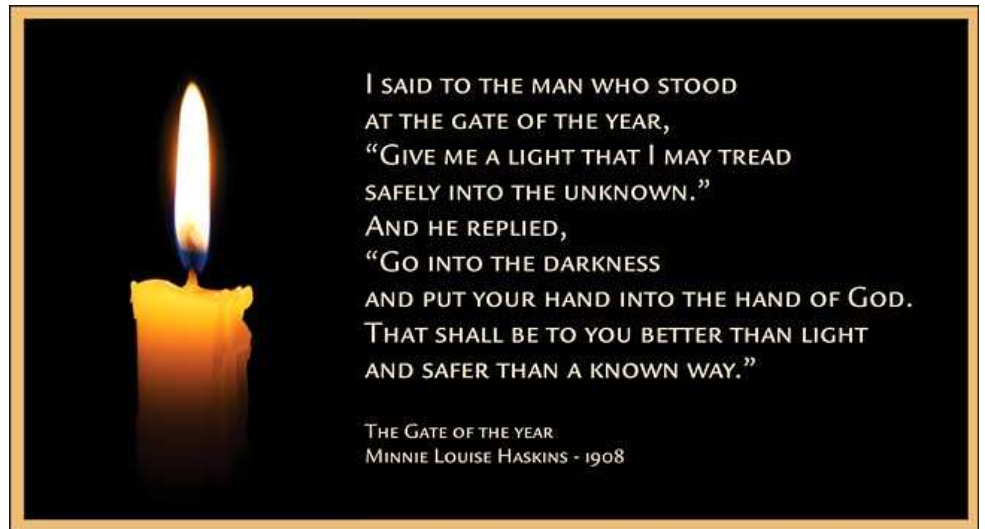


First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of January 9, 2022

A few thoughts as we enter a new year...



Prayer For a New Year

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way you're leading me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleases thee.

I want to know your guiding voice,
To walk with you each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleases thee.
—Author Unknown

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

What will the new year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear his whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
—Author Unknown

—Esther Gurnsey

Guest Preacher on Sunday, January 16th

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Wil Rogan as our guest preacher next Sunday, in our joint service with Dauphin First Baptist Church. He will also be the guest teacher at Learning for Life.

Dr. Rogan has been an assistant professor of biblical studies at Carey Theological College since August, 2020. He has a Ph.D. in New Testament from Fuller Theological Seminary, and has articles published in *New Testament Studies*, *Currents in Biblical Research*, and the *Journal of Theological Interpretation*.



Ladies' Breakfast – January 22nd

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Home of Rosemary Ward
3138 Hill Avenue

This will be a potluck breakfast. The purpose of this gathering is simply to provide an opportunity for fellowship. All ladies are welcome. Please note that we will be requiring proof of vaccination. If you'd like to come, please contact Laurie M or Julie R, email [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Do You Have This Book?

For their next study, Voice has chosen the book, "Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church," by Philip Yancey. However, since it is out of print, Voice is looking to borrow some copies. If you have a copy of that book, and would be willing to lend it out for a few months, please contact Bonnie A-W or Lauren S, email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

First Baptist Facility Renewal

Good progress has been made in our present renewal project. To date, the elevator entryway and the library have been repaired and painted. As well, the walls in the Lorne Street stairwell and landing have been repaired and that area will be painted this week. Thank you to Julie Rich and Shirley Wolfe for coming up with the designs. Thank you to Eric Warren and Glen Larson for helping to prepare the areas ahead of time. Thanks also to Collin Carbo, Bryden Yeo and Susan Bornowski for coming and tidying up a few places in the church that have been neglected during Covid.

Learning for Life (L4L) Off to a Great Start

Yesterday, January 9th, saw the launch of our new L4L series, "The Gospel of John." Annabel reports: "There were 9 of us in the class and 25 Zoom connections, so perhaps 40 altogether. I was able to see and to hear everyone on Zoom. We're working on the sound issues. Please take this as an invitation to join us next week. This class is for everybody—especially if you've never attended Learning for Life before. Come and see." For more information, contact Annabel R, see [our website](#), or email [the church](#).

Center for Healthy Aging Transitions (CHAT)

Marilyn and I are on the steering committee of this organization. It was founded by two CBWC (Canadian Baptists of Western Canada) pastors, Paul Pearce and Myrna Sears. Its goal, as its name implies, is to help our people to age well, serving Jesus and continuing to grow until the Lord calls us home.

Two courses will be sponsored by CHAT in the first half of 2022. Patsy Pearce will be facilitating a course on “Storytelling for Life: Why Stories Matter and Ways of Telling Them” (January 29 – March 12), and Steven Pike will be facilitating a course on “Coming to Peace with your Pain,” during the Lenten period (March 7 – April 11). There is potential for a third offering, on grandparenting.

If you are interested in these, or in the work of CHAT in general, please visit the [CHAT website](#). More details are available, and you may register for the courses there. (Click on EVENTS.) You will find other helpful resources on the website as well.

—Ron Phillips

Many thanks...

The recent cold snap has resulted in a few issues with frozen pipes and heating system problems. A special thank you to Marvin Fuller and Rob Stafford-Lai, who have braved the cold to come by the church numerous times this past week to check on things and make sure all was well.



A couple of extras in the play were talking backstage at the end of the performance. “What the matter with our leading lady?” one actress asked. “She seems really angry about something.

“Oh, she’s upset because she only received nine bouquets of flowers,” the other woman answered.

“Nine!” exclaimed the first actress. “That’s pretty good, isn’t it?”

“Yes,” her friend replied, “but she paid for 10.”

Lance is an uncommon name these days, but in medieval times, people were named Lance a lot.

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 is an in-person class for children up to Grade 6. The children are currently learning about the stories of Jesus' ministry. 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): Annabel Robinson is leading the series: "The Gospel of John." This whole Gospel is centred on Jesus and who he is. The class will encourage each person to ask themselves, "Who, in my experience, is Jesus?" This class is in person, and also on Zoom. For more information, contact Annabel R, see [our website](#), or email [the church](#). [Join Learning for Life](#).

Learning for Life between Sundays: This class, facilitated by Joel Russell-MacLean, will start on Tuesday, January 11th. We will read and reflect on the powerful stories and personal presentation of Jesus in the Gospel according to John. Whether Sunday mornings at 9:30 don't work for you, or if there's just something you want to follow up on after Sunday's sermon or L4L class, all are welcome. The class will be both in person and on Zoom. [Join Weekday L4L](#).

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. The first meeting of the new year will be on January 19th. For more information, contact Bonnie A-W or Laureen S, visit [our website](#), email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.

Reading through the Pauline Epistles: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, will meet on Zoom, starting Wednesday, January 12, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact Norma H, email [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450. [Join Reading the Pauline Epistles](#).

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912



Know of someone with no computer and/or internet access and cannot come to church in person? Please let them know that there is an easy way to listen to the sermon from a recent Sunday service. On a landline phone or cell phone, simply dial this number: (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area). It will take you straight to the sermon recording.

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.



- Q. How can you tell when an alto is trying to break into your house?
A. They can't find the key and they don't know where to come in.
- Q. How many tenors does it take to screw in a lightbulb?
A. Trick question. They only think they can reach that high.
- Q. Where is the ocean the deepest?
A. At the bottom.