

# First Baptist Church

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The first sunny days above freezing have come. We have opened our windows and spent time cleaning, inside and out. We have gone through closets and cabinets. Some things were put away, some brought out, and others were no longer needed.

Lent and Easter can work together in our lives this way. Lent encourages us to clean out our habits, behaviour, our thoughts and our heart under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter encourages us to live a new life while we wait for the day when we see Jesus ourselves face to face.

May God purify us and cleanse us and may the joy of Jesus, alive forevermore, be with us all.

With love,  
Pastor Joel

## Achievers

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An exciting group for those 55 years and older who enjoy fabulous fellowship, marvelous menus, great guest speakers, devotional thought for the day, and laughter.

**Achievers Luncheon** When: Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Where: First Baptist Church Lower Hall

Menu: Chicken, vegetable, salad, buns, dessert, and beverage

Cost: \$10

Guest Speaker: John Robinson, Principal Designer/Partner for Robinson Residential Design, Inc.



For more information, visit [achieversregina.ca](http://achieversregina.ca)



## Achievers Bible Study

The Bible study meets every other Wednesday in the church boardroom at 10:00 a.m. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin the book of Jonah.

## Prayer Times

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Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m., Monday to Thursday

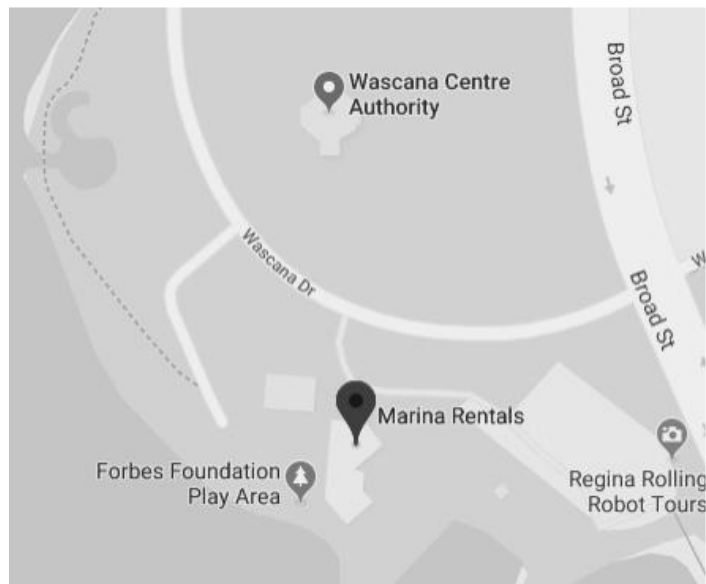
Noon prayer 12:15 p.m., Wednesday

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!

## Men's Breakfast

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Our April breakfast falls on Easter weekend. Instead of Saturday, we will meet Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 at the marina for a short Easter sunrise service, and then return to the church for a warm breakfast.



## Diaconate Report

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The new staff search consumed a good portion of our thinking and efforts. My warmest, strongest welcome to our new pastoral staff. Welcome! We look forward to working with you. Some very positive things are happening that will help grow our church attendance and membership.

Speaking of growing, God is often speaking to us, asking us to up our game, to improve in some area, and to tackle problems in others. We need to recognize that it has nothing to do with our salvation or whether God will love us. God loves us no matter what we do and He died for us we were yet sinners. God is transforming us and working everything in his own time and place. One reason for praying is that an aspect of prayer is giving God permission to work in our lives. So I pray that God will help us all, to see and understand what he is telling us to do, and that we do it, being open to the leading of the spirit.

Collin Carbno  
Chair of Diaconate FBC

## **Music@First: Easter Alleluia Concert, 2019**

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Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

A parade of celebration \* A garden of despair \* A hill of sorrow  
An empty tomb \* A victory over death and sin

Invite your friends and family to this memorable and moving retelling of The Easter Story through the use of bells, choirs, congregational singing, instrumental/vocal numbers, special readings, and guest musicians:

Paul Anderson (cello)  
Brianna Ludwig (clarinet)

Eleanor Hector (violin)  
Karen Martin (voice)

A meaningful musical highlight you do not want to miss!

Posters and invitations are available for distribution. For more information, please speak to Pastor John.

### **The Story Behind the Song**

“Gethsemane”- Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

“‘Gethsemane’ was written as a prequel to our hymn, ‘The Power of the Cross.’ It considers the anguish of Christ in the Garden as He wrestles with the grief that marks the road ahead of Him and the costly reach of grace that comes as every sin is covered, every single one. Our darkest moments find a resting place here in the darkest of all moments as the God who becomes fully human fully saves.” - Keith Getty



# **First Baptist Church**

**2241 Victoria Avenue**

presents

## *"Easter Alleluia"*

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Choirs/ Handbells/ Soloists  
Instrumentalists/ Readings**

**Guest musicians: Paul Anderson, cello;  
Eleanor Hector, violin; Brianna Ludwig, clarinet;  
Karen Martin, voice**

**Everyone welcome  
Free will offering**

## FBC Staff Update

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We are very pleased to announce two new additions to pastoral staff beginning in the coming months. Both will be working part time.



### **Rev Kayely Rich**

Kayely has been a pastor in Regina, and has provided leadership at the Caring Place and at The Arrow Leadership Program in Vancouver. Kayely and her husband Gerald have two daughters (Lizzy and Klara) and have been foster parents throughout their marriage. As a pastor's daughter, she was born and raised in CBWC churches in western Canada.

Kayely brings experience in pastoral leadership and administration and she is a professional counsellor. She will also be providing leadership in the children's programs. Kayely will be starting in April while she completes her term as CBWC President in May.

### **Rev Dr Richard Hovey**

Richard has been a pastor in Moose Jaw since 2012 and completed his DMin through George Fox Seminary in 2018. His first pastorates were in our sister denomination in Atlantic Canada, the CBAC. Richard helped launch Renovare Canada and continues to lead spiritual retreats and seminars as Renovare grows.





Richard and his wife Julie have one daughter in university and two daughters at home.

Richard brings experience as pastor, in growing new ministries, and in leadership development. His approach to ministry is through spiritual direction and formation. Initially, Richard will focus on discipleship and visitation while we look at some outreach opportunities.



Richard will begin in June or July. His daughter will be going into grade 12 in the fall and his wife will be in her final year of study at Briarcrest, so Richard will be commuting to Regina into the new year.

## **Victoria Avenue Improvements**

The City will be making improvements to Victoria Avenue, which will affect access to the church. They will be replacing sidewalks, curbs and the roadway surface, and completing tree planting and replacements in the center median between Broad and Albert Streets. The construction will start at one end and continue to the other, block-by-block, over the summer months. The City will let us know in advance when the construction will affect the church and we will let you know what to expect. If you have questions, please talk to Joel.

## KLC

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Please mark your calendars and come out for the KLC AGM on May 5th after church at Argyle Road Baptist Church. Enjoy lunch and hear about our vision for the camp, our continued efforts for renewing the KLC facilities, and building a sustainable ministry. A fairly long list of things requiring immediate fixing has developed—if you have the desire and the skills, please contact Tim Keizer at 306-332-4727.

Collin Carbno  
KLC Board Secretary

## Luther Bach Choir

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For over 35 years the Luther Bach Choir at Luther College's University of Regina campus has been offering sacred choral music as a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us for our 2019 Palm Sunday concert on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Rex Schneider Auditorium at Luther College, University of Regina. Along with guest conductor Dorianna Holowachuk and guest instrumentalists, the choir will present music by J.S. Bach, Berezovski, Lysenko, and others. We invite you to begin your Holy Week discipline with this concert of devotional music. A freewill offering will be taken, parking is free (Lot 13, north of the College), and a reception will follow the concert.

## VOICE!

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Voice! is a group for women who love to read. We meet every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Martha Pauls'. If you have questions please call Martha at 586-7015.





## Church Library Corner

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*The Way Back: How Christians Blew Our Credibility and How We Get It Back* is a thought-provoking and inspiring book written by Phil Cooke and Jonathan Bock (P&J) that came out in 2018. P&J's view is that early Christianity took the world by storm and transformed every aspect of society, but today, Christianity is retreating on all fronts.

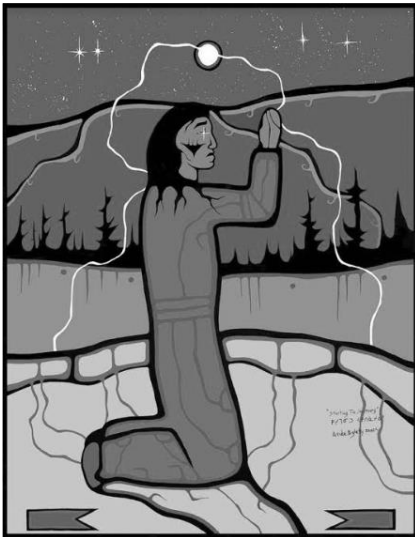
What is the problem? According to P&J, it's that folks have lost faith in the basic product. P&J challenge us to rethink Christianity and what it means to be a Christian. They talk about radical humility, mysteries of surrender, submission, service, sacrifice, simplicity, suffering and Scripture, living a life of pure holiness, understanding that the world is not against us, and understanding that we aren't in charge. They then explore concepts such as Craiglist Christmas, apartment care teams, the initiative against global human trafficking, the baby drop box, and many more radical and life-transforming initiatives. The point P&J are trying to make is not that we should duplicate these amazing ministries, but that the attitude, spirit, and prayer that launched these initiatives will ignite a fire under all of us. If we do that, then once again Christians will turn the world upside down. Amazingly, it is happening already since God is clearly at work in our world.

Will you come on board? History is being made.

Collin Carbno  
Church Librarian

## The Creator's Sacrifice: A Lenten Journey through Christian Indigenous Art

Our sanctuary will be home to a vivid series of paintings to help us remember the journey Jesus took to his throne. The style will be new to many of us and perhaps remind us of the power of Jesus' life. It is also a chance to celebrate God's word thriving among Indigenous people.



Ovide Bighetty,  
"Starting the Journey"

Indigenous Christian Fellowship (formerly Indian-Metis Christian Fellowship) has arranged with First Baptist for a loan of the reproductions of a beautiful and moving series of paintings they commissioned. We have made a donation to their ministry in North Central Regina.

Among North American indigenous peoples, there is the story that, before Europeans arrived on Turtle Island, elders had visions about white people coming from the east with a story from the Creator. In 2002, Indian Metis Christian Fellowship (IMCF) commissioned Cree

artist Ovide Bighetty to depict the vision that an elder had of Kisemanito Pakitinasuwin - The Creator's Sacrifice; (the Easter story or the passion of Jesus Christ). Ovide accepted the challenge to paint the story in a fashion consistent with both the accounts in the gospels and aboriginal culture. Ovide painted the elder's vision of the Easter story in his own aboriginal style which he describes as 'Woodland Cree'. The setting for this Christian aboriginal artwork is the pre-European landscape of Ovide's child hood home, Pukatawagan First Nation, Manitoba, Canada.

*(Taken from the Indigenous Christian Fellowship website  
<http://www.imcf.ca/art-gallery.html>)*

## **Learning for Life**

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Learning for Life will be looking at the Gospel of Mark until April 14. After Easter, we will be studying the Psalms and Prayer. Join us Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. in the library.

## **Give and Take**

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Electric frying pan to give away - contact James and Barbara Ellemers (306-565-0509)

## **Tuesday Nights Together**

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On Tuesday nights we get together, bringing our own meals and something to share with the group. Supper starts at 5:15 p.m., but folks arrive between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., depending on their schedules. Supper is followed by a Bible study. Join us for the meal, join us for the Bible study, or join us for both.

## **Annual Church Picnic**

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Willow Island

Sunday, June 9, 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a great afternoon of games, music, food, fun, and prizes!

- Salad and dessert potluck.
- Hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages provided.
- Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, plates, and flatware.
- Freewill offering to defray costs.
- Wheelchair access available, contact Pastor Joel to arrange. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer in mid-May.



## Financial Report

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The 2018 financial audit has been completed. No significant issues were identified. The key points were discussed at the AGM on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The 2019 year-to-date financials indicate that offerings to the end of February were 13% below giving for the same period in 2018. Although total operating expenses to the end of February were 16% below our balanced budget of \$68.1K, the church is in a deficit position for the beginning of the year.

### **Approved Operating Budget for 2019: \$ 408,700**

Approved Operating Budget to end of February 2019: \$68,117 (prorated monthly)

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| Operating Revenue to end of February 2019:  | \$48,772  |
| Operating Expenses to end of February 2019: | \$57,037  |
| Restricted Reserve Balance:                 | \$179,607 |
| CBWC Loan Balance:                          | \$264,898 |

### *Reminders...*

We have several ways 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 at [main\\_fbcregina@sasktel.net](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net) 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 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:

**<http://firstbaptistregina.ca/get-connected/churchtrac/>**

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

## **DONATIONS**

\*Pre-authorized  
Remittance  
(PAR) Plan

\*Online donation

\*Offering basket  
on Sunday  
morning

## Lebanon Partnership Update

Meet our "SENT to Lebanon Team"! They will be travelling June 14-27, 2019 to visit our Lebanese partners and ministries.



The trip itinerary includes the Middle East Conference in Bierut on the theme "Thinking Biblically about Muslims, Mohammad and the Qur'an." The team will also get to know our "adopted" mission partners, Emad & Almessa Botros, their sons, Timothy and Nathaniel, and see firsthand some of their ministries with students at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS), with churches and with refugees.



كلية اللاهوت المعمدانية العربية  
Arab Baptist Theological Seminary

## **Lebanon Luncheon Fundraiser**

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On Sunday, May, 26, at 12:15 p.m there will be a fundraiser that includes our second live chat with the Botros family. We'll also have a presentation from our SENT team, so mark the date on your calendars!



## **Children**

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Children from 3 to 11 are invited to go downstairs most Sundays.

### **Nursery (ages newborn - 3)**

### **Godly Play (ages 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

### **Oasis (ages 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 our students will finish studying the Lord's Prayer and Sermon on the Mount and will begin studying God's coming recreation of heaven and earth.



## Youth

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | <p><b>Paint Night at FBC:</b> we will have Julie Rich lead us in creating our own unique works of art! This was a popular event last year, but was only for the young ladies in the group. Some of the young gentlemen said that they wanted to paint, so, it's now open to all :)</p> <p>Cost: \$2</p> <p>Time: 7:00 - 9:00</p> <p>Dress appropriately as I tend to be very messy when painting and my brush might accidentally attack you.</p> |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | Bible Study at FBC - 7:00 - 9:00   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> | <p><b>Easter Weekend</b> - no youth. Youth are invited to attend the Maundy Thursday service at First Baptist Church, the Sunrise Service at 6:30 am on Friday with a breakfast to follow, and/or the joint service at Westhill Park Baptist.</p>  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                      | Spring Break week - no youth event on Friday.  |



## **Property Report**

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Thank you to everyone for your response to our last request for help! Now that we are nicely into spring, we have a few new projects that will soon be underway:

**Kitchen** - cupboard cleaning and repair

**Lower hall** - painting, lighting upgrade

**History wall** - (we're looking for old photos of the church or members of the church)

**Classrooms and nursery** - painting, cleaning toys and windows

**Library** - replacing seating, upgrading lighting to LED, cleaning windows

**Storage area** - cleaning chairs and tables

**Sanctuary** - cleaning pews, walls, and timber work; cleaning and replacing ceiling lights

**Outside** - gardening and irrigation

**Sign** - update and renew

Cleaning and mending pastors' worship gowns

If any of these projects interest you, please let Pastor Joel know, or contact [robertstafford27@yahoo.com](mailto:robertstafford27@yahoo.com).

Rob Stafford  
Property Commission

## Gardening

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Spring is always eagerly awaited, especially after a particularly frigid winter! A few of us began to look at the garden around the church last fall and we will be going further with plans this spring and summer. To make sure spring starts on a colorful note, Anne Bellows and I planted tulip bulbs in various areas last fall. Please join us in eagerly examining the beds for signs of growth as the snow recedes.

Many of the shrubs and trees have become overgrown and need renewal, so we will be doing some hard pruning before they leaf out. Beware - they may look worse before they look better, but please bear with us. We are also looking at putting in a system of hoses to make sure that every area gets the proper amount of water (but not too much!)



As with any activity around the church, we are always looking for donations of time, talent and materials. Thanks goes out to Cheryl Johnston who has already offered some sheep manure :), and Klaus Link who has offered some bedding plants. If anyone has a green thumb and wants to be part of this project, please contact Rosemary Ward (306-501-6672).

## Holy Week

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### **April 18<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**

A service reflecting on the seven last words of Jesus and a celebration of the Last Supper. Several members of the congregation and the youth will be participating.

### **April 19<sup>th</sup>: Combined Good Friday Service, 10:30 a.m.**

Westhill Park Baptist Church, 8025 Sherwood Drive,  
with Argyle Road Baptist Church & First Baptist Church

A meaningful service of contemplation and anticipation! Rev. David Simpson preaching. Congregational singing led by Westhill Park worship team, Ms. Christa Walsh (piano) & Dr. Mark Anderson (organist). Free Will offering to be taken up to support CBM's African food security program.

Invite your friends and family to attend! All interested singers are invited to join the Good Friday Choir at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse two music selections to be sung during the service.

### **April 21<sup>st</sup>: Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.**

Wascana Marina, 2900 Wascana Dr

A short celebration of Jesus' resurrection under the sunrise followed by a warm and joyful breakfast in the lower hall.

## **Interview: Norma Holtslander**

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*Norma, as you approach ordination we would all like to get to know you a little better. First, could you tell us about your childhood?*

I was born in Lindsay, Ontario, went to public school in Hamilton, started high school in Toronto and graduated from high school in Foxboro,



Massachusetts. My father was a pastor with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

I thoroughly enjoyed growing up as a pastor's daughter and being involved in the church. It was probably the guidance and influence of my father that gave me those positive feelings.

My father often took me to his study at the church where I read or played as he prepared sermons, talked with people, planned various activities of the church's life. He also took me with him when he visited in homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

As with many others raised in Christian homes, I don't remember the specific time when I came into relationship with Jesus. I grew up with a strong awareness of God in my life, loving church activities and people from "my" church. But during DVBS (I was 8), my teacher was appalled that the pastor's daughter had not as yet "become a Christian." She marched me upstairs to the sanctuary, made me kneel down in front of a pew, and recite some prayer after her. Then she had me write my name and date in the front of my Bible (July 17, 1947) and ordered me to go home and tell my parents. I obediently did all that. When I told my parents, they told me how one night after my little brother had been born, I had made a confession that I knew "Jesus lived inside of me."

***You mentioned that you served as a missionary . . .***

Perhaps the many missionaries in our home through the years influenced my desire as a child to be a missionary. Then my strong desire to be a sincere follower of Jesus was also a powerful force.

I grew up in the Christian and Missionary Alliance church so being a missionary was high up on the scale of spirituality for me. I also read many books about different cultures that created a thirst for going

outside of North America. But I was sincere in desiring to please God with my life. Therefore, it was also natural for me to attend our denominational school in Nyack, New York, (from where my parents had graduated), to study Scripture, theology, and educational and missionary principles, and to apply to our church and missionary organization for “full-time service.”

After that I did a Masters degree in Bridgeport, Conn.

From 1962-1972 I served as a missionary with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Quito, Ecuador. In that capacity I taught in a residential high school. I was kept busy with a variety of responsibilities. I worked in the local Alliance Spanish-speaking church in organizing special music, but I was able to do that in English.

Shortly after arriving in Ecuador I came to a crisis. What was I now working towards? I had completed my life goal; I was a missionary. Now what? It was at this point God became very real to me. Now I wasn't following my plans for life. I could now hear him a lot clearer. I came to the point that it was not my service to God that was the most important thing. It was my worship of him, my getting to know him. Out of that, my service would flow. It didn't matter where in the world I lived or worked helping, teaching, encouraging people in their relationship with God was my call and still is.

### ***What happened after that?***

When I first came back to Canada, I was living with my parents in Windsor, Ontario. and worked as a vocational counselor with young men and women on parole and wanting to upgrade their high school.

My parents were invited to a Fall Pastor's Conference and as I was a “full-time missionary” I was invited to attend with them. In the

afternoons they divided into two seminars; one for the women on “Hospitality in the Parsonage” and one for pastors only. I opted to read. I took my book to a comfortable outside spot and prepared for an afternoon of reading.

The spot I chose was just outside the place where my dad was teaching young pastors. I suddenly heard him speak my name. I stopped reading and listened. He took them back to when he was a young pastor. I was about 6 months old at the time. He was preparing his December messages when he became overwhelmed with the thought of God sending his only son into this world, giving him up. He thought of his oldest child and how giving her up would be impossible. At that time he saw himself as a Levite, committed to the work of the church. He knew that the Levites dedicated their oldest child to the work of the Temple.

For some reason he missed the point that it was their oldest son. He came and knelt by my trundle bed and committed me to the work of the Church.

When I tell some people this I am often asked if I didn’t resent that my father did this. I never have. I wasn’t forced into slavery in the work of the church. I made a choice. I made my own commitment. Hearing him that day also gave me insight into why I never learned to cook. I was always with my father doing something connected to the church.

### ***When did you come to Regina?***

While I was in Ecuador my father accepted a call to Hillsdale Alliance Church. I spent my first furlough in Regina. I spoke at missionary conferences in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Oregon and Washington State.



Then I was offered a position at Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary. I developed a few CE courses, several spiritual formation courses, and many weekend modules on Spirituality. I was Dean of Students to the College for 7 years and Chaplain/Dean of Students at the Seminary from 1998-2003.

***At that time the Alliance church had reservations about women in ministry. What concerns did you have?***

It is true that the issue of women in ministry was difficult and I felt thwarted in my desire to serve God in his church. However, I found ways to use my gifts and abilities in spite of that. Not being militant or a fighter by nature enabled me to "seep through the cracks." First Baptist Church is the first church where I felt totally free to use my gifts of exhortation, encouragement and teaching freely.

***When I first knew you, you were Norma Bailey. How did you become a Holtslander?***

I met Garth at CBC when I was teaching. I taught all four of his sons. His wife was a CBC graduate, and after she died he decided he wanted to study there himself. In May 1993 we both took a five-day module taught by Gordon Smith and Father Thomas Green on discernment. We used the principles taught in that class (talking to family, significant friends, church leadership) as we were thinking of getting married. By the end of the week we were engaged. We were married in August of that same year. We received nothing but positive input, many saying to us, "You have lived long enough to know if you are going in the right direction." I wondered if they had ever heard of the phrase, "There is no fool like an old fool."

The Holtslander family has been gift for me. Even after Garth's death, they have stuck with me through thick and thin.

God blessed me with a wonderful birth family as well as the gift of the Holtslanders. I am indeed blessed.

***And now, as you approach your 80th birthday, you are being ordained. In a nutshell, what does that mean to you?***

I believe that as a member of the Body of Christ I am not only a part of the larger Church but I also need to be involved in the life of the Church: worshipping, learning, fellowshiping, sharing the ordinances, being accountable to Leadership, and when in leadership, accountable to the congregation.

I thoroughly enjoy seeing people develop in their relationship with God. I also like being a part of the spiritual development of individuals. I like to listen to their journeys. I like teaching them about Scripture and how it relates to their lives, encouraging them in difficult times and coming alongside of them as they grow towards God.

Ordination is very meaningful to me. Pragmatically, it adds a seal of authority to my ministry in First Baptist Place. I lead a weekly service there, and I take communion to some people who are shut in. Not all are Baptists, and it means something to them that I will be an ordained minister.

But on a deeper and more personal level it affirms all that I have tried to do and be all my life.

***Any final thoughts?***

I think laughter, authenticity and my desire to grow in my faith and with friends are things that I hope define me.

***Norma, that one sentence sums up exactly how I think of you.***

## First Baptist Church Staff

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Joel Russell-MacLean, Lead Pastor  
John Nelson, Associate Pastor  
Kayely Rich, Associate Pastor  
Richard Hovey, Associate Pastor  
Norma Holtslander, First Baptist Place Chaplain  
Chris Senger, Youth

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

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## Month at a Glance

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| April 14 | East Alleluia Concert (p.4-5)<br>Luther Bach Choir (p.8) |
| April 17 | Achievers Bible Study (p.2)                              |
| April 18 | Maundy Thursday Service (p.19)                           |
| April 19 | Good Friday Service (p.19)                               |
| April 21 | Easter Sunrise Service (p.19)                            |
| April 25 | Achievers Luncheon (p.2)                                 |
| May 5    | KLC AGM (p.8)  |
| May 26   | Lebanon Luncheon Fundraiser (p.15)                       |
| June 9   | Annual Church Picnic (p.11)                              |

## Life Together

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

Husband: Let me see, there must a be a way we can pay less income tax.



Wife: Listen to this! “Pay your taxes for two reasons. The government workers need to be paid so they can serve you, for they also do God's work. Therefore, pay your taxes, and various duties gladly, thinking only of your contribution to the good work.” (Romans 13:6-7)

## **Bible Crypto Puzzle**

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The following is a quotation from the KJV Bible in a simple substitution cipher. No two letters go to the same target letter. For example, A might represent an L, so that whenever A occurs an L should be placed, and no other letter would go to L. The word breaks, apostrophes, commas, and periods are all clues.

UTB BWZT HWFK BWZT ICSEFAB, FKBFC PKBZ BWE

RXZAFB, SKD HWFK BWZT WSAB AWTB BWE DZZC,

ICSE BZ BWE YSBWFC HWPRW PA PK AFRCFB; SKD

BWE YSBWFC HWPRW AFFBW PK AFRCFB AWSXX

CFHSCD BWFF ZIFKXE.

\*Think you've solved the puzzle? Bring your answer to Pastor Joel to collect a prize!



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