

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of March 13, 2022

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulders.” *Isaiah 9.6*

War and pandemic have touched us. There is agitation and turmoil between Canadians. There is heartache and uncertainty. I feel it inside me as well. This feels like a time when I call Jesus “the Good Shepherd” more because I remain convinced of this in my mind, even though my guts are shaken.

Matthew’s gospel ends with Jesus saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” I don’t think that requires believing that everything that happens is Jesus’ plan. Humanity has been given freedom to act, even if what we do is evil. In fact, Jesus promises us that, “You will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.” *(Matthew 24:6-8)*

However, Jesus promised to bring all things to a dramatic, redemptive conclusion. He will return and heaven will descend to earth. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.” *(Revelation 21:3-4)* Paul taught that Jesus is directing all history toward this end, dealing with “every ruler and every authority and power” until all his enemies are conquered. *(1 Corinthians 15:25)*

The Good Shepherd not only carries individual sheep on his shoulders, he carries the whole world. May these words bring you peace and comfort through the Holy Spirit so that you might, in turn, minister in faith, hope, and love to those around you.

Yours in prayer,



Pastor Joel



AGM 2022



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022, following the morning worship service. It will be on Zoom as well as in person, in the church sanctuary. For more information, call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an email to [the church](#).

Be sure to attend: We have much to celebrate and much to discuss! The 2021 Annual Report and other related information may be found on [our website](#). There will also be hard copies available in the church foyer by March 13th.

Editor's note: Please note that March 27th, as printed above, is the correct date for the AGM. My apologies for publishing the wrong date in last week's newsletter.

CBM in Ukraine

The full entry of Russia's military into all of Ukraine has grabbed the world's attention. Already, hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled into Europe and more are on their way. The war has already brought suffering and death. It is terrible to consider what could be next. Our prayers go out to the people living in cities under attack. We pray that somehow, a new peace might be established.

CBM has started an emergency relief fund which we invite you to consider. Working through European partners, CBM has connections into Ukraine and to the refugees. You can read more about it following this link: [CBM emergency relief in Ukraine](#).

The Canadian government has also pledged to match all donations to the Red Cross up to \$100,000. The Red Cross have been active in Ukraine since war began eight years ago. [Donate to the Red Cross](#).



A Note of Thanks...

Eva Basky and her family would like to thank the church family for all their prayers and support and all those who volunteered their help at the funeral. A very special thanks to Pastor Joel for his kindness, prayers, phone calls and visits and for being there to support us. Also for his wonderful tribute to Allan. Thanks also to Pastor Kayely for her assistance and John Nelson for his gift of music.

Concert at Westhill Park Baptist Church

On Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Christian Singer/Songwriter Trevor Baker will present a concert at Westhill Park Baptist Church. Those who enjoy Southern Gospel/Country Gospel music will especially appreciate his music.

Trevor has twice been awarded Country Gospel Album of the year by the Canadian Country Music Association. There is no charge for entry to the concert at Trevor's request, but a free will offering will be taken to help cover Trevor's expenses.



COVID Measures

It appears that we will be easing out of COVID measures shortly. Over the coming weeks of March, we ask that you continue to wear masks when we gather in larger groups. We will decide week by week.

We are also considering moving away from Zoom and removing the screen from the sanctuary. We will continue to live stream our service. Please contact anyone from the board or church staff with questions, concerns, or to share your preference.



"I was relaxing in my favourite chair on Sunday," said one office worker to another, "reading the newspaper, watching a ball game on TV and listening to another on the radio, drinking a soda, eating a snack, and scratching the dog with my foot—and my wife has the nerve to accuse me of just sitting there doing nothing!"

"John, I can see that all your buttons are sewed on perfectly. You must be married!"

"That's right. Sewing on buttons was the first thing my wife taught me on our honeymoon."

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

The youth have been meeting for a video study on creation. The series looks at our understanding of what God as Creator means, and how that affects how we can look at our world and ourselves as creative beings. 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



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 a recent Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on a landline phone or cell phone. This number takes you straight to the sermon recording.

Tithes and Offerings

Whether you are attending Sunday services 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 a credit or debit card to make a donation from our website. (*The church is charged a small processing fee for each 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*)
 - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a 4% fee 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.



Through the pitch black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course 10 degrees east."

The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees west."

Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."

Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

There's one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."