First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of May 22, 2022

Not long ago, we had guests in our home over the weekend. We had not visited recently, but had a previous history of good times together.

These guests came to our home carrying a very heavy burden with respect to a family member living quite far away; they had spent a week with him just before they came. Both are evangelicals.



On Sunday morning, these friends attended our worship service at First Baptist with us. The service was as usual: excellent singing of (almost all) old hymns, including "Victory in Jesus." The sermon was scriptural, encouraging, and personal. A lovely special musical number was sung. Communion was served. They were welcomed by many.

When we arrived at home, the comments from our friends were very affirming of the service they had just attended with us. "There is HOPE," is the message they conveyed to us. The spirits were lighter and the expressions were different.

Please God, keep us on track, living the Christian message. One never knows who needs it, and who may hear it.

-Martha Pauls

Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast

When: June 11th, 9:30 am

Where: Nicky's Cafe, 1005 8th Avenue

Ladies' Fellowship Breakfasts are back! Please bring an object or a memory from your childhood to share. If you can make it, please let <u>Julie Rich</u> or <u>Debby Nelson</u> know, or call the church at (306) 359-1450, so we can give Nicky's an approximate number. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Congregational Meeting - May 29th

Please note that a special, brief Congregational meeting will held May 29, 2022, following morning worship service, to consider the following motion:

"We, the congregation of First Baptist Church Regina, request that Christopher Senger be recognized as a Licensed Minister by his Regional Advisory Group and Ministerial Credentials Committee of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC), and that he fulfill all CBWC requirements and appear before the Ordination Examining Council within three years, to be recognized as ordained to the gospel ministry."

If you have any questions, please contact <u>Pastor Kayely</u> or <u>Ron Phillips</u>, or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Church Picnic – Sunday, June 19th

Once again, we can look forward to meeting together for a time of fellowship, games, music, food, and prizes! The picnic will be held on Willow Island from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. For more information, see <u>our website</u>.

- Salad and dessert potluck
- Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided
- Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, plates and flatware
- · Freewill offering to defray costs
- All ages welcome
- Wheelchair access available please contact the church to make arrangements.







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.



Notable Music Dates Coming Up

"Sing On!" - Friday, June 3rd, 7:30 pm

This concert will be presented by the Cantate Youth Choirs, directed by Deborah Nelson, and accompanied by Marlene Hinz. Featured will be the Cantate Senior and Apprentice Choirs and guest musicians. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!

"Choir of Angels" – Saturday, June 4th, 7:30 pm

This concert will be presented by the Regina Philharmonic Chorus at Knox Metropolitan United Church, 2340 Victoria Avenue. The concert will feature Victoria Stroeder, soprano, Tava Burton, soprano, Holly Gilroy, alto, Michael Hawkes, bass, and Hart Godden, Artistic Director.

Tickets: Adults, \$35, Students, \$15, Children, \$5. Tickets available from chorus members or by visiting <u>reginaphilharmonic.com</u>. Masking and proof of vaccination will be required for entry.

"Forêt, Fleur et Faune" - Sunday, June 5th, 7:30 pm

Alysse Sailor-Tedford, soprano, is a recent music honours graduate (Voice Major) of Wilfred Laurier University. Alysse will be sharing an inspirational evening of vocal selections, accompanied by pianist Maria Fuller and flutist Marie-Noelle Berthelet. Alysse is Jack Sailor's daughter. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!



The week before a space launch, an astronaut tries to relax at an out-of-the-way cafe. But the proprietor recognizes him and says, "You fellows at NASA think you're something, going to the moon. But we've got a couple of guys here who've been building their own spaceship out back."

Reluctantly, the astronaut goes outside to look. The "spaceship" is a conglomeration of water bottles, soda cans, and spare car parts. "We're planning to go to the sun," boasts one guy.

"This will be incinerated before you can get close to the sun," the astronaut warns.

"We got that all figured out—we're going at night!"

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 Easter Season stories. For more information, please contact <u>Pastor Kayely</u>.

Youth Ministry

Our youth group will meet on Friday, May 27th at the home of Bryan and Carmen Orthner. They will meet outside, weather permitting, for a fun evening of games, snacks, and hanging out around a fire. For more information about our youth program, please contact Pastor Chris.

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): This class will resume in the fall.

Voice: A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group is taking a break for the summer and will meet again in the fall. For more information, contact <u>Bonnie Austring-Winter</u> or <u>Laureen Snook</u> or visit <u>our website</u>.

Reading through the Pauline Epistles: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:30 am. Following this week's meeting on June 1st, the group will take a break for the summer. For more information, contact <u>Norma</u> or call the church at (306) 359-1450. <u>Join Reading the Pauline Epistles</u>.

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 <u>firstbaptistregina.ca</u> for more specific information on these contribution methods. You may also contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497 or email the church at <u>main_fbcregina@sasktel.net</u> for further details.



A Texan travelled to England on vacation. While there, he attended a church service and was amazed at how quiet and reserved it was. Not one word was spoken out of turn. All of a sudden he heard the minister say something he really liked. "Amen!" he shouted. Everyone in the church turned and stared, and the usher came running down the aisle.

"You must not talk out loud," admonished the usher sternly.

"But," protested the Texan, "I've got religion!"

"Well," said the usher, "you did not get it here."