

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

"The crowd took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!' ... His disciples did not understand these things at first..." *John 12:13, 16*

John described Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding on a young donkey, with a crowd cheering and waving palm branches. Then John observed that the disciples "did not understand these things at first." It makes me wonder, why then were they waving palm branches? If they didn't understand, why were they cheering and singing, "Hosanna! The King of Israel!"?



"Jesus enters Jerusalem," by Herbert Mandel

Perhaps John meant the disciples didn't understand that this celebration would lead to Jesus' suffering and death. Perhaps John meant that the disciples had a narrow, limited idea of Jesus' authority as the Messiah. Perhaps the crowd saw Jesus more clearly than his close friends. It could be any or all of these.

Even though they did not understand, the disciples chose to join in on one of the most iconic celebrations in history.

For everyone, there are events in life when one has to make a choice without fully knowing and understanding the situation. In fact, I wonder if there's a deep connection between important choices and not fully understanding. It seems like the more consequential the decision we have to make, the more likely it is impossible for us to fully understand what it will mean.

Consider common things like work, retirement, marriage, or having children. Who ever makes those choices knowing fully what they will mean? Or we can consider someone in government, having to make decisions about COVID, global warming, the economy, or war, while experts and lobbyists present conflicting information. Most of the time, we just have to make a choice.

Part of the Church's calling is to invite everyone to join in the singing and celebrating as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Even if we don't fully understand, this is one of the best and most joyful choices we could ever make in life.

With love,



Pastor Joel

Holy Week 2022 – The Journey to the Cross

This week is Holy Week. Set aside time for silence, prayer, and fasting as we follow the story of Jesus' self-sacrifice for the world. We are offering morning and evening online gatherings for worship.

Here is a list of Holy Week Worship Services and Events:

Monday, April 11th – Thursday, April 14th

- Morning prayer: 7:15 am daily, online only

Monday, April 11th – Wednesday, April 13th

- Evening service: 7:00 pm daily, online only; short services of daily prayer

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

- 7:00 pm, in person and online. Our youth are helping to take the lead for this special service of Jesus' final evening with his friends.

Good Friday Service, April 15th

- 10:30 am, online and in person at Westhill Park Baptist Church. Pastor Tim McKinnon, from Weyburn, will be preaching. This is a joint service involving First Baptist, Argyle Road Baptist, Westhill Park Baptist and Calvary Baptist Community (Weyburn) churches. The service will be live streamed from Westhill Park Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday, April 17th

- Sunrise Service: 6:30 am, Wascana Marina. A short outdoor service with singing, readings of Jesus' resurrection, and a warm breakfast to follow. Please contact the church [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450 if you plan to attend.
- Easter Sunday Morning Worship service: 11:00 am, in person and on Zoom. Christ is Risen! From the Easter greeting to the Hallelujah Chorus and the Easter egg hunt, this joyful celebration of God's victory in the resurrection is the high point in our calendar as a congregation.

For more information and links to the various services and events, visit [our website](#).

Birth Announcement

Luke Johnathon was welcomed on March 28, 2022 by his parents and an older brother and sister, weighing in at 6 lb, 11 oz. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Eric and Amy Warren.



Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to Freda Sauer, who turned 101 on Monday, April 4th.

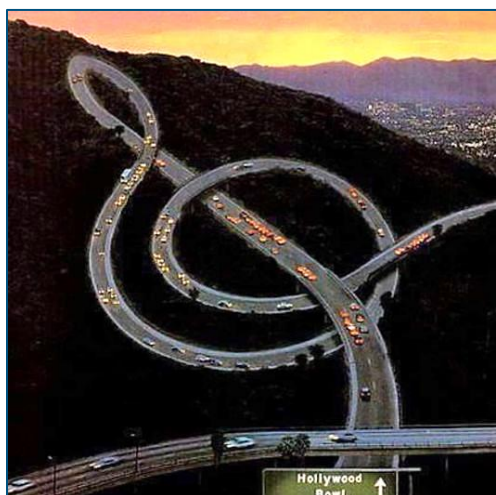
Youth Ministry Update

Last week our youth went to a Regina Pats game. The hope was to see a team fighting for a playoff spot, and one of the best NHL prospects since Connor McDavid. However, things did not turn out that way. The Pats were crushed 7 to 0. But, it was still fun for the youth to hang out together. On Friday, April 8th, the youth met for a Bible study at the church. We decided to use our youth room for the first time since the pandemic began. One funny moment was when we found some of the marshmallows in a bag that had been stored in the room, and that were now rock hard. We also talked a little about our involvement in the upcoming Maundy Thursday service, read and thought about some scripture, and then walked to the Milky Way for ice cream.

—Pastor Chris

COVID Measures

We are still waiting for COVID to slow down further. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to ask people to wear a mask on Sunday mornings and in larger groups. We will continue to evaluate this week by week.



Could this be called a “Musical Ride?”

A few plumbers were discussing their respective jobs in the lunchroom one day. One young plumber in the group complained loudly about how hard he had had to work that morning – but he was soon silenced.

“You think you got it tough?” said an old-timer. “Listen. When I first started in this business, they let us lay two lengths of pipe and then turned on the water – and we had to keep ahead of it!”

Experience is a good school, but it’s not very strong on vacations.

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 in-person classes for children up to Grade 6 during our 11 am worship service. The children are currently working through the Lent and Easter Season stories. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

See page 3 for an update from Pastor Chris on our youth ministry.

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 will not meet this week, because of the Easter holiday.

Learning for Life between Sundays: In this class, facilitated by Joel Russell-MacLean, we are reading and reflecting on the powerful stories and personal presentation of Jesus in the Gospel according to John. This class is taking a short break and will resume on April 26th. For more information, visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Joel](#).

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.



Indira Gandhi, former prime minister of India, tried to live by the advice given her early in life by her grandfather, Motilal Nehru: "He told me there are two kinds of people – those who do the work of the world and those who take the credit. He said to try to be in the first group, since there was much less competition there."

A report came into the police station about a house break-in and the theft of five bagpipes. The desk sergeant promised to send out an investigator. Then, turning the complaint over to one of his officers, he suggested, "If I were you, I'd check out the neighbours on either side."