

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of August 1st, 2021

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 67:4-5

This past Tuesday, First Baptist was able to be of service to the Regina Open Door Society once again. We welcomed people from around the world, who came to receive their vaccine through the Saskatchewan Health Authority.



Regina Open Door & SK Health Authority staff at the July 27th vaccination clinic in our church basement

Some enjoyed coming into a church for the first time. A few wanted to talk about Christianity and share their own convictions and experiences. For me, the diversity in the room and everyone's efforts to understand each other, makes these events special and joyful.

I spent my first ten years in a diverse neighbourhood where there were always lots of kids my age playing outside. One close friend was Pakistani and another was Jamaican. At least, that's what my parents tell me – I just knew them as Debbie and Kevin. Kevin had the coolest Star Wars toys. We were fortunate to have a Vietnamese refugee family live with us for a while. It was a crowd in our little home! They always joined us to watch "The Dukes of Hazard." When I was a bit older, I spent a week with an Italian family in Toronto. I also had a chance to stay with a French (only)-speaking Québécois family in east Montreal.

I love the way culture changes our values, how we express ourselves, and how we see the world. I think my past has lots to do with that. But so does the future.

I can't help but suspect that somehow, the nations or cultures of this present-day world will shape the world that is coming. One thing I do know is that only God knows how Jesus' eternal kingdom will look and work. However, the Psalms often celebrate, in advance, a time that is coming, when the nations will live in peace, and be united in righteousness and their love for God. I think the kingdom will be a colourful place.

May we delight in the glimpses we can see now, of the diversity of the coming Kingdom.

With love,

Pastor Joel

Health Guidelines for August

Beginning on August 8th, 2021, masks and social distancing will be optional at all First Baptist Regina events, including Sunday morning services.

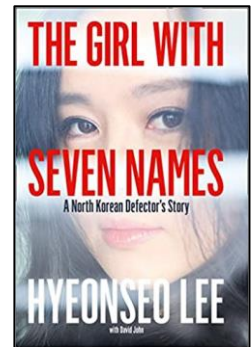
We have now had a chance, for three weeks, to re-adjust to being in public without the restrictions of the past year. There have been few new Covid cases. Several times recently, we have had a day where there were *no* new cases in Regina.

Let's continue to be attentive to the wishes of others when it comes to social distancing and hand shaking.

We will continue to watch cases numbers throughout the summer and fall.

Voice Novel Study...The Votes Are In!

The novel chosen for the August 21st study is "The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story," by Hyeonseo Lee. This book is an extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom. For more information, visit [our website](#), talk to Lauren S, or call the church at (306) 359-1450. The discussion will take place at 10 am over Zoom.



Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad."

Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard."

It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

I got my daughter a new fridge for her birthday. I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens 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

On Sunday, July 25th, several of our families with children met at the playground and spray pad by the Core Ritchie Neighbourhood Centre for some family fun time. The children put the spray pad to good use, as it was a very warm day!

Two more family meet-up times are planned, for August 15th and August 29th. They will be at the same location, from 2 – 5 pm.

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.

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

Youth

Pastor Chris: "On Friday, July 23rd, the youth gathered for a BBQ and a game of football at the Senger residence. It continues to be a real blessing to connect with the youth face to face, hear how their summer is going and how God is working in their lives, and have some fun together. It was especially good to hear from those who have been attending or working at Katepwa Lake Camp this summer. Please continue to keep our youth and our youth program in your prayers." For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adults

Learning for Life and the other small groups will be taking a break for July and August. For more information, see [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Give & Take

Item to give away: Power recliner in very good condition. If you or someone you know can put this chair to good use, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an email to [the church](#).



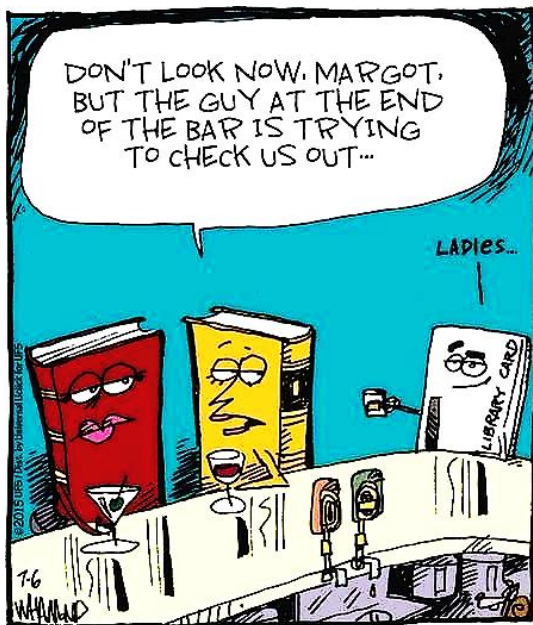
Tithing during the pandemic

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.



Q. Why don't crabs give to charity?

A. Because they're shellfish.

Q. Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex?

A. Because they were watch dogs.

Q. What did the wicked chicken lay?

A. Deviled eggs.

Q. What's the best way to watch a fly-fishing tournament?

A. Live stream.

Q. Why is grass so dangerous?

A. Because it's full of blades.