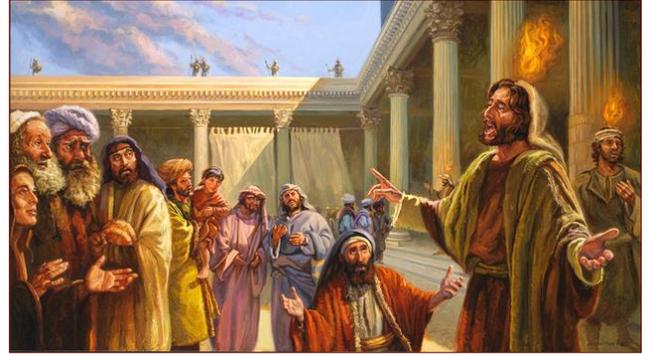


First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of June 19, 2022

I wonder what it would've been like to be present on the day of Pentecost? To be sitting in a house with other believers, figuring out what life would look like now that Jesus had ascended into heaven. To hear what sounded like a violent wind. To see fire splitting apart like tongues of fire and coming to rest on each person present. To be filled with the Holy Spirit. To be surrounded by believers speaking in languages they had never been taught. To be proclaiming the good news of Jesus to people in their own languages. To see 3000 people coming to faith in Jesus, repenting, and being baptized, all in one day. I wonder what all of that would've felt like?



As you imagined being present at Pentecost, what came to your mind? Feel free to pause and take your time re-reading the first paragraph or go into more depth by reading Acts 2:1-41.

For myself, I can't help but think of some very exciting days in my own life with all the emotional energy and excitement that came with them. Experience has taught me, however, that I need ordinary days between these exciting times to come back down to earth, so to speak, and to process the big exciting moments of life. I need times of normalcy and times of rest. But what did the believers do after the exciting times at Pentecost? "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

As we transition into the summer season in the northern hemisphere, we too have an opportunity to process some of the excitement that has been going on in our lives – both the positive events and the more challenging circumstances. I want to encourage you to do so in community, as much as you are able.



We are hoping to host a variety of fellowship events over the coming months. I encourage you to join as you are able. I encourage you to come and share what you are learning as you follow Jesus and ask others the same. I encourage you to pray together and eat together. And when these things aren't possible in person, I encourage you to find alternate ways to devote yourselves to the community of believers so

that, together, through the ordinary, we might all be encouraged to walk closer to Jesus and enjoy praising God together.

With love,

Pastor Kayely

Summer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services

As of July 3rd, Sunday worship services will begin at 10 am. This schedule will be in effect from July 3rd to September 4th, after which we will resume our 11 am starting time.

Voice – Women’s Novel Study

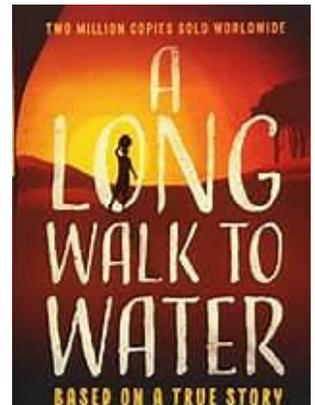
When: June 22, 5pm

Host: Julie Rich

Food: Potluck – bring an item to share

RSVP: [Julie Rich](#)

The novel chosen for the June 22nd study is “A Long Walk to Water,” by Linda Sue Park. The book begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan. One is a girl, in 2008 and the other, a boy, in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two-hour walk from her home: She makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot, as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness, to attack by armed rebels, to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya’s in an astonishing and moving way. Includes an afterword by author Linda Sue Park and the real-life Salva Dut, on whom the novel is based, and who went on to found the organization, “Water for South Sudan.”



For more information, visit [our website](#), contact Julie Rich or Bonnie Austring-Winter, email [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

An Opportunity for Fellowship

As we seek for ways to fellowship together, we have decided to reinstate an activity from a few years ago. Starting on July 3rd, and throughout the summer months, we will provide a cold beverage in front of the church, immediately following the morning worship service. We encourage you to take this opportunity to connect with others in your church family.

It’s Grad Month!

June is the time where we typically celebrate our graduates – young and old! Do you know of any graduates in our church community? Please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or in person with the name(s) and details about the type of graduation, so we can include them in our newsletter and a Sunday worship service.



Spring Financial Update

Thank you to each and every one of you who kindly gives to First Baptist Church! We seek to provide you with periodic updates as to how the church finances are doing. As of the end of May 2022, we are running a deficit of \$10.7K. We are grateful that we have been able to use savings to cover this difference. Overall, spending has been on budget. As is often the case at this time of year, year-to-date giving is under the budgeted amount. However, it is also worth noting that giving to the end of May is lower than it was at this time last year. We recognize that costs are rising these days and pray for God's provision personally and corporately. We thank you in advance for the gifts you are able to make as we head into these summer months. Your ongoing contributions are helpful to us in planning, as we are hoping to hire more pastoral staff soon.

Links in the Newsletter

A recent comment has brought it to my attention that more clarity is needed in regards to the links included in the text of this newsletter. Anytime you see blue-coloured text, it indicates that that text contains a link, either to an email address, or to a website page. Just click on the blue text to activate the link. If you have any trouble using these links, please contact me at the [church email](#), or at (306) 359-1450, Ext. 226.

—Esther Gurnsey

Donations for the Al Hussein Family

We have received a number of donations for the family—thank you to everyone who has dropped off items at the church. There are several significant items that are still needed. Please ensure that they are in good condition so that they can withstand the normal wear and tear of family life over the coming years while the family works to build up their own resources:

- Queen sized bed frame and mattress
- Dressers



If you have one of these items, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 before you come, to make sure someone will be here to let you in. As well, please let Barb know what you are donating so that she can update the list. (To see the full list of needs, please click here: [Al Hussein family list](#).)

The family will have also other needs that will require money. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your cheque out to the church, and mark "Refugee Fund" clearly on the envelope. For more information, contact Barb Ziolkowski, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or [email the church](#).

Backyard Barbecues and Patio Parties

We have heard a number of folks express their desire to gather socially around food and fellowship. If you would be willing to host either a barbecue or patio party this summer, please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or by phone at (306) 359-1450.



Hosting a patio party means that you would provide a dessert and beverages. For a backyard barbecue, you would provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. For any barbecues held, a free will offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

The number of barbecues and/or patio parties planned will depend on the number of people able to host an event.

Reaching Staff this Summer

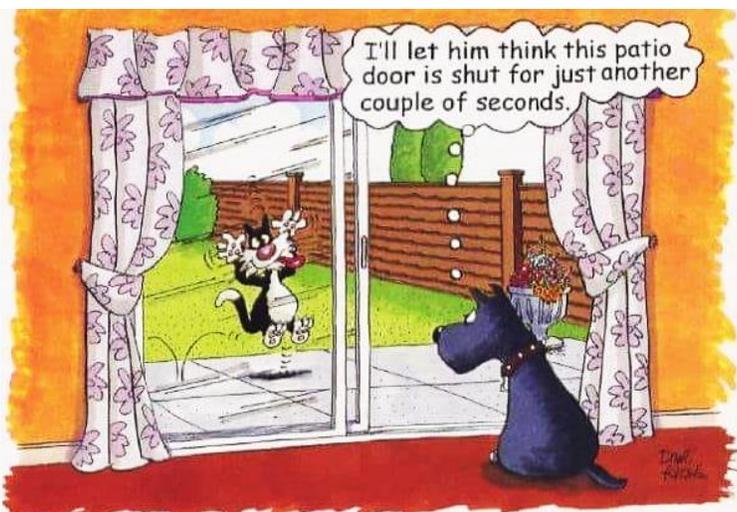
These are the best days to reach staff at the church:

Monday – Thursday: Kayely

Monday – Friday (afternoons): Esther

At times, staff will be with someone, ministering outside the church, or may have simply booked some time off. If you would like to meet with Kayely or Esther in person, or if you need to get into the church, please call ahead at (306) 359-1450 or send [an email to the church](#), to ensure that we will be available.

As is true throughout the year, please feel free to contact staff by phone any day of the week. Our numbers are in the church directory. If we are unable to answer, please leave a message so we can get back to you. If you need a directory, send us [an email](#) or call the church at (306) 359-1450, and we will get a copy to you.



Secretary to her boss on the intercom: “There’s a gentleman on the line who would like to inquire into the secret of your success.”

After a prolonged silence, the boss asks in a hoarse voice: “Is he a journalist or a policeman?”

Happiness is best kept when it’s given away.

COVID-19 Measures Update

The board would like to thank the people of First Baptist for their patience and care of one another in wearing masks on Sunday mornings and in larger groups, throughout these last months.

The board has now passed a motion to make the *use of masks optional, starting on Sunday, June 26*. We recognize that for some people this decision brings relief, while for others, it causes discomfort. We ask that you please continue to be sensitive to the needs of the brothers and sisters in Christ around you. Some may prefer their space. Others may be looking for a handshake or a hug.

We welcome your questions and feedback, especially if this change is uncomfortable for you. Please contact our board chair, Ron Phillips, or [Pastor Kayely](#), call the church office at (306) 359-1450, or send an email to [the church](#), so that we can discuss together what we can do to help make this situation workable for you.

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

The Godly Play and Oasis classes will be wrapping up for the year at the end of June. During the summer months, all kids are invited to attend a class on the Books of the Bible during the worship service. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

The youth met on June 17th. They are now taking a break and will resume meeting the fall. For more information, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Adult classes will resume in the fall.

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.



Q. Why did the introvert become an astronomer?

A. She needed her space.

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

A. Five—one to change it and four to deny it.

Q. How many surrealist painters does it take to change a light bulb?

A. A fish.

Q. How do trees go online?

A. They log in.