

# First Baptist Church



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## Mother's Day.

Easter is a celebration of new life and rebirth. During Easter we also touch Mother's Day and remember with gratitude her gift to us of life, care, and sustenance. By sin or tragedy some live without a mother's nurture and yet by God's grace may be healed and thrive. We don't conclude from the success of these individuals that mothers have no role.

How vital is the church? It is an ancient teaching that she is our mother. We may find some who thrive as believers seemingly apart from the church but this is not the norm.

In Calvin's words, "there is no other means of entering into life unless she conceive us in the womb and give us birth, unless she nourish us at her breasts, and, in short, keep us under her charge and government."

I am grateful for this congregation, for the care it provides, for the growth it nurtures, for the new Christians it births, and for the life it sustains. Let us continue to prayerfully work to be a means of grace in each other's lives.

With love, Pastor Joel

## Achievers

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### Achievers' Luncheon

An enthusiastic group for those "young at heart", 55+ years and older, who enjoy hearing the life stories of interesting guest speakers- the twists & turns of their life journeys. We share fabulous fellowship, fantastic food, a devotional thought, and laughter for everyone to experience.

### 2018-2019 Wind Up Luncheon

When: Thursday, May 23, 11:55 a.m.

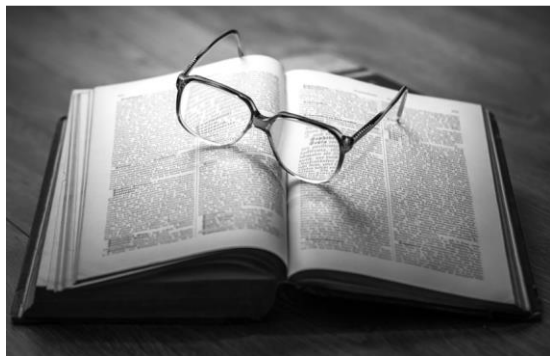
Where: First Baptist Church Lower Hall

Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salads, buns, dessert, and beverage

Cost: \$10.00

Guest Speaker: Reade Holtlander.

For more information check out [www.achieversregina.ca](http://www.achieversregina.ca)



### Achievers' Bible Study

The Bible study meets Wednesdays in the church boardroom from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

## Music@First

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JuBELLation Ringers is a group of enthusiastic and committed adults who meet every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (Sept.-April), ringing a 5-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells and 3 octaves of Suzuki hand chimes. This group endeavours to play once a month in a worship service. New members are

always welcome, so please give Pastor John a call. Come join this refreshing and invigorating small group ministry!

Note: We welcome anyone from another church who would like to ring bells with us.

## Lebanon Partnership Luncheon Fundraiser

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Sunday, May 26, 2019

12:15 - 1:30 pm.

Taste some simple Lebanese foods and participate in a live video chat with Emad & Almess Botros, & sons Timothy & Nathaniel, our mission partners at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Beirut. Hear the latest from one of our "SENT to Lebanon" team members (Anne Bellows) about their upcoming trip in June.

Fundraiser goal: Match our 2019 CBM budget of \$7,500! (Our 2018 missions lunch raised \$9,142! Can we do it again?)\*

Thanks!  
Marilyn

\*Please make cheques out to CBM and write on the memo line: "FBC Lebanon Partnership".

## Prayer Breakfast

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Prayer Breakfast takes place Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. to about 9:15 a.m. We meet in the library for a simple breakfast, a short devotion and discussion, then collect items for prayer. People are welcome to come by entering the Lorne St. door and coming down to the library. You may pray silently or out loud, as you are comfortable. There's space for you!

## Prayer Times

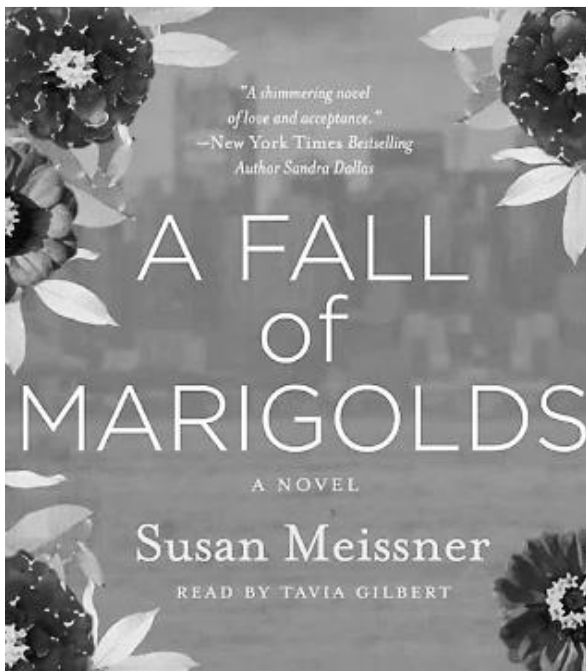
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Morning Prayer 7:15 am, Monday to Thursday  
Wednesday, 12:15 noon

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!

## 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'. We'll also meet together to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> after church over brunch at the Double Tree Hotel (1975 Broad Street).

If you have questions, please call Eleanor at 306-533-5811.

## Tai Chi for Baptists

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Tai Chi for Baptists is held on Saturdays in the lower hall (enter by the Elevator door). We will meet May 4 and 11 and June 1, 8 and 15 at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of exercise and half an hour of devotions and prayers. You are welcome to join us for this gentle martial art and fellowship. We will take the summer off and meet again in September.



## Men's Breakfast

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If you are willing to coordinate the breakfasts in May and June, please speak with Pastor Joel.

## KLC

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We hope you will make on May 5th at 1:00 p.m. to the KLC AGM at Argyle Road Baptist Church. If not, the bad news is once again, we are looking at a lot of work and expense to bring KLC buildings up to code, and we are seeking more donations to cover the cost. The good news is that camp is continuing to grow with both in registrations and donations! Don't like paying income tax? Here is a way to avoid it: The Canadian government allows a tax credit of approximately 50% of what we give to registered charities (like FBC and KLC). So if one gives approximately 2/3 of one's taxable income to charities, it can work out that one doesn't have to pay any income tax at all! Seriously though, big or small, every contribution to KLC is much appreciated and helps our camp flourish.

Collin Carbno,  
KLC Treasurer

## Financial Report

The 2019 year-to-date financials indicate that offerings to the end of March were 2% above giving for the same period in 2018. Although total operating expenses to the end of March were 11% below our balanced budget of \$102.2K, we are still in a deficit position for the first quarter of the year.

<b>Approved Operating Budget for 2019:</b>	<b>\$408,700</b>
<b>Approved Operating Budget to end of March 2019: (prorated monthly)</b>	<b>\$102,175</b>
Operating Revenue to end of March 2019:	\$81,037
Operating Expenses to end of March 2019:	\$91,371
Restricted Reserve Balance:	\$170,601
CBWC Loan Balance:	\$263,612

### Reminders...

We have several ways to provide your regular tithes and donations to the church:

#### DONATIONS

\*Offering basket on Sunday morning

\*Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) Plan

\*Online donation

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 (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. Email the church at [main\\_fbcregina@sasktel.net](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net) or talk to Kevin for further details.

The logo for ChurchTrac, featuring the word "CHURCHTRAC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a dark grey rectangular background.

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 ([main\\_fbcregina@sasktel.net](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net)).

## **Fall Retreat: October 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

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We have booked Katepwa Lake Camp for an all-ages, church-wide weekend retreat. Previous weekends have included a mix of reflection sessions, free time, and gathered worship in the Qu'Appelle Valley. This is a great time for friendship, rest, and spiritual renewal. Anyone interested in attending or helping to plan this weekend, please speak with Pastor Joel or Pastor Richard.

## Call for Cookies

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Each summer hundreds of CWBC youth from across western Canada gather to serve a Canadian community. In the evenings they gather for worship and a speaker. This year SERVE is coming to Weyburn, SK. Feeding all those teens and the volunteers for a week is a tall order. They have asked if we can contribute **800 cookies**. Let Pastor Joel know if you think you can help.



## Diaconate Report

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The Diaconate at the April 7th meeting set the date for leadership meeting as June 8th and briefly discussed the agenda. The leadership meeting is a chance for information sharing with staff, new staff (Richard and Kayely), and various leadership individuals and volunteers in the church. We hope the leadership meeting will provide a place for discussions, brainstorming, and input on various initiatives, ideas, and issues on going forward. Potential items include topics like having a welcoming package describing our church, needed property updates, visitation teams, the direction of the multimedia, potential outreach to the downtown business community, church communication structure, student scholars for organ, and much more. Some of these initiatives are already in progress, and some are just baby ideas. Please pray that we get good attendance, and that it is an enjoyable and fruitful endeavor for all those that participate.

Collin Carbno  
Chair of Diaconate FBC



## **Learning for Life: April 28<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>**

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“God, It’s Me Again”: A Workshop Series on Prayer and the Psalms  
Led by Reade Holtlander, Dell Bornowsky and others

Workshop sessions will include learning about the practice of family psalm reading and discovering patterns of prayer in the psalms and other scriptures. You will have opportunity to share your own prayer experiences, both the good and the problematic, as well as questions about prayer, and about encountering the Lord in the psalms. You will be invited to consider what may be new attitudes and aspects of prayer and ways of using the scriptures to inform and enrich your prayer practices.

## **FBC Website**

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Everybody's gone surfin'...

If you are wondering how to find information on what is happening at FBC, or what certain groups are about, or where to find particular documents, why not try surfing the web? Our church website has LOTS of information. The home page in particular has a ton of information including background and preparation for the upcoming sermon (posted on the preceding Thursday), the current newsletter and bulletin, an audio recording of the sermon from the previous Sunday and links to past sermons, links to ChurchTrac and key documents, and upcoming events (Whew!).

Dig a little deeper and you will find many ways to get involved in our church, the local neighbourhood, and beyond. You can even send us a message or donate on-line. Please take a few minutes to check us out at [firstbaptistregina.ca](http://firstbaptistregina.ca).

## **Victoria Avenue Improvements**

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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.

## **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 the young people are reading the stories from Pentecost, and learning about it through drama, games, and cherries jubilee.

## Youth

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### May

3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Bible Study at FBC: 7:00 - 9:00.</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BBQ at Candy Cane Park and Games-Joint event</b> with other youth groups. Supper and drinks will be provided. 6:30-9:00. Please bring \$2 to help cover the cost of the meal.
17 <sup>th</sup>	No Youth Group- Long Weekend
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Banana Car Rally</b> - drive around Regina and find out how tall, wide, or big various objects are while competing against other groups.
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Bible Study at FBC: 7:00-9:00</b>

### Historical Note

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Going through my mom's things, I came across a note attached to wedding gift (a silver bowl) that it was from a Reverend Lewis, and the note indicated that A. S. Lewis was a second cousin of my grandmother's, and a good family friend, that he came from same part of Nova Scotia as my grandmother. The note further indicated that Reverend Lewis was the pastor of a Baptist church in Regina. Yes, it was FBC! (1917-1922) Rev. Lewis performed the marriage of my grandmother, Enid Davidson, to Fergus Gairns at his own home here in Regina on Friday July 2, 1920. What a small world!

Collin Carbno

## Annual Church Picnic at Willow Island

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Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm. to 6:30 p.m.

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



- Salad and dessert potluck
- Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided
- Freewill offering to defray costs
- Contact Pastor Joel to arrange wheelchair access
- Signup sheets will be in the foyer in mid-May!

## Prayer Chain

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My name is Bryden Yeo and I prepare the prayer email for our church. It's something that has really blessed my family and prayer life. A lot of the time I feel a bit disconnected by life and things going on and I'm not sure how I can pray for my church family. Well, this is something that can help with that, and it can help you to connect with your church family as well.

Here's how it works: If you have a prayer request for yourself or someone else, simply send the request (either specific or simple, telling us you'd like us to pray for you or your loved ones) to [mailto:main\\_fbcregina@sasktel.net](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net). I'll send them out to people from our church who would like to pray. I'll only send the requests to people who have asked to be on the prayer line. From there, your prayer requests will be prayed for throughout the day as people read them and make time to pray on their own time. All prayer requests will be held in confidence.

If you are interested in being on our prayer list, please speak with me or with a pastor and I can add your name. I won't share your email addresses with anyone else and should you choose to leave the prayer group, just send me an email.

## Old Testament Seminar

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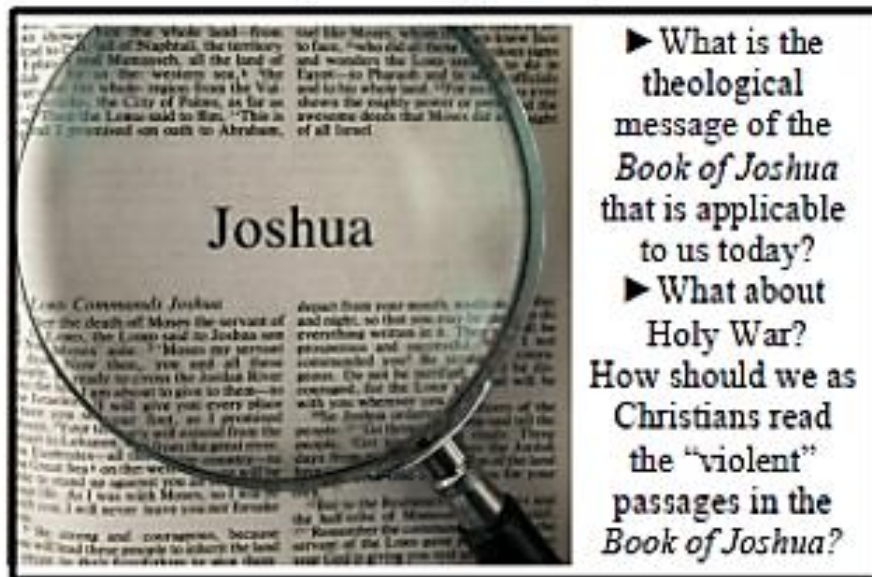
### *“Book of Joshua”*

*Presenter: Dr. Kelvin Friebel*

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Saturday)**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**(Lite Lunch provided)**



**Joshua**

- ▶ What is the theological message of the *Book of Joshua* that is applicable to us today?
- ▶ What about Holy War? How should we as Christians read the “violent” passages in the *Book of Joshua*?

Location: Glencarin Alliance Church, 139 Cannon St.  
Cost: \$20 (suggested donation to cover lunch and materials)  
If attending, please RSVP to Dr. Kelvin Friebel at  
**[diggingdeeperot@gmail.com](mailto:diggingdeeperot@gmail.com)**

## Interview: Kayely Rich

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***Kayely, can you tell us how you first became involved with the Baptist church?***

I have been part of the Canadian Baptist family my whole life. My dad has been a pastor (and academic) since I was born. My younger brother and I grew up between Alberta and BC. My mom ran a home daycare then later returned to school to become a teacher. You can certainly say that ministry, children and ongoing learning have been key parts of my life modelled from an early age.

***Were there other milestones in your early life that pointed you to full-time Christian ministry?***

I don't remember much about coming to faith since I embraced Jesus when I was very young. I do remember, though, opportunities along the way to lean into and honour that commitment. I especially remember feeling a call to ministry when I was 12 years. We were attending a youth conference and the speaker invited anyone present who was feeling called to ministry to come to the front for prayer. It was though I couldn't stay in my seat. Although I didn't know what this call would mean or how it would manifest itself, it was a vivid moment that has since been confirmed in a variety of ways.

***What did you do after you graduated from high school?***

After high school, I moved to Vancouver to attend UBC. I completed my Bachelors in Psychology with a minor in French before being asked to serve with CBM as a volunteer in Belgium. I spent 7 months in Liege,

Belgium helping in 2 local churches and working on some translation of books for a new support group ministry. Translation work proved to be tougher than I had anticipated, but I still greatly enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside Christian brothers and sisters living in another culture and language.

***What an experience! (I'm a great believer in learning another language and travel abroad.) Did this experience influence your next steps?***

When I came back to Canada, I began working on my masters degree. I knew that I wanted to train in counselling so I ended up moving to Southern Manitoba in the middle of winter so I could attend Providence Seminary. It was -50°C as I got off the airplane in Winnipeg wearing my winter gear from Vancouver. Needless to say, it took me a bit of time to get used to Prairie winters! But, like many others, I found a way, and am glad to say that I completed my Master of Arts in Counselling while also working my way through a Masters of Divinity. I made the choice not to stay longer to complete the MDiv as I had run out of funds at this point and didn't want to take out any loans.

***So I imagine that at this point you started to look for a job.***

Yes. I began asking God to guide me to the ministry work He had for me. All I knew was that I was to start driving West. Long story short, I drove all the way to family in BC with numerous stops along the way, but in the process God opened the doors for me to come to Regina to work at Argyle Road Baptist Church as their Associate Pastor. I enjoyed getting to know the kind people of Regina and learned a lot in my first few years of pastoring.

***I understand that you then took a job with Arrow Leadership in Vancouver. Tell us about Arrow Leadership.***

Arrow Leadership is a 2-year program designed to help active ministry leaders (pastors, para-church directors, etc) be led more by, lead more like and lead more to Jesus. This was a special opportunity for me as my grandparents had been serving many years as mentors for a number of the ministry leaders that went through Arrow's programs. My grandparents were gifted with a ministry of prayer that allowed them to speak deeply into people's lives. Hearing stories of their impact and having many long visits with my grandparents has helped shaped me and has given me a desire to work patiently and deeply with others.

***And after that you came back to Regina?***

Although I wasn't sure quite what to expect when I returned to Regina following my time at Arrow Leadership, there really was much in store! I worked briefly in retail, got to know my now-husband, Gerald, and was able to focus more on counselling work at The Caring Place. After getting married, Gerald and I became foster parents and have been enjoyed having 6 extra children living with us while also raising 2 daughters of our own: Lizzy (4.5yrs) and Klara (2.5yrs).

When we do have some free time as a family, we enjoy travelling together - especially making trips to BC to visit my extended family. We're also known to frequently visit the library as a family and can be caught enjoying a good book or two at home.



***I don't know how you manage to do as much as you do. I believe you have had quite a lot of involvement with the foster care ministry as well as caring for your own children. And still you have time for volunteer work with the CBWC. Tell us some more about the CBWC and your involvement with it.***

In the midst of so many joys over the last 6 years since marrying Gerald, I have been especially humbled to give back to the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC) by serving on their board of directors. We, at First Baptist, are connected to the CBWC as our denomination. (It was formally called the Baptist Union of Western Canada or BUWC). We are made up of Canadian Baptist Churches across BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. I have personally been a part of our denomination since I was born and it is part of what has helped me feel connected to a larger family even as I moved across Western Canada throughout my life.

I spent my first 2 years on the CBWC board as a rep for the Heartland Region before serving another 2 years as Vice President of Personnel and Planning. This meant that while helping guide the organization of the 2017 Assembly, I was also leading the search committees to hire Rob Ogilvie, our new Executive Minister and Larry Schram, our new BC/Yukon Regional Minister. I have now spent the last 2 years serving as the Board President, chairing our meetings as well as sitting on the boards for Carey (our seminary), CBM (our mission agency), CBWC Foundation Shareholders (our financial foundation) and Mustard Seed Shareholders (an Alberta ministry serving homeless/poor). This experience has helped me better get to know some wonderful people across our denomination and has given me a glimpse of the many ways God is at work in Western Canada! Please

pray for us especially as I prepare to chair the business meetings for the CBWC at our Assembly in High River May 22-25.

*Kayely, you bring so much to your position on our staff. I know Joel is already appreciating your strong administrative skills, and loves having you around in so many ways. Welcome!*

*Annabel Robinson*

## **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 Holtlander, 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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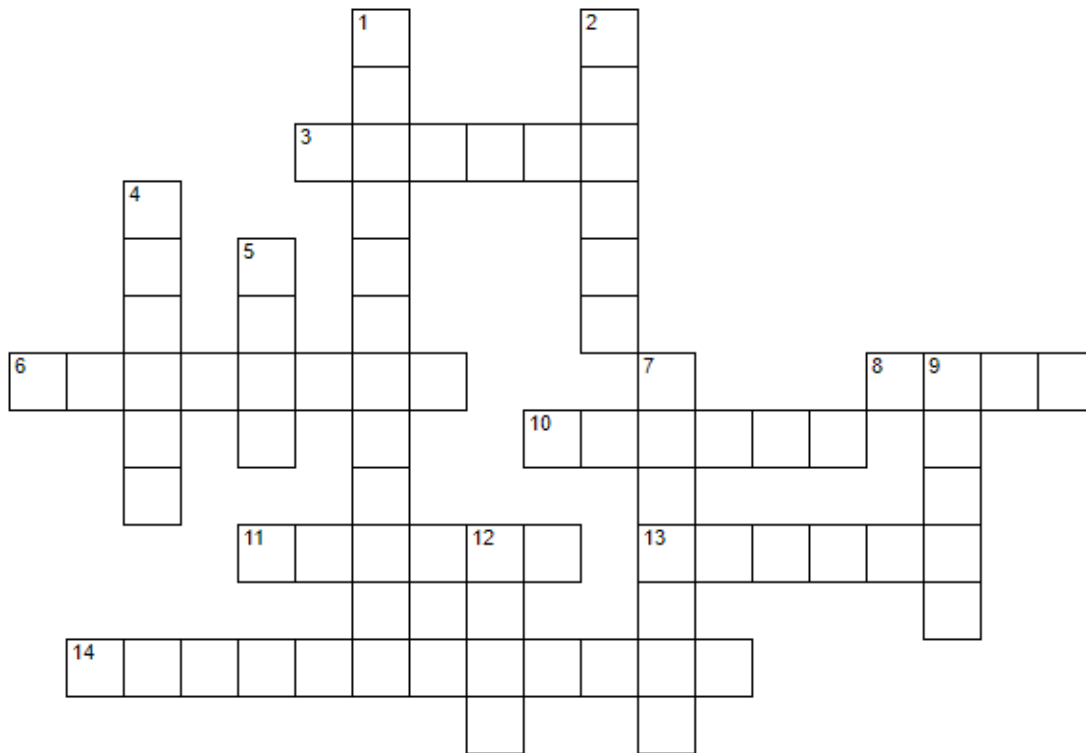
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## Life Together

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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>	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	7:00 pm	Youth Event
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am	Tai Chi

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**ACROSS:**

- 3 This king threw Daniel into the den of lions (Daniel 6)
- 6 This letter is addressed to him, along with Apphia and Archippus
- 8 Longest book in the New Testament
- 10 Jezebel had him killed so Ahab could have his land (1 Ki 21:10)
- 11 One of the two books in the Bible named after women
- 13 Peter raised this person from the dead in Joppa (Acts 9:39)
- 14 The Babylonia name given to Daniel (Daniel 1:7)

**DOWN:**

- 1 The Phillippians sent him to look after Paul's needs (Phil 2:25)
- 2 Moses took this man's bones with him when he left Egypt for the promised land (Ex 13:19)
- 4 King of Judah when the LORD spoke to Jeremiah (Jer 1:2)
- 5 The last word in the New Testament
- 7 The shortest book in the Old Testament
- 9 The last word in the Old Testament
- 12 Brother of Jacob (Gen 25:25)