

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of March 6, 2022

In just over a week in Ukraine, thousands of people have been killed and over one million have become homeless refugees, as whole neighbourhoods and cities are reduced to rubble. As is so often the case, the people most affected are those who have little or nothing to gain and minimal influence over what happens.

What comes next remains unclear. What might be asked of us going forward is therefore unclear as well. But we will do what we can.



Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) is channelling funds through their partnerships in Eastern Europe to help refugees inside and outside of Ukraine. They are providing updates on the need as it is developing rapidly. See page two for more information and CBM links. There are plenty of other relief agencies to choose from if you prefer.

We can also fast and pray. Lent is a time of remembering our dependency upon God. We are being forcibly reminded of our helplessness.

“For we hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together
as they plot,

But we trust in you, O Lord;
We say, “You are my God.”

Our times are in your hand;
deliver us from the hand of our enemies and persecutors.” *Psalm 31*

Lord have mercy.

Yours in prayer,

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

Pastor Joel

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](#).

AGM 2022



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be held on Sunday, March 20, 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.

Parenting Teens Course



This course starts Wednesday, March 9th, at 7:00 pm. The class will be on Zoom and is geared to parents of kids ages 11 to 18. Join with other parents to reflect on how you can give your kids their best future.

If you would like to take this course, it is not too late to sign up! Contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or by phone: (306) 737-0393. If you know of someone who may be interested in this course, please pass this information on to them.

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.

Our Condolences

Our condolences go out to Sue and Dell Bornowsky on the passing of Sue's mother Yvonne Stevenson. Yvonne passed away the evening of Sunday, February 27, 2022, with family at her side. She was 94. Yvonne attended First Baptist Church in Calgary and was a former office administrator for Dr. Harold Mitton there.

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.

Two little boys, ages eight and ten, were always getting into trouble. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak to them. The preacher agreed, but asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the eight-year-old in the morning. The preacher, a huge man with a deep, booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!"

The boy screamed and bolted out of the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing and they think WE did it!"



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 [by email](#) or at (306) 761-1458, 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 Austring-Winter](#) or [Lauren Snook](#) 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.



*These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

A big, burly man paid a visit to a pastor's home. "Sir," he said, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family. The father is unemployed, and the mother can't work because of the nine children she must raise. They are hungry and soon will be forced onto the street unless someone pays their \$500 rent."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher. Touched by the concern of a man with such a gruff appearance, he asked, "May I ask who you are?"

Sobbing, the visitor replied, "I'm their landlord."