

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of June 27th, 2021

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.” Proverbs 17:17

John and I have worked together for nearly fourteen years. He has been a ‘Barnabas’, or, an encourager, to me. There have been times of adversity. Sometimes that adversity came through the challenges of ministry. Sometimes I was the adversity!

We’ve heard from many people over the past months about John’s ministry, and here I add my own words. John cares deeply. I could name many things, but I am grateful for John’s friendship. There has been laughter and tears, prayer, and satisfaction in our work. I know the door will always be open (though I may have to be ready for a 5 am breakfast.)



John has arranged for summer music and the search is underway for an interim staff position for this fall. Would you join your leadership is praying for God to guide us and to call just the right person to us? And let us all re-commit ourselves to care, with affection, for one another. The ability to do this is the greatest legacy of this congregation.

Yours with love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. L.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Joel

Congratulations to our Grads!

We extend our congratulations to Adam Johnston and Isaiah Gagnon on their Grade 12 graduation. Well done, Adam and Isaiah!

New Time for Sunday Worship Services!

Starting this Sunday, July 4th, Sunday worship services will begin at 10 am. This schedule will be in effect for July and August.

Music Ministry Update

The “Music Futures” Committee has been hard at work and looking toward our fall music ministry. The two positions that we are looking to fill are listed below, along with a brief summary of what each one entails. Please visit [our website](#) for a detailed description of each position.

1. Church Pianist

- To support our Sunday morning worship services and other services if possible (e.g. weddings)
- The possibility of accompaniment for church choir, should it resume

2. Worship and Music Coordinator

- Participation in planning Sunday morning worship services
- Music leadership on Sunday mornings and special services
- Coordination of the audio-visual team
- Church choir, should it resume
- Seasonal concerts (optional)
- Visual worship arrangements (optional)

Both of these are one-year, term positions with the possibility of extensions, depending on mutual agreement. We are now looking for “Expressions of Interest.” The committee will then pursue suitable candidates. *Please pray for this process.* For more information please talk with Pastor Joel, or with one of the other committee members: Laureen Snook, Amy Warren, and Brenda Ziolkowski.

Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC) Mini Golf Fundraiser – July 3rd

Join us for our first ever KLC Mini Golf Fundraiser at Battle Creek Adventure Park (formerly Prairie Storm Paintball)! We're always striving to provide the best summer that our campers have ever had, but we can't do this without your support. For more information or to register, talk to Rosemary Ward or visit the [KLC website](#). Or, register by emailing Payton at admin@katepwalakecamp.com.

Children's Ministry: The kids have grown so much, Part I...

The pandemic has changed our lives in many ways. Yet the kids of First Baptist have been finding ways to flourish in the midst of the challenges. We have asked parents to share some short highlights about the activities and accomplishments of their kids over the last year. We hope you enjoy reading them!

Noah (1) loves appliances, climbing, wrestling and being outside. He keeps us on the run with his constant movement and energy!

Isaac (1) has enjoyed figuring out how everything works. He uses these skills to help mom and dad in the kitchen, insisting on helping even when he isn't asked!

Karter (2) has been practicing his words. He has had a lot of time with mom and dad when his big brother, Jackson, goes to school. He loves to play outside and explore

William (2 1/2) is very active and loves playing outside, especially with trucks, tractors and other vehicles. He spends most days at daycare and is by far the chattiest kid in his group. He is very excited to meet his baby sister in the fall.

Adrianna (3) started preschool two mornings a week this year. She is a friendly, outgoing little girl who loves drawing, giggling, ponies and being sassy.

Autumn (4) had an amazing year at school: she made friends her age. Her writing and imagination flourished. She is kind to others.

Grace (4) finished her first year of prekindergarten. She's shown so much improvement in things like writing her name and colouring in the lines.

Isaiah (4) enjoys climbing, exploring and all things outdoors. He made a video with his mom about the Regina Indian Industrial School for one of her university classes.

Klara (4) spent the year trying to keep up with everything her big sister did. She especially enjoyed going to gymnastics and climbing on the play structure.

Jackson (5) has been really enjoying kindergarten and has made a lot of friends.

Caius (5 1/2) spent the year doing school at home. He was really interested in numbers and learned how to add, subtract and print his name really well.

Kaleb (6) finished kindergarten this year! He is a really creative and inquisitive kid, often making things out of whatever household supplies he can get his hands on. He loves battles, lego, dressing up and directing his siblings.

Axl (6) has grown in confidence and is loving school so much. He loves to practice God's ways in helping others, including everyone, and being kind.

Annabelle (6) attended online teacher education classes with her mom while homeschooling. It was a good experience and they're sad things are going back to "normal" in-person school.

Lizzy (6) discovered a love for homeschooling this year, enjoying reading many books and bringing scientific inquiry to her work and play. She loves crafts and building Lego.

We've had such a great response to our request for these updates that we ran out of room! More updates will be coming in the next newsletter! If you haven't had a chance to submit an update on your child(ren), please text or email a brief update to [Pastor Kayely](#) and we'll share it in a future newsletter.

Our Condolences...

We extend our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Donna Veldhuis, who passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Donna and her late husband, Harry, were faithful members of First Baptist for many years.



Kathleen Smith, the youngest sister of Eva Basky, passed away recently. Our prayers and condolences go to Al and Eva Basky, along with other family and friends.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Rob Sentis' parents, Barbara and Randall Sentis, on June 1, 2021. We extend our condolences and prayers to Rob and his family, and other family and friends. The funeral was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. To watch the service, go to the [Speers website](#).



"You'll have to get behind me and push."

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie.

"I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

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

See page 4 to read about some of the interesting things that the children of First Baptist Church have doing in the past year or so.

Online children's programming is taking a break for the summer. We invite families to...

- Enjoy the activity packs provided for those attending in person on Sundays. It's so nice to have families in the worship service as we work towards rebuilding our volunteer base.
- Sign up for Katepwa Lake Camp (day camps, overnight camps, family camps)
- Send a note to [Pastor Kayely](#) sharing what your kids have done this past year so we can celebrate their accomplishments and events throughout the year. What have your kids done to survive and thrive throughout this odd year?

For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth

Since health guidelines have been relaxed in regards to outdoor gatherings, the youth are now able to meet in person. On Saturday morning, June 26th, they met for a round of mini golf. Turnouts at their meetings have been great—evidence of how much they are appreciating being able to meet in person again. For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adults

Learning for Life and the other small groups will be taking a break for July and August. For more information, see [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Give & Take

Item to give away: Power recliner in very good condition. If you or someone you know can put this chair to good use, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an email to [the church](#).



Increased Capacity at Sunday Worship Services

As the maximum gathering size allowed for places of worship has been increased, we have increased our capacity level for Sunday worship services.



As you are probably aware, we are all at different places regarding our comfort level in joining a public gathering. Some are already very comfortable being out in public. On the other hand, some have hardly ventured out of their homes for quite some time. In light of this, we can care for each other by being patient and gentle with those whose comfort level is different than ours.

While progress is being made in our goal of returning to a more normal way of life, the pandemic is not over yet. In order to keep each other safe, we will continue to follow all health guidelines for public gatherings. As a reminder, here are the main ones:

1. Everyone is required to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose for the entire time they are at the church.
2. Everyone is required to wash their hands with sanitizer when they enter the building.
3. Everyone is required to follow the arrows on the floor. The ushers are there to help you. Please look to them for guidance.
4. A distance of 6 feet/2 metres is required between households.

For a complete list of the Worship Service Guidelines, please visit [our website](#).

Please note that, now that the weather is milder, you are asked to *head straight outside to visit*, rather than using the foyer or aisles for that purpose.

Also note that Zoom participants will continue to be fully included as part of Sunday morning worship at 11 am.

For information about children and youth programming, please see page 5.

Apartment for Rent

Furnished basement apartment for rent in a quiet neighbourhood near Regina Avenue and Pasqua Street. One bedroom and rec room, private bathroom and shower, washer and dryer, fridge, outside car plug-in, and private entrance. Share kitchen with owner. No pets, no smoking inside. \$700 a month, available August 1, 2021. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please call (306) 584-8143.

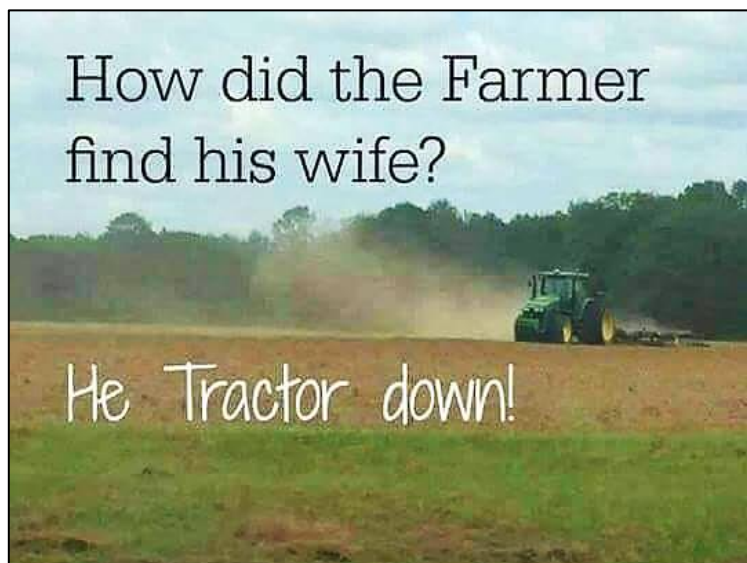
Tithing during the pandemic

With the COVID-19 crisis limiting contact with others and restricting meetings of groups, please do not neglect the financial needs of our church.

We have several ways to provide your regular 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 **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 and contributes to our mission*)
 - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a fee of 4% 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.



What did one hat say to the other?
You wait here. I'll go on a head.

What did the bald man exclaim when
he received a comb for a present?
Thanks—I'll never part with it!

Where are average things manu-
factured?
At the satisfactory.

Why couldn't the sesame seed
leave the gambling casino?
Because he was on a roll.