

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of October 31st, 2021

"Do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also look to Jesus. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place of God." *Hebrews, selected verses.*



I have wondered, where did I learn that there is a God who is involved in my life and in the world? Where did I get the idea that I could seek God? The longer I think about it, the more different people come to mind, whose example and care provided a model of following Jesus as the way of life.



My home was over a half hour from our church, and yet, a few younger men sacrificed their time to come and visit me as a young teen. Mr. Read, who afterwards went on to full time ministry, came many times for Bible studies, and then prepared me for baptism. After they moved away, he and his wife invited me to their home, even coming to pick me up, first from within Ontario, and then again after a move to Manitoba.



Rev. Bill Moreland was one of the elders of my congregation. He modelled the practice of appreciating the mundane and the sublime equally. When I visited him at his trailer, he delighted to show me the frog in his little pond to whom he fed worms. He told me several times about the frog he studied in dissection labs, whom he named Ichabod. He would also reminisce about A.W. Tozer, and all he had learned from him about pastoral ministry and prayer. My pastor related how, upon arriving at the hospital to visit the old minister at the end of his life, Rev. Moreland greeted him from



his bed with, "Oh! Thank you for coming. God is so good!"

There was also Mr. and Mrs. Durkee who treated me similarly to a son. This couple volunteered to lead the youth group for many years, week after week, while raising four young children. Given the distance to my home after youth group, and often having to work nearby first thing in the morning, I frequently slept over at their home. I was spoiled with affirmation and prayer.

Tragedy struck this incredible couple. Their daughter, a toddler, died one night in her sleep, inexplicably. Their devastation and nearly overwhelming grief was unmistakable and yet they did not retreat from the teens in their youth group. They invited the youth group to carry the casket at the funeral and graveside. It was a profound gift of love and faith to all of us.

There was also Pastor Al, Pastor Dave Petrescue, Mr. Tatum, the Campbells, and more, who come to mind. I recall sitting in their homes as a child, during an adult Bible study, or sitting through morning and evening services, or church meetings, or camping and canoe trips when I was older, and being aware that they were there. I think it is quite likely that most of these folks have forgotten all about me, or have no idea that they influenced me. So many people, each in their own way, demonstrated that there is a God, that we can know God, and that we ought to worship and obey the Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit.

I knew from their example that I had a choice to make. Would I seek to know God? Would I pray and listen, read the Bible and take part in church? Would I keep trying to live for God, and not for myself?

Perhaps you might sit and think about people of faith who have been a part of your life, and give thanks to God for each of them. Perhaps you might take heart to consider that, even if you are not aware of it, you have influenced others simply by taking part in prayer, worship, and service within our church family. All of us are caught up in being saved together.

Thank you for continuing to seek God, knowing that your faith touches everyone around you.

Yours, with love and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. M. L.' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Joel

This Week...

Pastor Joel and Heather will be attending the CBWC (Canadian Baptists of Western Canada) pastors retreat in Banff this week. They will be away Monday, November 1st to Thursday, November 4th.

[Pastor Kayely](#) and [Pastor Richard](#) will be taking turns being at the church and sharing responsibility for any needs that may arise. If you would like to meet with one of them in person, please contact them to set up a time. Esther G is at the church in the afternoons.

A Word of Thanks...

The Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 24th, was well attended in person and on Zoom. Our areas of focus were our past and present strengths in music and worship, something new we might like to try, and how our music ministry could continue to grow as a means of outreach. We plan to summarize the responses and print them in an upcoming newsletter. Pastor Joel encouraged us to keep communicating with each other and seek to understand differing points of view regarding music and worship. Thank you, everyone, for your great participation in the meeting!

—Music Futures Committee

Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC) Fall Report

The camp leadership reports: “This year, we're thankful that we had a safe return to regular summer programming! We had a fantastic summer with over 200 campers served, many young leaders mentored, great memories made, and God's love revealed. Check out this video for a 5-minute glimpse into what our summer was like!” [Summer Rewind 2021](#). To learn more, visit the [KLC website](#).



KLC Stream-a-thon Fundraiser



November 7th is the date for KLC’s Stream-a-thon 2021. Here’s what the organizers have to say about it:

“Mark your calendars! Our 2nd annual Stream-a-thon will be happening from 7-9 pm on Sunday, November 7th on Facebook Live! We had so much fun with our Stream-a-thon last year that we couldn't resist doing it again! The dynamic duo Marshall Morgan and Jordan Lynnes are back to host this momentous occasion! Tune in for a night of visioning for camp, interviews, music, contests and more! Last year, our donors rallied around this event. Together we raised \$38,000 which

was undoubtedly what allowed us to run summer camp this year. We are hoping and praying that our community will join us for another unforgettable night of forging the future together.” To learn more about this year’s Stream-a-thon, contact [Rosemary W](#), go to the [KLC website](#) or watch this short video: [Stream-a-thon 2021](#).

Don’t have a Facebook account? No problem. You can still watch the stream-a-thon without an account. Go to the [KLC website](#) for the link.

Mitts and Toques

A big THANK YOU to the faithful knitters who made mitts and toques for children who need them. Winnie K delivered over 200 items last week, to seven schools here in Regina. The staff of Coronation Park School writes: "Thank you so much for your generous donation for our school!"

News from Heartland Baptist Women

"We want to WELCOME three women from Saskatchewan who have joined our Leadership Team – **Marilyn Phillips, Laurie McPherson and Barb Ziolkowski**. As a team of nine we are looking forward to working and praying together to provide opportunities for women of the Heartland area to connect and grow in faith and friendship."

The Heartland Baptist Women are joining the Baptist Women of North America for their annual Day of Prayer on November 1, 2021. For more information, please click here: [Baptist Women's Day of Prayer](#). Please Note: The Zoom prayer sessions on November 1st are 11:00 am and 7:00 pm CST (SK time).

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.



"I've finally reached The Wonder Years"

Wonder where
I parked the car?

Wonder where
I left my phone?

Wonder where
my glasses are?

Wonder what
day it is?

A little girl asked her mother for ten cents to give to an elderly lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness and gave her the requested sum.

"There you are, my dear," said the mother. "But, tell me, isn't the lady able to work any more?"

"Oh yes," came the reply. "She sells sweets."

John, an avant-garde painter, got married. Someone asked the bride a few weeks after the wedding, "How's married life, Helen?"

"It's great," she answered. "My husband paints, I cook; then we try to guess what he painted and I cooked."

There's a new garlic diet around. You don't lose weight, but you look thinner from a distance.

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.

At present, our children are participating in an exciting art project on Hebrews that can be done in church or from home. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

October 17th was the "Youth Lead" service for October. Sara Orthner and Isaiah Gagnon led the singing, and Xavier Russell-MacLean played the organ. Thank you so much for your contribution! For more information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).



L-R: Hamza, Honnête & Nuru B, Sara O, Maizy RM. Summer, 2021.

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 are 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.

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.



A couple, desperate to have a child, went to their priest and asked him to pray for them. "I'm going on a sabbatical to Rome," he replied, "and while I'm there, I'll light a candle for you."

When the priest returned three years later, he went to the couple's house and found the wife pregnant, busily attending to two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked her where her husband was so that he could congratulate him.

"He's gone to Rome," came the harried reply, "to blow that candle out."

Did you hear about the dentist who married a manicurist? They fought tooth and nail.