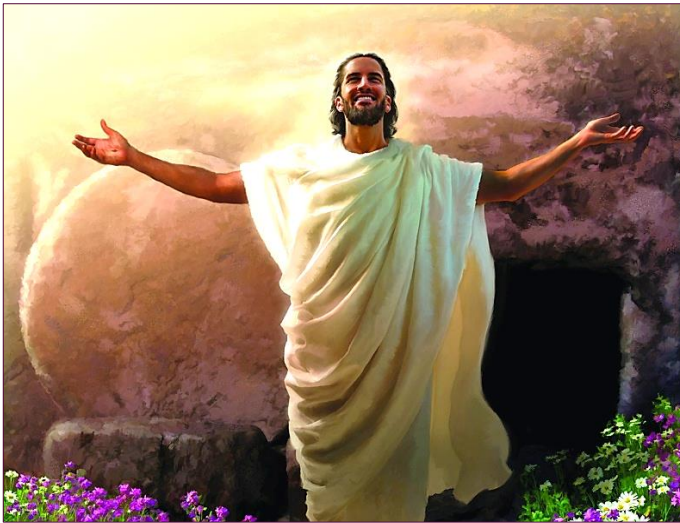


First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of April 17, 2022

Easter – The Greatest Happily-ever-after Story

All humanity's worst fears about itself and about God seemed to come to pass when Jesus was crucified. Humans were willing to torture an innocent young person to death for bland reasons: Indifference, jealousy, politics, and fear. The cross also begged the question, "Is there really is a good God, active in this world?" How could a good God allow this to happen to someone who had helped so many and had taught such profound and beautiful things?



Then suddenly, on Easter morning, all of humanity's greatest hopes and dreams began to come true: God was indeed faithful, good and present, and was making things right; humanity and this world were being redeemed and transformed.

Let's not grow discouraged as we serve and pray for others and our world. There is hope – thanks to Jesus.

In love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. L." or similar.

Pastor Joel

Birth Announcement



Luke Johnathon was welcomed on March 28, 2022 by his parents and older brother and sister, weighing in at 6 lb, 11 oz. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Eric and Amy Warren.

Happy Anniversary!

Elaine and Barry Brass celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 13th. Congratulations, Barry and Elaine, and best wishes for many more!



Youth Ministry Update

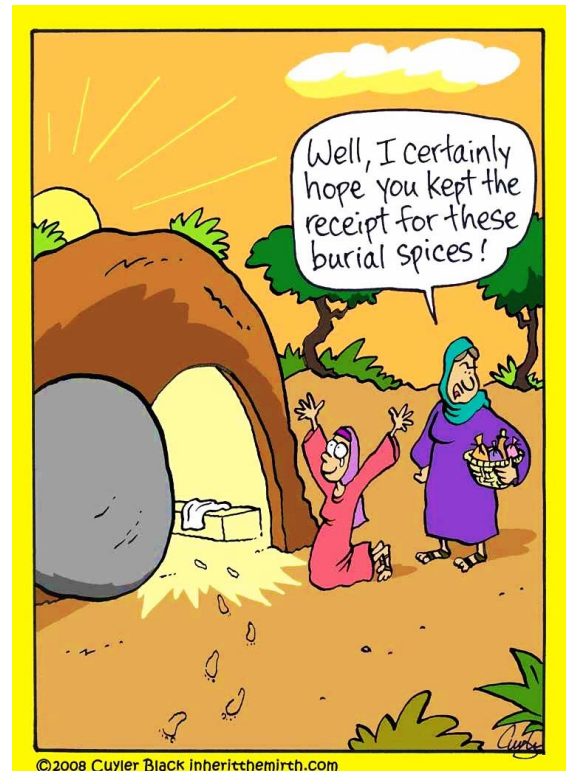
Last Thursday, April 14th, our youth, along with Pastor Chris, led us in a meaningful Maundy Thursday service. A big thank you to all who participated.

COVID Measures

We are still waiting for COVID to slow down further. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to ask people to wear a mask on Sunday mornings and in larger groups. We will continue to evaluate this week by week.

The zoo built a special eight-foot-high enclosure for its newly acquired kangaroo, but the next morning the animal was found hopping around outside. The height of the fence was increased to 15 feet, but the kangaroo got out again. Exasperated, the zoo director had the height increased to 30 feet, but the kangaroo still escaped. A giraffe asked the kangaroo, "How high do you think they'll build the fence?" "I don't know," said the kangaroo. "Maybe a thousand feet if they keep leaving the gate unlocked."

Did you hear about the scientist who crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker? He got a bird that not only delivers messages to their destination, but knocks on the door when it gets there.



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What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

Join us each morning, Monday to Thursday at 7:15 am to begin your day with scripture and prayer, via Zoom. Visit our [website](#) for the link.

Children's Ministry

There are in-person classes for children up to Grade 6 during our 11 am worship service. The children are currently working through the Lent and Easter Season stories. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

See page 2 for brief update on our youth ministry. For more information, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): Annabel Robinson is leading the series: "The Gospel of John." This whole Gospel is centred on Jesus and who he is. The class will encourage each person to ask themselves, "Who, in my experience, is Jesus?" This class is in person, and also on Zoom. For more information, please contact Annabel [by email](#) or at (306) 761-1458, or go to [our website](#). [Join Learning for Life](#).

Learning for Life between Sundays: In this class, facilitated by Joel Russell-MacLean, we are reading and reflecting on the powerful stories and personal presentation of Jesus in the Gospel according to John. This class is taking a short break and will resume on April 26th. For more information, visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Joel](#). [Join Weekday L4L](#).

Voice: A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group meets every second Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, using Zoom. For more information, contact [Bonnie Austring-Winter](#) or [Laureen Snook](#) or visit [our website](#).

Reading through the Pauline Epistles: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact [Norma](#) or call the church at (306) 359-1450. [Join Reading the Pauline Epistles](#).

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912



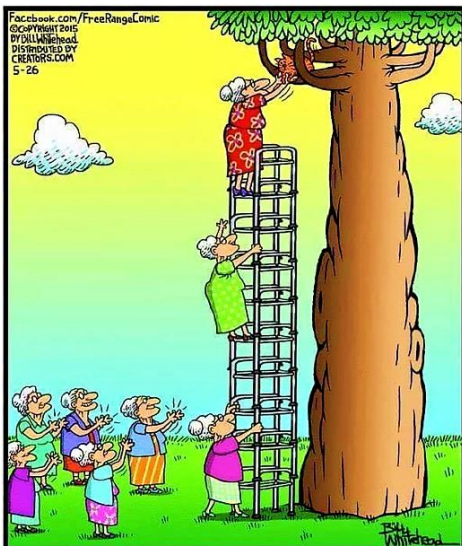
Know of someone with no computer and/or internet access and cannot come to church in person? Please let them know that there is an easy way to listen to a recent Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on a landline phone or cell phone. This number takes you straight to the sermon recording.

Tithes and Offerings

Whether you are attending Sunday services in person or online, there are several methods that you can use to give your tithes and donations to the church:

1. Mail your gifts to the church or call and leave a message at (306) 359-1450 to arrange for an in-person pick-up. Please place your cheque in your regular offering envelope (or any envelope marked "Offering"), and seal that inside another envelope addressed to: First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina, SK S4P 0S4.
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 a credit or debit card to make a donation from our website. (*The church is charged a small processing fee for each donation.*)
 - Use **Interac e-Transfer** to donate from your phone or computer to FBCRegina@gmail.com (*no fee or cost to the church*)
 - Use a credit card with a PayPal account via the **PayPal Giving Fund** (*no fee or cost to the church – 100% of your donation reaches us*)
 - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a 4% fee is deducted from the donation*)
 - Use a credit or debit card via **FBC ChurchTrac** (*the church is charged a fee of approximately 3% for each donation*)

PLEASE refer to our website at firstbaptistregina.ca for more specific information on these contribution methods. You may also contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497 or email the church at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net for further details.



Here, kitty kitty!

A pair of Martians landed on a country road on Earth in the middle of the night. "Where are we?" one asked.

I think we're in a cemetery," her companion answered. "Look at the gravestone over there—that man lived to be 108."

"What was his name?"

"Miles to Winnipeg."

Q. How many car salesmen does it take to change a light bulb?

A. I'm just going to work this out on my calculator, and I think you're going to be pleasantly surprised.