

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of September 12th, 2021

Fall Sermon Series in James & Hebrews: Life Together in a Season of Hardship

Life Together with God and Others

Being a Christian is a way of life in the letters of James and Hebrews. God has given Christians a second birth, and therefore, to be a Christian means to live, to grow, and to reach maturity at the end.

This life is always a journey into deeper relationship with God. Prayer and trust, obedience, and patience are essential.

The Christian life is also always a life lived with others. James keeps coming back to how we treat one another, especially within the church. Treating others with love is hard enough when everything is running smoothly and each day gives us something to look forward to. This year has not been easy for most people.

God's Harvest in a Season of Hardship

This harvest season arrives in a year of hardship for us, and even more so for many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

When times are hard, people are tempted to take their frustrations out on others. All too easily, our life together can become characterized by grumbling, bitterness, envy, prayerlessness, isolation, or judgement.



Instead, God's purpose is to harvest righteousness from our life together: generosity, gentleness, peacemaking, prayer, faithfulness, endurance, and most of all, mercy.

The people who first received the letters of James and Hebrews were going through hard times. They were exhorted to endure, to care for each other, and to draw closer to God.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel M. L.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Joel

Music@First

Sanctuary Choir

The first choir rehearsal will be Thursday, September 16 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. Melissa will email more details directly to everyone who submitted the online information form or who has emailed her directly.



If you are interested in singing in the choir or participating in leading worship, it's not too late to sign up! Please email Melissa ASAP at classicmel@gmail.com or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

RING With JuBELLation

A refreshing and revitalizing music ministry opportunity not to be missed. Rehearsals will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The first rehearsal will be held on September 21st.

We are presently three ringers short of what we had before the summer break. Would you like to ring? Ringers must be able to read music fairly well. Anyone interested, please contact John Nelson by email at jonel3454@hotmail.com or at (306) 535-0001.

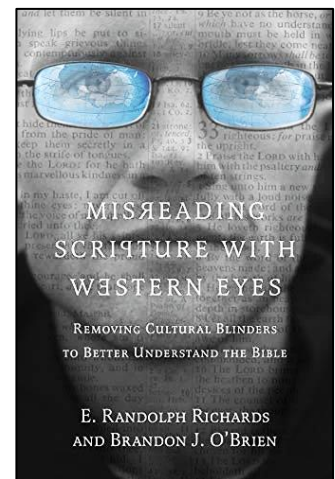
Voice – A Women's Book club

Fall Launch: Wednesday, September 15th

Time: 7:00 pm, via Zoom

The book chosen for study this fall is "Misreading Scriptures with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible," by Brandon O'Brien and Randy Richards. In this book, the authors challenge the way the Western church reads the Bible. Because of the cultural distance between the biblical world and our contemporary setting, we often bring modern Western biases to the text.

Voice is a small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. Women interested in joining the discussion please contact Bonnie at baw.winter@sasktel.net for more details. More information may also be found on [our website](#).



Give & Take

Items needed: Winter clothing needed for our newcomers to Canada – women's and men's (medium - large), and an 11-yr-old boy. Please contact Marilyn Phillips by [e-mail](#) or at (306) 515-1113.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Julienne and Gibril on the birth of Haidary, born Thursday morning, September 9th. Haidary was 9.5 lbs. Mom and baby are healthy, for which we give thanks to God.

Our Condolences

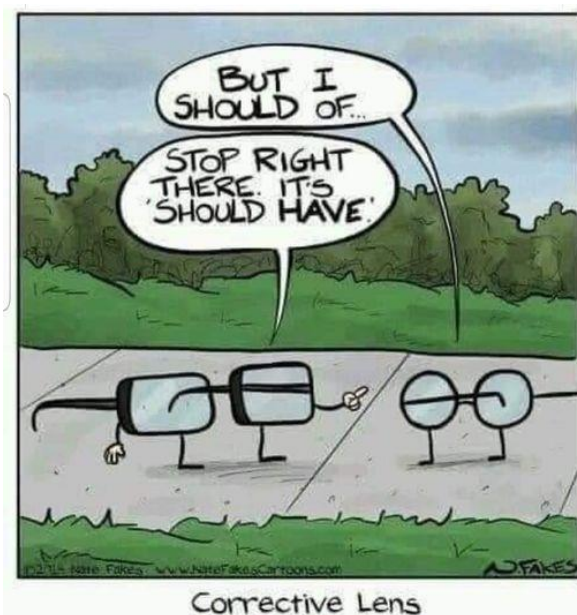
We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Enid Miller, grandmother to Melissa Morgan, who passed away the morning of Friday, September 3, 2021. The funeral was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

If you'd like to watch the service or read the obituary, please go to the [Speers website](#) for the link.



A Note of Thanks

Al Basky would like to thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls during his stay in the hospital and subsequent recovery. Also, a big thank you to Pastor Joel and John Nelson for their visits at the hospital.



Four students from different countries—Britain, France, the United States and Canada—were asked to write an essay on elephants.

The British student titled his essay, "Elephants and the Empire."

The French student naturally called his "L'Amour and the Elephant."

The American gave his essay the title, "Bigger and Better Elephants."

The Canadian, after much head-scratching, titled his essay, "Elephants: A Federal or Provincial Responsibility?"

Fall Programs

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's Ministry

Beginning September 12th, there will be in-person classes for children up to Grade 6. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

For their activity this week, the youth will join the Fall Kick-Off Event at Mosaic Stadium on Sunday, September 12th. For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): On September 12, Dr. Kelvin Friebe began leading a new series: "Lament Psalms: Asking God the Hard Questions." This series is about learning to approach God in prayer during difficulty. The class will look at questions such as:

- "Why should I pray in the midst of trauma?"
- "Is my suffering due to my sin?"
- "Why do the wicked prosper?"

This class will be in person, but also available through Zoom. For more information, please go to [our website](#).

Reading through the Old Testament: In this online reading group, participants have been reading through the Old Testament chronologically. The group will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, at 10:30 am, via Zoom. The scripture passages they will look at this week are Lamentations 1-5 and Ezekiel 1-17. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Pastor Richard](#).

Gospel of John small group study: This group will resume meeting soon. Watch for more information, or contact [Pastor Richard](#) if you're interested in joining the group.

You're never too old...

...for your very first ride in a convertible! Eva McMillan, who will be 99(!) in November, gets a ride to church with Derrick Bellows and Rosemary Ward in July of this year. Should we be so fortunate as to make it to Eva's extraordinary age, may we be as open to new experiences as she is! Eva recently had a minor fall, but, after getting checked out at the hospital, is home and doing well. She thanks everyone for their concern.



Volunteers Needed!

There have been a few responses to our request for volunteers. A *huge* thank you to those who have come forward! There are still a quite a number of areas where helpers are still needed, as follows:

- Ushers
- Children's ministry workers
- Youth ministry workers
- Nursery workers
- Communion set-up



Please send an email to [the church](#) or call the church office at (306) 359-1450 to let us know what area(s)—either in this list or not—you are able to get involved in. When everyone does their part, then no one is overworked!

Thank you for your feedback

A big thank you to those of you who have taken the time to respond to our question about your preference as to the frequency of this newsletter. The responses that we received indicated a preference to continue with a weekly letter. Based on that, and the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet, and having an alternate means of communication besides the Sunday worship services is advantageous to both the congregation and the leadership, we have decided that, for the time being, we will continue to prepare and distribute a weekly letter.

Website

The [church website](#) is a valuable source of information that can help keep you connected and up to date with the various programs that are available.

One easy way to keep on top of various activities and upcoming events is to click on the calendar icon in the top right hand corner of each page on the website. Each entry on the calendar provides a link to information about that particular event, such as Learning for Life, small group studies, and prayer times.

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912

Just a reminder to those of you who do not have access to a computer and/or the internet and are unable to attend the worship service in person, there is an easy way to listen to the previous Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on your landline phone or cell phone. This number takes you straight to the sermon recording. If you know someone who might like to use this service, please pass this information on to them.



Tithes and Offerings

While many of you are coming to worship services in person now, there are also quite a number joining the service on Zoom or Facebook. Whether you are attending in person or online, there are several methods that you can use to give your 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.

My daughter wanted
Cinderella-themed party,
So I invited all her
friends over and
made them
clean the house !



Via 99GAP.COM

Have you played the updated kids' game?
I Spy With My Little Eye...phone.

Did you hear the one about the termite
who walked into a pub and asked, "is the
bar tender here?"

Did you hear about the guy that went
broke investing in Egyptian tourism? He
didn't know it was a pyramid scheme.

I've got this awful disease where I can't
stop telling airport jokes. The doctor says
it's terminal.