

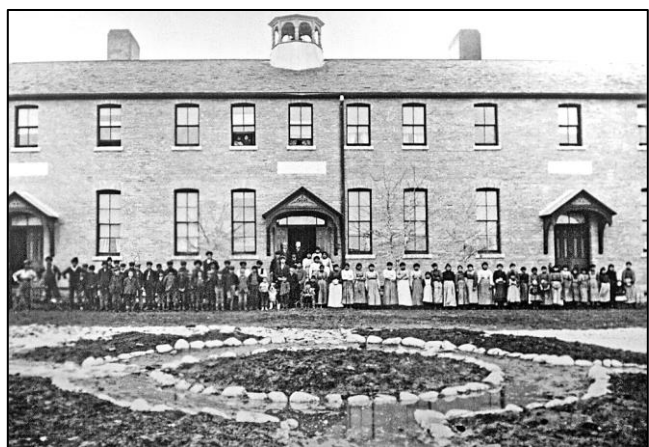
## First Baptist Regina Weekly News

*For the Week of June 13th, 2021*

On the west side of Regina, on Pinkie Road, there is a small graveyard with around 36 unmarked graves of Indigenous children. It was only recently identified and fenced in. A residential school operated near there from 1891 to 1910. The true number of graves is unknown, as is the case at many of the 138 former Residential schools across Canada.



*Graveyard on Pinkie Road near the former Regina Indian Industrial School. See photo below.*



*Regina Indian Industrial School, 1901*

Indian wards.” A few years later, in 1913, Duncan Campbell Scott, then deputy superintendent-general of Indian Affairs wrote, “It is quite within the mark to say that fifty per cent of the children who passed through these schools did not live to benefit from the education, which they had received therein.”

We cannot say that Canada did not know. We also cannot say that the death rate at the schools was the same among all children in Canada at the time, because it was much higher. And yet, the last school did not close until 1996.

“Doing nothing to obviate the preventable causes of death, brings the Department of Indian Affairs within unpleasant nearness to the charge of manslaughter.” This was the legal advice our federal government received in 1907.

Shortly afterwards, Saturday Night magazine wrote, “Indian boys and girls are dying like flies... Even war seldom shows as large a percentage of fatalities as does the education system we have imposed on our



*Students have been made to look as “white” as possible in this typical residential school class.*

I remember one Indigenous woman in our church recounting the day she heard that officials would be coming the following day to remove the children by force, so she packed up and walked away from the reserve, through the night, with her little ones.

We are approaching National Indigenous Day in Canada, June 21st. We can remember that we enjoy living on Treaty Four territory, the territories of the nêhiyawak (Cree), Anihšînāpēk (Saulteaux), Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We can ask ourselves if Canada has honoured the treaties it made in perpetuity.

We confess our sins and hear our absolution every Sunday. This is meant in part to help humanity to be reconciled one with one another. Sometimes reconciliation means repentance and restitution.

With my prayers,

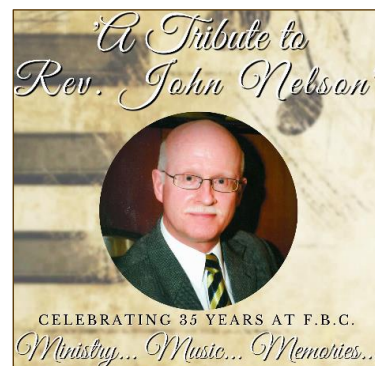


Pastor Joel

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

On May 30th, we enjoyed a fitting tribute to Pastor John, in gratitude for 35 years of faithful ministry to First Baptist Church, the Regina community, and beyond. In the words of our board chair, Ron Phillips, “It was an outstanding evening, with just the right blend of music, tributes, laughter, tears, and praise to God.” If you were not able to tune in to the service on the 30th, you may go to [our website](#) to watch it.



If you would like a copy of the program, it is available on [our website](#). Or, if you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Esther Gurnsey in person, by [email](#), or at (306) 789-9561, or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

We will continue to accept contributions towards a love offering for John for the month of June. The offering will be presented to him on June 27th – his last Sunday in his official capacity as Music Minister.

For anyone wishing to contribute, gifts must be cash only. Please note that we are not able to issue receipts for income tax purposes. If you are attending a Sunday worship service, you may leave your gift in the offering basket, or give it to any staff member (except John, of course!) *Be sure to mark your envelope clearly with “Love offering for John Nelson.”* If you plan to come by the church with your gift, please call ahead to make sure someone will be there. *Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.*

## First Baptist Place (FBP) Chapel Services Have Resumed!

As of June 2nd, chapel services at FBP have resumed. Norma Holtlander, chaplain of FBP, reports that those who have been attending are delighted to be able to gather together in person again. The services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Health guidelines are being followed. What a blessing to see things slowly beginning to return to normal!

## Voice Novel Study – Summer Edition

Voice is holding a novel study on Saturday, August 21, 2021. The group is looking at several different options, and YOU get to help choose the book for the study. To vote on your preference, visit [our website](#). For more information, visit the [Voice page](#) on our website, call Lauren Snook at (306) 529-2963, or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

## Furnished Apartment for Rent

A woman at Argyle Road Baptist Church has a furnished basement apartment for rent in a quiet neighbourhood near Regina Avenue and Pasqua Street. One bedroom and rec room, private bathroom and shower, all amenities, outside car plug-in and private entrance. No pets, no smoking inside. \$700 a month, available July 1, 2021. Please call 306-584-8143.

## Signs of Spring on the Farm (in case you missed these lovely photos the first time)...



*Lilacs*



*Newborn bison calf*



*Lily of the Valley*

Photos  
contributed  
by Hilary R



*Crabapple blossoms*



*Male bluebird*



*Bison cow and calf reflected in the water*

## 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

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

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

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

### Youth

Since health guidelines have been relaxed in regards to outdoor gatherings, the youth are now able to meet in person. Their first face-to-face meeting was on June 4th in Pastor Chris' backyard. The excellent turnout gave evidence of how happy they were to meet in person again. Their next meeting will be on June 18th. For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

### Adults

**Learning for Life:** Pastor Richard is leading the 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, chapters 2 and 3. 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](#).

**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, visit our website, email [the church](#), or call Laureen Snook at (306) 529-2963 or Bonnie Austring-Winter at (306) 537-8474. Following the June 16th meeting, Voice will take a break for the summer.

**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 call the church at (306) 359-1450, 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, and the second, on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 10 am. For more information, please visit [our website](#), contact [Pastor Richard](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

## Increasing Capacity at Sunday Worship Services

Due to declining infection rates, our government has recently announced changes to the maximum gathering size allowed for places of worship, beginning May 30th. In light of this, we have increased our capacity level as of Sunday, June 6th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plans for in-person children and youth programming are underway.



If a child refuses to sleep during nap time, are they guilty of resisting a rest?

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just needed a little space.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

I told a chemistry joke, but there was no reaction.

Man to his doctor: "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"

Doctor: "Sorry, I don't follow you ..."

Not all math puns are terrible. Just sum.

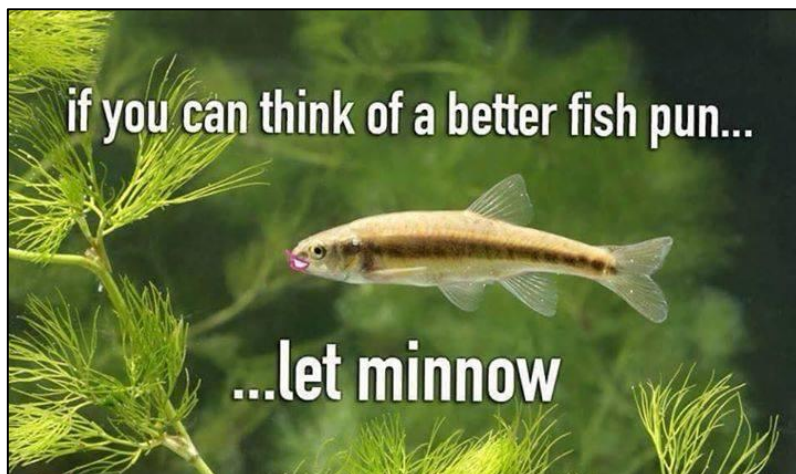
## Tithing during the pandemic

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net) for further details.



Q. Why do hummingbirds hum?

A. Because they don't know the words.

Q. What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?

A. A nervous wreck.

Q. What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack?

A. The best of thymes, the worst of thymes.