

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of February 20, 2022

Allan Basky's family chose a beloved hymn to sing at his funeral service last week:

"When all my labours and trials are o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore
Will through the ages be glory for me."

I couldn't help but think of John's Gospel as we sang. For John, it is all about being with Jesus. Being with Jesus is life, eternal life, resurrection, and glory. We talk about heaven or the new creation and all the things we might do, the people we will see, the questions we will have answered.



With Jesus...forever

"Friends will be there I have loved long ago;
Joy like a river around me will flow;
Yet just a smile from my Saviour, I know,
Will through the ages be glory for me."

The centre of that new life is to be near the "dear Lord I adore." Is that true for you? We are invited here and now to have our first experiences of the glory of knowing Jesus. If that isn't something we are interested now, why would it suddenly become so at our death? If seeing Jesus isn't glory now or then, might we be disappointed with eternity, as hard as that is to imagine? Now is the time to get to know Jesus and to discover that it is glory to know Jesus. Now is the time to get to know Jesus more and more.

"When by his grace I shall look at his face,
That will be glory, be glory for me."

Yours in prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. L." with a stylized flourish.

Pastor Joel

First Baptist Church Question & Answer Time

On Sunday, February 27th, following the morning worship service, we will meet in the sanctuary and on Zoom for a question and answer time. This will be a chance to ask questions about Covid, protections going forward, church staffing, or anything else that may be on your mind.

Teens or Pre-Teens in the Family?



Join with other parents to reflect on how you can give your kids their best future. Beginning March 9th, we will be running a parenting course for parents of teens and pre-teens (ages 11 – 18), using Alpha materials.¹ Sessions are once a week for five weeks.

It's not too late to sign up. For more information or to register, please email [Pastor Kayely](mailto:pastor.kayely@church.com) or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

If you know of someone who may be interested in this course, please pass this information on to them.

¹ This is the same organization whose materials we used for the marriage course that a small group from the church participated in last winter.

Spring Cleaning Days

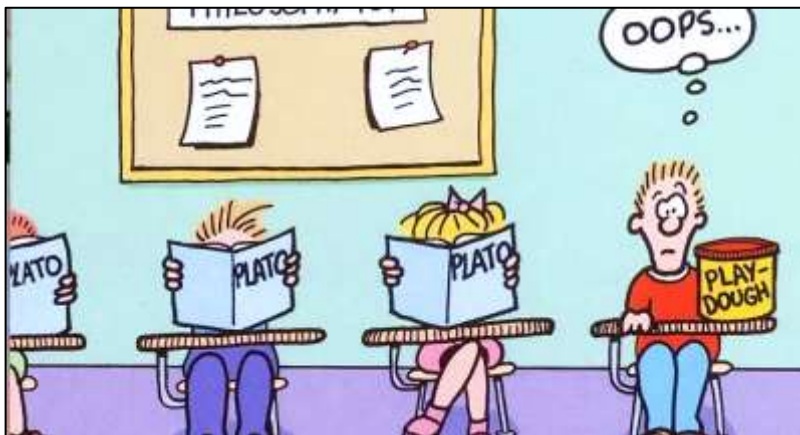
If we act like it is spring, perhaps spring will come!

There are plenty of little and big cleaning and tidying jobs to do around our building, as we get ready to welcome in this new season. Activity is increasing around our facility, and we are getting ready for Lent and Easter.

We are aiming to have some cleaning bees the week of March 6th. If it has been a while since you pitched in, this is your big chance! If you can use a dust cloth, organize a closet, turn a screwdriver, or carry books – we want you!



If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact us by emailing [the church](mailto:thechurch@church.com) or calling (306) 359-1450. Let us know if you would prefer to help on a weekday, an evening, or a Saturday and whether you prefer working in a group or on your own. As with all activities these days, we will watch for any changes in public health directives.



Doing rounds one day, a new nurse couldn't help overhearing the surgeon yelling, "Typhoid! Tetanus! Measles!"

"Why does he keep doing that?" She asked a colleague.

"Oh, he just likes to call the shots around here."

I searched for a lighter on Amazon, but all I could find was 401 matches.

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

Pastor Chris: "The youth have been meeting for a video study on creation. The series challenges us to unpack our understanding of what God as Creator means, and how that affects how we can look at our world and ourselves as creative beings. We look forward to continuing this study over the next few weeks.

"As Covid numbers decrease we are hopeful that we will meet again in person soon. Please continue to pray for our ministry and especially, our youth." For more information, 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, please contact Annabel, email [the church](#), or go to [our website](#). [Join Learning for Life](#).

Learning for Life between Sundays: In this class, facilitated by Joel Russell-MacLean, 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 something you want to follow up on after Sunday's sermon or L4L class, all are welcome. The class is both in person and on Zoom. For more information, visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Joel](#). [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. For more information, contact Bonnie A-W or Lauren S, call (306) 359-1450, email [the church](#), or visit [our website](#).

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

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912

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.



A man was recovering from minor surgery when his nurse came in to check on him. "How are you feeling?" she asked.

"I'm okay," he said, "but I didn't like the four-letter word the doctor used during surgery."

"What did he say?" the nurse asked.

"Oops."

Q. Why is a hospital gown like health insurance?

A. You're never as covered as you think you are.

Q. What did the accountant say while auditing a document?

A. This is taxing!