

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of May 9th, 2021

Easter is a celebration of new life and rebirth. Therefore, it seems fitting that the Easter weeks also include Mother's Day. We remember with gratitude our mother's gift to us of life, care, and sustenance, and we pray for peace and joy in the midst of their ongoing concern and labour.



By sin or tragedy, some end up living without a mother's nurturing. By God's grace, these individuals sometimes find healing and still thrive. However, we don't conclude from their success that mothers are inconsequential.

It is an ancient teaching that the church is the mother of every believer. How vital is the church to the well-being of a believer? Some have even been harmed in a church. We hear that some claim to thrive as believers, seemingly apart from the church. Should we conclude from these individuals that the church has no role?

In Calvin's words, apart from the church, "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 particular church congregation. Through the people of this church, God provides care, nurtures growth, births new Christians, and sustains life. Let us continue to prayerfully work to be a means of grace in each other's lives.



With my love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel M. M. L.".

Pastor Joel

Notable Words & Music: *A Tribute to John Nelson*



When: Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 7 pm

Where: On Zoom

Join us for a virtual celebration in gratitude for 35 years of faithful ministry to First Baptist Church, the Regina community, and beyond.

“With God’s Blessings, Best Wishes on Your Retirement, John.” (See [John Nelson Tribute](#) on our website.)

New Learning for Life Series

On May 16th, Pastor Richard will begin a new series: “Christ’s Letters to the Church.” This 7-week course will look at the letters of Christ to the seven churches in the book of Revelation.

In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, we find a letter, from Christ, to each of seven different churches. These letters contain, generally speaking, both words of commendation and condemnation. They lead us to ask: What is Christ looking for in his Church? What are considered strengths in a local church? What are considered weaknesses? We will work through one letter a week, asking, as well, what elements of each letter contain significance as we reflect upon our own church (of which we are each individually a part). For more information, see [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Our Condolences

We extend our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Susan Senger (Pastor Chris’ mother), who passed away in Regina on Friday, April 30th, 2021.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Charles Towle on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021, in Calgary, AB. Charles’ wife, Carol Joy (CJ), is the daughter of Ken and Joan Thompson. We extend our condolences and prayers to Charles’ family and friends.

Do you have some time you could donate to the church?

As you know, the need for maintenance does not go away just because our use of the church has been limited due to the pandemic. There are a number of jobs, both inside and outside, that need to be done. As you can see in the photo, this fence is in serious need of a paint job! If you are able to make a contribution to the church in this way, please contact Rob SL or [Pastor Joel](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.



Lebanon Fundraiser 2021 Giving Update – WOW!

Our fundraiser on April 18th was a moving experience with stories from the Botros family in Beirut, about the difficult current conditions in Lebanon and what the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development are doing to help.

As of Sunday, May 2nd, donations toward our Lebanon partnership are at \$17,395!! This will be matched with \$9,000 from our Missions budget, adding up to a total of \$26,395. We praise God for this wonderful response! Also, our heartfelt thanks go to all who have contributed. For more information on what we learned at the luncheon and where your gift goes, see [our website](#).



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Ways to give:

1. Online with a credit card: <https://www.givetogo.org/team/FBCRegina>
2. Mail, or drop off, your donation to First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina SK S4P 0S4. (Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.) If you require an in-person pick up, call the church at (306) 359-1450.
 - Make cheques out to “CBM.”
 - Note “SENT Lebanon” in the memo line or on the envelope.

Website Update

On Sunday, April 25th, we transitioned over to our new website. The address has not changed (firstbaptistregina.ca). While it looks somewhat different, we have attempted to maintain an appearance that reflects the traditional aspects of our church, while at the same time, simplifying pages and improving site navigation.

For help in navigating the website or if you’re having technical difficulties, please visit [this page](#). You may also send an email to [the church](#) or call (306) 359-1450 for assistance.

Signs of Spring...



Online Dramatization on the Life of Jesus

“The Chosen” is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, “The Chosen” helps us see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this show is for you! You can watch full episodes by streaming them on your phone or tablet, or cast to your TV using Roku or Chromecast.



Ways to access this series:

- [Android App](#)
- [Apple App](#)
- [Youtube](#) (Season 1)

Season 2 is available on the new App. (See above for links.) For more information or for assistance, please contact Kar M or call the church at (306) 359-1450.



"Aren't you happy, Mom?
Spring is finally here!"

I was wondering why music was coming from my printer. Apparently the paper was jamming.

"Son, you're just not cut out to be a mime."

"Is it something I said?"

"Yes."

Interesting trivia of the day: In Sweden, all government-owned ships are required to have a UPC code printed on the hull. When the ships are returned to port, it helps them Scandinavian.

Do you want to hear a construction joke?"

"Yes please."

"Sorry, I'm still working on it."

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

Our children's program is online at this time. For more information, contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth

The youth are meeting alternate Friday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom. For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adults

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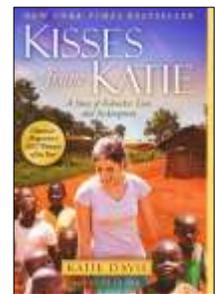
Voice: A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group meets every second Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, using Zoom. For more information, contact Laureen S or Bonnie AW, visit [our website](#), email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

Reading through the Old Testament: In this online reading group, participants are reading through the Old Testament chronologically. The group meets every Thursday at 10:30 am, via Zoom. For more information, please visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Gospel of John small group study: Pastor Richard is leading a small group online that is looking at the Gospel of John. There are two groups meeting, via Zoom. The first group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm (*please note that this group's meeting day has changed from Sunday to Thursday*), and the second, on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 10 am. For more information, please visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Novel Study

Voice is holding a novel study on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The book chosen for the study is "Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption," by Katie Davis. It is the inspirational story of a young woman and her journey to Uganda to live and work with some of the poorest people in the world. For more information, visit [our website](#), contact Laureen S, or call the church at (306) 359-1450. The discussion will take place at 10 am over Zoom.



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.

Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks, 'What's your favorite kind of music?'

The other replies, 'I'm a big metal fan.'

Have you heard the rumor going around about butter?

Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.

Not sure if my sister knows any geography. But Alaska.

