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It is harvest time across our province, and we pray for everyone's safety and a good harvest. Our harvest impacts the cost of food all around the world and many live on very little.

During his ministry, Jesus said to his disciples, "Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."

His disciples had just come back from town with groceries.

But the woman who had just talked with Jesus came back with her neighbours. "Come and meet Jesus," she said to them.

May we, like Jesus, see the fruit in the people around us.

Please join us for our Kick Off BBQ lunch, September 15, following morning worship.

In love, Pastor Joel.

Learning for Life

"The Book of Ezekiel" - September 15 - December 8, 2019

Dr. Kelvin Friebel will be leading a class on the book of Ezekiel. This class will begin with information on how to read Old Testament prophecy, followed by an introduction to the book of Ezekiel. The remainder of the classes will break down different key chapters in Ezekiel, including:

Ezekiel's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel's weird behaviour, Israel the unfaithful wife, God and the foreign nations, God restoring his presence, and more!

Dr. Friebel's doctoral studies are in Hebrew and Semitic studies, and he has a long history of teaching the Old Testament at CTS, Houghton College, and more recently at Briercrest College and Seminary.

"Stories About Jesus" - Learning For Life, September 22 - October 27, 2019

This class will read some of the stories from Jesus' life, as told in the gospels, with the hope of getting to know Jesus better. The class will be especially appropriate for people just looking at the Christian faith, and people young in their faith. It will also be suitable for young people 11 or 12 and up, as well as for adults. It will involve dramatic reading, perhaps some acting out of the stories, as appropriate, and much discussion.

This class will be followed in November by:

"Stories Jesus Told", November 3 - December 8, 2019

This class will use the same format as “Stories about Jesus.” Instead of stories featuring Jesus, we will look at some of his parables, stories he told to teach about the Kingdom of God.

The teacher for these two classes will be Ron Phillips.

Achievers

Luncheons Anew

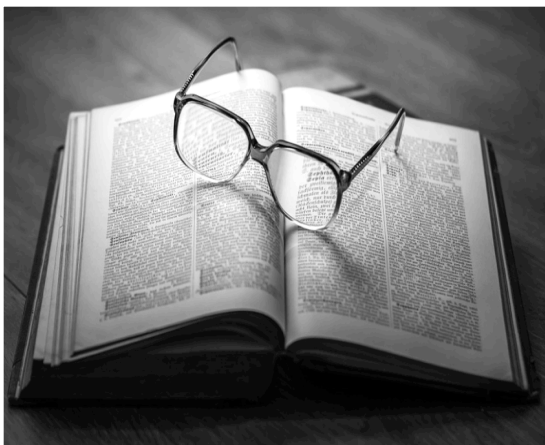
Are you 55+ years of age and looking for warm and friendly faces to meet, greet, and eat with on a monthly basis? The ACHIEVERS' LUNCHEONS are held on the fourth Thursday of September, October, November, February, March, and April. YOU are invited to attend the First Baptist Church's ACHIEVERS' LUNCHEONS and experience fabulous food, fantastic fellowship, and sensational speakers! Become an important member of this JOY filled group: Just Older Youth! Contact Pastor John Nelson for more information. www.achieversregina.ca

Achievers' Luncheon Cost: \$10.00

September 26- Rev. Dell Bornowsky

October 24- Bryan Orthner

November 28- Rev. Dr. Richard Hovey



Achievers' Bible Study

The first Achievers' Bible Study of the Fall semester will take place on Wednesday September 11th in the boardroom at the church. We will be studying I and II Peter. We meet every second Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Please use the Lorne St. entrance.

Music@First

Music of Note

If you love to sing, consider joining the FBC Sanctuary Choir family for 2019-2020. You would become a KEY "music minister" in the longest-serving small group ministry in FBC history. You would be warmly welcomed into this caring choir community and would enrich our overall ministry together. If you are seeking "A Place to Belong," seriously consider singing and serving as a member of the choir. Remember, "God is more concerned about our availability than our ability." For more information contact Pastor John Nelson, 306-359-1450.

First Choir Rehearsal is Thursday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir loft.

"Second to the Word of God, Music deserves highest praise." Martin Luther

JuBELLation Ringers

Are you interested in participating in a most unique, exciting, and refreshing music ministry? JuBELLation Ringers just might be of interest to you. It is a youth/adult handbell group open to anyone who can read music, which meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Contact Pastor John Nelson for more information.

First handbell rehearsal is Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Tai Chi for Baptists

Tai Chi will resume on Saturday, Sept 21 in the lower hall at 9 a.m. Enter by the elevator door.

Prayer Breakfast

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 we 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!

TNT

Tuesday Nights Together—or TNT—will resume in the lower hall Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. for potluck supper and 7 p.m. for bible study.

Prayer Times

Morning prayer times, Monday to Thursday, 7:15-7:45, east balcony, “Sunrise” prayer room. Use the Victoria St door.

Wednesday noon hour prayer time, 12:15-12:45, conference room. Use the Lorne St door.

VOICE!

Voice! is a group for women who love to read. We meet every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Martha Pauls' house.

VOICE will resume on September 18 at 7:00 P.M. at 77 Motherwell Cresc. Please bring your best ideas about a study topic/book for these bi-weekly meetings. A novel study will be arranged when members are able to choose a book that would be appropriate. The novel studies are held at the home of a volunteer on a Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. There is usually a breakfast brunch followed by a discussion of a novel that everyone has chosen and read. The novel studies are usually held seasonally.

Financial Report

The 2019 year-to-date financials indicate that offerings to the end of July were 10% **above** giving for the same period in 2018. Our total operating expenses to the end of July were 7% below our balanced budget of \$238.4K which gives us a slight surplus (revenue exceeding expenses) at this point in the year. However, due to the increase in personnel expenses begun in May, we are still forecasting that overall expenses will be close to the budgeted number at year end.

Approved Operating Budget for 2019:	\$408,700
Approved Operating Budget to end of July 2019: (prorated monthly)	\$238,408
Operating Revenue to end of July 2019:	\$224,576
Operating Expenses to end of July 2019:	\$222,176
Restricted Reserve Balance:	\$173,188
CBWC Loan Balance:	\$258,333

Our budget for 2019 was increased with the congregation's approval to hire new staff. Now that our new pastors have joined the staff, please consider this when you budget your monthly giving and tithes.

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 *(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 or contact the Treasurer for further details.

ChurchTrac

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).

ChurchTrac also houses the church directory. If you didn't have a photo taken earlier this year, you may submit a family photo to the church office for inclusion in the directory.

Property Commission

Last year we repaired the front steps of First Baptist Church, repainted the handrails, fixed the brickwork at the back of the building, and installed a new dishwasher. But we're not finished yet!

There are still a number of property issues to be addressed, and we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to assist with additional cleaning and for contributors to help support various projects.

Volunteering

Projects

Interior window cleaning	Carpet cleaning
Deep-cleaning the kitchen	Exterior window cleaning
Cleaning the pews	Nursery painting/renovation
Cleaning lower hall tables	Installing a winterized tap for watering plants
Caulking the balustrades on the balcony stairs	Installing electrical plugs to the front of the building for Christmas lights
	Painting the lower hall

If you can help by contributing your time, please contact Rob Stafford at (639) 571-0515 or robertstafford27@yahoo.com, or by emailing the church office at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net. If you can help by contributing financially, please mark your offering envelope "property fund."

Thank you, Rob Stafford

Katepwa Lake Camp

September 2019

A whirlwind summer is behind us, and as we look back we are thankful for the miracles and blessings God bestowed on KLC as we presented Christ's love to almost 300 campers. **But, KLC almost didn't happen this year!**

On June 24th, the KLC Board of Directors and our former Executive Director Team, Tim & Shelley Keizer, came to a mutual agreement to part ways. We appreciate Tim & Shelly's contributions to KLC and their passion for the work during their 2-year tenure and pray God's blessings on their future ministry.

With the Keizer's departure just over a week before camp was to start, the KLC summer camp ministry was in great danger of not happening. **We needed a number of miracles in order to deliver a safe and successful camp, and this in short order.**

Ephesians 3:20 was our theme this summer: *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. . . .*

God came through in ways we could not have imagined! He delivered in every area of need! He graciously spoke to countless people to ensure we'd have a camp of the highest quality for our campers!

- Some people had their summer plans "mysteriously" changed, and when the KLC call for "HELP" came, they graciously responded "YES" and gave a huge portion of their summer to camp.
- All the Board members rolled up their sleeves and presented themselves as unpaid employees of KLC, each giving countless hours during summer camp.

- Many long-time supporters used their summer vacations to volunteer, and some even used their entire summer vacations to act as a full time-staff!
- Former staff cancelled other opportunities and with financial loss returned to serve at KLC.
- Supporters of KLC reached out to their friends and family to recruit volunteers who wouldn't have normally been involved.

We deeply appreciate all the volunteers and staff that made this summer camp happen with such success! We know they did this because they believe in the ministry of KLC and love the campers we serve every year.

As we look back over our very challenging yet highly fruitful summer, we are already seeking God's wisdom on how to make KLC thrive! Part of this involves addressing a perplexing challenge: KLC's ministry truly requires more than one full-time staff in order to manage the property, program and business. But due to financial realities, we are unable to acquire the workers that we need. At this time, we are looking for ways to increase our volunteer base and are considering some contract positions to accomplish our mission as the camp grows.

On September 14th, the KLC Board is having an all-day planning session, and we ask for your prayers to give us wisdom as we tackle the many issues and opportunities facing KLC. Our priorities at the moment are the following: increasing our volunteer base and support, raising significant funds to continue camp, increasing camper numbers, and by faith, planning next year's camp.

Lastly, we want to strengthen our relationship with you: our church partners. We will have a highlight video ready soon and would love to send out a board or staff member to share it as well as our plans

for the upcoming year with you. Two important dates to note are: the Fall Work Day (Saturday November 2nd) and our Fall Fundraising Gala (Saturday November 16th).

Thank you for your support of KLC. If you have any suggestions on how to improve relationships with the church, improve things at camp, or if you would like to partner with KLC in another way, please speak to one of our Board members, or contact us at (KLCBoardchair@gmail.com/ 306-332-4727) to discuss your ideas!

Together we're making an eternal difference in the lives of young campers.

In Christ, KLC Board of Directors

Collin Carbno, Cameron Mohan, Rob Nelson, Dana Turnbull,
Rosemary Ward, Lana Wilkinson

KLC Fall Retreat: October 18th-20th

Mark your calendars for our 2019 FBC Fall Retreat at Katepwa Lake Camp. This is a church-wide retreat for all ages. The weekend will include sessions for teaching, reflection, and worship. As well there will be free time and opportunity for deepening our friendships, and finding some rest and renewal. The focus of the weekend will be "On Meeting Jesus" with three areas of emphasis: "Meeting Jesus in His Word: Spiritual Reading," "Meeting Jesus in His Body: Spiritual Friendships," and "Meeting Jesus in His World: Spiritual Living."

Pastor Richard will be facilitating the sessions and providing oversight to the Fall Retreat. Anyone interested in either attending or in helping to plan this weekend, please speak with Pastor Richard.

Diaconate Report

The new staff we hired have enormously helped throughout the summer, and Joel has indicated that he feels he had a true vacation for the first time in several years. Summer has also been a time when the new staff have been settling in, taking their turns in preaching, visitation, prayer, and handling administration. It has also been a time for the staff to get to know each other and the congregation more. During the summer our attendance has been about 20 people higher a week compared to last year, which is a good sign. Our church picnic, patio parties, and barbecues were well attended throughout the summer, in keeping with our plan for staying connected. Planning is in the works for the launch of the fall programs.

Collin Carbno, Chair of Diaconate FBC

Church Library Corner

Summer is always a rather quiet time at the library, with the book table out of easy access. However, a number of new books will be appearing on the book table in September. Keep your eyes open for them.

Collin Carbno (Church Librarian)

Bible Cartoon by Collin Carbno

Martha, look at me, I'm soaring liking an eagle, gliding like a sailplane!

Fred, will you start acting your age? You could hurt yourself on that thing.

Martha, relax, according to Isaiah 40:31 those that wait upon the LORD renew their strength and are young again. They don't walk; they glide.



What's Up With Missions?

MISSIONS EVENTS COMING UP SOON!

“SENT” TEAM Celebration Lunch!

Sunday, September 29 - 12:00 noon

Come and hear stories and see pictures from our amazing trip to Lebanon.

Hope to see you there!

Your “SENT” Team: Anne, Barb, Ben, Deirdre, Heather, Laureen, Roger, & Xavier

YOUTH FOR CHRIST - “HOPE DINNER”

Monday, October 21 (Date may move due to Federal Election).

Delta Hotel Reception 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Missions Commission is sponsoring a table for this dinner. Speak to Marilyn Phillips (306-515-1113) if you are interested in hearing about and supporting the work of Youth for Christ in Regina & Moose Jaw!

We still have 5 tickets available for which the meal cost is covered. Please note, however, that this is a fundraising dinner, so you will be asked to give a donation toward the ministry.

FBC Website

The Home Page of our website (firstbaptistregina.ca) has an abundance of information including:

- background and preparation for the upcoming sermon (posted on the preceding Thursday),
- the current monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin,
- an audio recording of the sermon from the previous Sunday and links to past sermons,
- links to ChurchTrac and key documents,
- upcoming events and calendar.

If you haven't already visited the website, please take some time and have a look.

Kids@First

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

Nursery (ages 0-3)

Volunteers are in the nursery most Sundays to welcome your children 0-3 and help them know this is a place where they are cared for by our church family. Our time together includes a song, a story, and play with others. While we know it is an adjustment for each wee one to leave his/her parents, please try leaving your cell number or location in the sanctuary with the nursery workers, and see how your child settles.

On weeks where the older children are upstairs, the nursery will be unsupervised. Parents are then welcome to stay in the nursery with their little ones and watch the service on the TV.

Godly Play (ages 3-6)

Godly Play is a method of Christian education and spiritual direction that aims 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. A volunteer leader and a shepherd guide the children through the lesson each week.

Children who are new to Godly Play may be more comfortable in class if they have first come for a mid-week orientation with a parent. If you would be interested in coming for an orientation with your child, please contact Pastor Kayely. We'd be very happy to help your little ones feel more comfortable and confident in a new environment!

Oasis (ages 7-11)

Students will begin the year learning about Moses' Call. Each week will involve a different activity. 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.

Volunteers

Thanks to the many volunteers who have stepped up to make this upcoming year possible! If you would like to volunteer, or just find out more about what volunteering involves, please speak to Pastor Kayely in person, by cell (306-737-0393) or email (kayely.fbcregina@sasktel.net).

Sept 22 - Volunteers, please plan to stay for 20 minutes after church for a brief orientation to the upcoming year in the children's areas. We will review plans for the year in each area, ensure we know safety policies, check that Criminal Record Checks are up to date, and most importantly answer your questions and hear your ideas for ways we can make the year even better.

Youth

September	
6 th	No meeting
13 th	Youth Kickoff at Candy Cane Park: 6:30 - 9:00, BBQ and games. Please bring \$2 to help cover the costs. Bring a warm jacket, sports equipment (football, Frisbee, soccer ball, etc.), and friends.
20 th	Intergenerational Games Night: 7:00 - 9:00 at FBC.
27 th	Bible Study at FBC: 7:00 - 9:00. We will take this evening to get the "new to us" youth room ready.



Backyard Barbeque

Barbecues start at 5 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and desserts are provided.

Please remember to bring a lawn chair and a friend.

Donations to cover the costs will be gratefully received.

Please notify the office if you will be attending.

(306-359-1450, main_fbc Regina@sasktel.net)

- **September 1:** The Deacons at the Bellows/Ward, at 3138 Hill Ave.

Men's Brunch and Work Bee

Our first Saturday morning together will be on Saturday, September 21st 8-12. Time to roll up our sleeves and earn our meal. There will be a number of things to tackle for a few hours, so we'd appreciate a good turn out and will finish with a hearty meal.

Mark your calendars. All ages welcome. Let Joel know if you can make it.

Prayer Chain

My name is Bryden Yeo and I prepare the prayer email for our church. It's something that has really blessed my family and my prayer life. A lot of the time I feel a bit disconnected by life and things going on. I'm not sure how I can pray for my church family. Well, this is something that can help with that, and it could help you 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 general, 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 requests 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. In this way your prayer requests will be prayed for throughout the day as people read them and make time to pray on their own. 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.

Interview:

Adijah Pusi

1. Adijah, please tell us something about your childhood: where you were born, where you grew up, went to school and church.



My home town was Uvira. I went to school there and also to a Pentecostal church. My mom went to the Jehovah's Witnesses, but the rest of the family stayed with the Pentecostal Church. After I finished school I learned to sew and worked at this for about three years. Then I started a clothing business: I got clothes from Dubai and sold them at a market in a big city in Burundi.

2. How did you meet Emmanuel; where were you married?

We met at the Pentecostal church and the wedding was in that church.

3. How many children do you have; what are they doing today?

Lillian is a nurse; she is married and lives in Ottawa.

Patrick is working in construction.

Boniface is working for Auto Gallery.

Arno is going to begin university this fall.

4. How did you become separated from your family?

There was a war around 1992. Wherever you were when war broke out, you had to run. You didn't even have time to go back home. The children were with Emmanuel and his family, and I was on business in Burundi. My sister Belinda, my niece Miriam, and I went to Kenya and stayed in a refugee camp there.

5. When did you come to Canada and with whom? Tell us something about the process.

My sister Malik was already here. She attended First Baptist Church, and they sponsored us. Derek and Rosemary Bellows helped her fill out all the necessary papers. I came with Belinda and Miriam. Walter and Audrey Frolic, Ron and Roberta Richmond did much to help us settle here. They also befriended us

In three months I got a job, so we could move into our own place. People from the church brought us stuff we needed for the apartment. I didn't have a car, so the church paid for a taxi to bring us to church. During the week we also rode buses. After a while I got my own car, and today we have our own house.

Also, we paid for the loan that helped us to come to Canada.

6. I notice that you have a lovely home. Did the church continue to give you support as the years went on?

Yes, by prayer. Prayer is a very good gift to me.

7. How did you learn English?

You came to help us when you were a volunteer at Regina Open Door. At first we didn't get a regular place at ROD, so we were in a class of volunteers. You taught us and gave us homework to do; we were really happy for your help. In 3 months we got a regular space at ROD. We had learned some English from a missionary in Kenya, but the English here is different. Most of the English I learned was from work.

8. Tell us about your work. What work have you done and where are you working now?

My first job was in housekeeping at the Travelodge Hotel. It was a tough job, but I had no choice. I worked there for 8 or 9 years. Now I do housekeeping in a seniors' home, which is very different. I like my job now, and it is not so hard.

9. How did you happen to come to First Baptist Church?

The church sponsored us to come to Canada, so I thought I should meet the people and help my church. When someone gets you from a refugee camp and brings you here to get you a good life, you can't just leave them. They are my family and they are very nice to me. If I have some papers to fill out I can call on anyone to help. We have

a really good family with deep harmony. I love my church.

10. How did you get connected with Emmanuel again?

At first I had no news, but I was in touch with my church in the refugee camp in Kenya. I talked with them on the phone when I was here in Canada and asked them to check the refugees who were coming into the camp. One day they phoned and said they thought my husband and children were there. They called him to come to the phone and talk with me. He told me that my family had been in Tanzania and told me about their life there. From that time I started the process of having them come here. People from the church helped us: Wayne and Marlene Wyatt and, again, Audrey and Walter Frolic.

11. What kind of work does Emmanuel do?

In the Congo he was a tennis coach. Here he works for Lorass Disposal: they go around to the houses and pick up garbage.

12. Is there something you wish to talk about that I have not asked?

No. I only want to say that I am happy with my life.

Interviewer: Esther Wiens



First Baptist Church Staff

Joel Russell-MacLean, Lead Pastor
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Life Together

Sunday	9:30 am	Learning for Life
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
Tuesday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	5:00 pm	TNT (starts Sept 17)
	6:00 pm	JuBELLation (starts Sept 17)
Wednesday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	8:00 am	Prayer Breakfast
	12:15 pm	Noon Prayers
Thursday	7:15 am	Morning Prayers
	7:00 pm	Choir (starts Sept 12)
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Event
Saturday	9:00 am	Tai Chi (starts Sept 21)

Month at a Glance

Sunday Sept 1	Backyard BBQ @ 5 pm at 3138 Hill Ave.
Saturday Sept 7	Floyd Berkan Funeral service, 10:30 am, Speers Family Centre
Sunday Sept 8	Church begins at 11 am, Barbara Mutch preaching, choir and organ resumes, Godly Play & Oasis begin
Monday Sept 9	George Baxter Funeral, 1:30 pm FBC
Wednesday Sept 11	Achievers' Bible Study begins—10 -11 am
Thursday Sept 12	Choir starts up @ 7 pm
Sunday Sept 15	Kickoff BBQ
Tuesday Sept 17	TNT resumes @ 5 pm, bible study @ 7 pm JuBELLation begins @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday Sept 18	Voice resumes 7-9 pm
Saturday Sept 21	Men's Work Bee 8 am-noon Tai Chi @ starts up at 9 am
Sunday Sept 22	Volunteer Orientation for Kids @ First
Thursday Sept 26	Achiever's Luncheon
Sunday Sept 29	SENT luncheon