

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of June 12, 2022

As a child and young person I was inclined to see the 'good' Bible characters, those who were people after God's own heart, as being almost perfect: they always trusted God; they never got discouraged; they always lived on a spiritual and emotional high. But by the time I was an adult, I began to see them as human beings, created in the image of God, but not perfect, just like me. They had their downfalls. I could identify with them and their journey with God. What was true of them could be true of me. I could be a person of faith, of courage, even though I had my foibles and difficulties.

Oh how I love that Elijah was a human, just like me (James 5:17a). Like me, he was created in the image of God, but had some very black moments. He felt alone. He wanted to die. 1 Kings 19:3 tells us he was



afraid and ran for his life. But he was ultimately ministered to and directed by the angel of the Lord. He loved the Lord with all his heart and wanted to obey him...and God helped him through his dark moments. God gave him an appropriate kick in the pants and sent him on his way.

Read his whole story in 1 Kings 17-19 and 2 Kings 1-2.

In Psalms 42 and 43, the phrase "Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad?" is quoted three times. And so is the response. "I WILL put my hope in God! I WILL praise him again—my Saviour and my God."

You can never get so low that God isn't there. God never left Elijah...Elijah just felt that he had. But Elijah continued living for God until the estimated age of 51 years when God, in essence, sent a chariot of fire to take him to heaven. Perhaps it was an Old Testament way of saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

—Norma Holtslander

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.

- 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.



Please note that, since the church is supplying hamburgers and hotdogs, *we need to know how many are coming by June 14th*. Sign-up sheets are now available in both the east and west sides of the foyer. You may also sign up by [completing this electronic form](#) or calling the church at (306) 359-1450. Please state how many will be attending. If wheelchair access is required, please state that as well. For more information, see [our website](#).

Donations for the Al Hussein Family

We have received a number of donations for the family—thank you to everyone who has dropped off items at the church. There are several significant items that are still needed. Please ensure that they are in good condition so that they can withstand the normal wear and tear of family life over the coming years while the family works to build up their own resources:

- Queen sized bed frame and mattress
- Dressers

If you have one of these items, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 before you come, to make sure someone will be here to let you in. As well, please let Barb know what you are donating so that she can update the list. (To see the full list of needs, please click here: [Al Hussein family list](#).)

The family will have also other needs that will require money. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your cheque out to the church, and mark “Refugee Fund” clearly on the envelope.

For more information, contact Barb Ziolkowski, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or [email the church](#).

It's Grad Month!

June is the time where we typically celebrate our graduates – young and old! Do you know of any graduates in our church community? Please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or in person with the name(s) and details about the type of graduation, so we can include them in our newsletter and a Sunday morning worship service.



Voice – Women's Novel Study

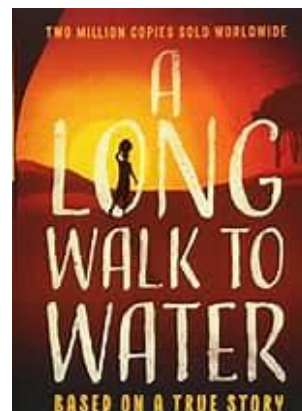
When: June 22, 5pm

Host: Julie Rich

Food: Potluck – bring an item to share

RSVP: Julie Rich

The novel chosen for the June 22nd study is “A Long Walk to Water,” by Linda Sue Park. The book begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan. One is a girl, in 2008 and the other, a boy, in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two-hour walk from her home: She makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot, as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness, to attack by armed rebels, to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way. Includes an afterword by author Linda Sue Park and the real-life Salva Dut, on whom the novel is based, and who went on to found the organization, “Water for South Sudan.”



For more information or to RSVP, contact Julie Rich or Bonnie Astring-Winter, call the church at (306) 359-1450, email [the church](#), or visit [our website](#).

Backyard Barbecues and Patio Parties



We have heard a number of folks express their desire to gather socially around food and fellowship. If you would be willing to host either a barbecue or patio party this summer, please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or by phone at (306) 359-1450. The number of barbecues and/or patio parties planned will depend on the number of people who are able to host one of these events.

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to Pearl Bretz who will be 95 years young on June 13th. As well, Phil and Pearl celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10th. Best wishes to you both!

Our Condolences

Our condolences and prayers go to Ralph Eschbach and his family on the passing of Ralph's father, Hendrick "Hank" Eschbach, on Saturday, May 28, 2022 in Kelowna, BC. A memorial service was held on June 3rd in BC.

We also extend our condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Storey, who passed away on June 8th. Beverly was the mother of Erin Angus, who was on staff here at First Baptist for several years. There will be a funeral service and reception at 11 am on Saturday, June 18th, at Broadway United Church.

Reaching Staff this Summer

These are the best days to reach staff at the church:

Monday – Thursday: Kayely

Monday – Friday (afternoons): Esther

At times, staff will be with someone, ministering outside the church, or may have simply booked some time off. If you would like to meet with Kayely or Esther in person, or if you need to get into the church, please call ahead at (306) 359-1450 or send [an email to the church](#), to ensure that we will be available.

As is true throughout the year, please feel free to contact staff by phone any day of the week. Our numbers are in the church directory. If we are unable to answer, please leave a message so we can get back to you. If you need a directory, send us [an email](#) or call the church at (306) 359-1450, and we will get a copy to you.



Why teachers take the summer off...

Teacher: What does the word plummet mean?

Eight-year-old student: "A girl plumber."

In a darkened theatre where a suspenseful mystery story was being staged, a member of the audience suddenly stood up and cried, "Where is the murderer?"

A threatening voice behind him replied, "Right behind you, if you don't sit down!"

Absolutely nothing in the world is friendlier than a wet dog.

New Community Choir!

I am so excited and pleased to announce that starting this September 2022, in partnership with the Conservatory of Performing Arts, we will be starting a new choir called ACCENT! The choir is for students with changed voices, between the ages of 14 and 18, who sing Tenor or Bass.

I believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for students, especially for the choral music community in Regina, and also in the province of Saskatchewan. Building a new choir is just one more avenue through which we can continue to keep choral programs alive in our city, which I believe we need now more than ever!

Here are some details about the choir:

Rehearsals: Thursdays, September 15, 2022 – June 1, 2023; 6:00-8:00 pm

Place: College Avenue Campus (2155 College Avenue)

Cost: \$510/year plus \$100 for materials

Ages: 14-18

REGISTER NOW: (306) 585-5748; www.uregina.ca/cce/conservatory

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! (Click here to [email Brianna](#).)

—Brianna Levesque

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

The Godly Play and Oasis classes will be wrapping up for the year at the end of June. During the summer months, all kids are invited to attend a class on the Books of the Bible during the worship service. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

The youth will meet this Friday, June 17th. Following that meeting, they will take a break until the fall. For more information, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Adult classes will resume in the fall.

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.

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK



It's the year 2210, and the planets have long been colonized. Interplanetary flight is as everyday as transcontinental flight, and on one of these interplanetary liners, a Martian colonist strikes up a conversation with the passenger next to him. "Where are you from?" he asks.

"Earth," is the reply.

"Oh, really? By any chance do you know...?"

Notice seen in London: "Found – tabby kitten with white paws and bib. Very affectionate. Answers to the name, 'Go Away.'"