | Morning Prayers   |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Youth Event   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10 a.m.    | Tai Chi   |

## January at a Glance

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| January 19 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30 - 10 a.m. | Mens' breakfast Nicky's Café  |
| January 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10 a.m.        | VOICE novel study   |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> | 3 p.m.         | Week of Prayer for Church Unity<br>Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd. |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup> | noon           | Achievers' Lunch  |