

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of October 17th, 2021

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

Faith, Hope and Love That Endure

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. Hebrews exhorts the listener repeatedly to approach God in prayer, not to hesitate or hold back, but to enter and pass right in to God's very presence. This closeness to God is what Jesus came to bring about.



The Christian life is also always a life lived with others. Hebrews urges us to see that we are united with believers back in time and into the future, and that *only together* are we saved.

As we listen to Hebrews, the picture begins to form of thousands of people of faith who have passed on faith to us. And now our calling is to encourage each other to continue in love, hope, and faith, so that we might in turn pass it on to the next generation.

Waiting For the City That Is to Come

Hebrews, like James, is written to a persecuted church. Suffering was a part of everyday life. As in James' letter, the church appeared to be wavering in faith and practice. The believers were tempted to walk away from the church and not to make time for prayer.

Hebrews, again, like James, urged believers to take a longer view of salvation.

In their daily lives, God was redeeming their hardship by using it to produce holiness: lives of love, service, and prayer. However, Hebrews is full of warnings of real consequences if instead, a life produced only weeds, thorns, and thistles. Eventually, the only thing to be done with a field like that, is to burn it.

Hebrews also called the church to look far into the future, just as earlier saints and prophets had done before them. The church had a better hope than anything the world could offer, a heavenly calling. They were waiting for a better country, that is, a heavenly one, whose architect and builder is God.



At the centre of all hope and love is Jesus. Jesus is the one who opened the way for people to enter God’s presence. Jesus is the one who created a way of life that leads to the better country. He became like us, was tempted, and endured suffering, so that he could help us. Let us, therefore, approach Jesus with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help our time of need.

With love,

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

Pastor Joel

Heroes of the Faith – An Invitation to Our First Baptist Family

Starting October 17th, we will begin studying the book of Hebrews as a congregation, through our Sunday services. We will consider how we have received our faith and how we pass along our faith to others. Hebrews 11 is a well-known chapter that looks at a series of imperfect people who were being remembered for their faith in God. I don’t know about you, but the last year and a half has been hard, and I know I’m looking forward to a hearing good reminder about how our faith can make a practical and positive difference in our lives. I want our kids to know the same.

We are inviting kids and adults alike to choose a biblical hero (from Hebrews 11 or another part of the Bible). Individuals are invited to create a piece of art to share. We have 5”x7” quality art paper for participants to use. Participants can choose their own medium, such as pencil crayons, markers, paint, collage work, etcetera. The artistic creation can be accompanied by a title, a sentence, a paragraph, or even a poem that tells about their chosen character.



Kids who are participating are invited to work on their art either at home or during the kids programming time on Sunday mornings—or both. Our hope is to have enough responses to create an art wall at the church and possibly even make a book of the art.

Please contact [Pastor Kayely](#) for art paper, more details, or to request a Bible or additional resources to learn more about the biblical heroes.

Birth Announcement



At a healthy 9 pounds, Ellie-Mae Lyn was welcomed by her parents, Christina Maeers and Matthew Cozart, on September 30, 2021. Ellie-Mae is a sister to Jackson, 6, and Karter, 3. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Esther Maeers and Randy Shumay, and great grandmother, Vi Maeers.

Give & Take

Items needed: Armchair, kettle, electric frying pan. (Good condition only, please.) If you can help or would like more information, please email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

Items looking for a new home:

1. Yamaha Electone organ in pristine condition. If you are interested, please contact Kevin R, send an email to [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.



2. Panasonic microwave in good working order. Large, white, counter-top model. Please contact Carol O, send an email to [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Help promote our church in one easy step!

Recently I received an unexpected email from Google Maps. It was a note of congratulations for reaching a milestone – 1000 views of my Google Maps review of First Baptist Church! I was pleasantly surprised, and wondered if someone might have visited our church as a result of my little review.

The email also made me wonder if others of you might consider adding a brief review? It's so quick and easy – I just went to Google Maps on my phone and searched First Baptist Church. I then touched the "Reviews" button, scrolled down to "Rate and review on Google," clicked on 5 stars and wrote a simple sentence describing our church in a positive way. That's all there is to it! Perhaps you'd like to give it a try?

—Marilyn Phillips

Editor's Note: To submit a review on your computer, click on this link: [First Baptist Regina on Google Maps](#). Then scroll down the panel on the left to the Review summary, and click on the "Write a review" button.

Mitts and Toques

We have a number of individuals in our congregation who generously give of their time to knit or collect mitts and toques for children who need them. If you have mitts and/or toques to donate, please contact Winnie Kelm, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or send an email to the church. Winnie will deliver them to the schools.

Commissioning Service for Tim Coleman

On Sunday, October 17th, a commissioning service was held for Tim Coleman at Westhill Park Baptist Church. He is taking on new ministry responsibilities there. You may watch the service at www.westhillchurch.ca, or on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912

For 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 a recent Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on your landline phone or cell phone. If you know someone who might like to use this service, please pass this information on to them.



God is left-handed?

Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in pre-school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother commented, "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it and he did it left handed."

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

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's Ministry

There are now in-person classes for children up to Grade 6—"Godly Play" for the younger children and "Oasis" for the older ones.

**For details about an exciting project on Hebrews that can be done in church or from home, see page 2. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

For information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): On September 12, Dr. Kelvin Friebel began leading a new series: "Lament Psalms: Asking God the Hard Questions." This series is about learning to approach God in prayer during difficulty. This class is in person, but also available through Zoom. For more information, please go to [our website](#).

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](#), contact Bonnie AW or Lauren S, email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

Reading through the Old Testament: In this online reading group, participants have been reading through the Old Testament chronologically. The group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am, via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Pastor Richard](#) or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Gospel of John small group study: Pastor Richard is leading this small group. There are two groups meeting, via Zoom. The first group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday 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 contact [Pastor Richard](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Lost and Found

Found Sunday afternoon, September 26th, in the northeast corner of the church parking lot, a lady's ring. If you've lost a ring, please email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

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.



These puns will "leaf" you laughing all fall long...

Whenever fall arrives, leaves start changing their colour autumn-matically.

My favorite fall outfit is a har-vest.

Summer is better than autumn? That's a fall-acy.

Don't stop be-leafing.

Autumn leaves a smile on my face.

This weather is unbe-leaf-able.

Be like Humpty Dumpty and have a great fall!

