

# **First Baptist Regina Weekly News**

*For the Weeks of July 10 & 17, 2022*

## **The Shemah Prayer**

Every morning and evening, for thousands of years, Jewish people, young and old, have prayed these words; “Hear O Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all of your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) It is often called the “Shemah Prayer.” The word “Shemah” means to hear, or to listen. The passage goes on to tell the Israelites that they were to teach that command to their children and grandchildren, to live it daily and put it on their doorposts. Even today you will find that prayer, the words in Deuteronomy, on the walls and doors of Jewish homes.



Consciously loving God with our whole being should be front and centre for each one of us. Passing it on to the next generations is a vital part of that. Jesus, when being interrogated by the religious leaders who were trying to trap him, was asked what the most important commandment was. In reply, Jesus quoted the Shemah prayer above, and then added a second commandment equally important. “Love your neighbour as yourself.” He went on to say that the entire law was wrapped up in these two commandments.

I've pondered that second commandment a lot. Especially in relationship to the first. It seems to me that Jesus was saying that loving God was the basis for loving my neighbour. Loving my neighbour flows out of my love for God. When I grow in my love for God, I will love my neighbour more. Who is my neighbour? Anyone who lives near me, walks by me, comes across my path or is in need of my help. That's my neighbour. That's who I am to love.

Perhaps I need to put that first law, the Shemah prayer, on my door. I definitely need to live it daily. I invite you to consider how God is calling you to respond to the Shemah Prayer too.

—Norma

## **Opportunities for Fellowship**

### **Sunday Mornings**

For July and August, we will provide a cold beverage in front of the church, immediately following the morning worship service. We encourage you to take this opportunity to connect with others in your church family.

### **Patio Party – July 17th, 6:30 pm**

At the home of Julie and Kevin Rich.

- A dessert and beverages will be provided.
- Remember to bring a lawn chair, and a friend.

Please sign up by [completing this online form](#) or by calling the church at (306) 359-1450.

### **BBQ at Katepwa Beach – “An Afternoon at the Lake,” August 7th**

Would you like to have an afternoon out of the city enjoying time with your church family?

You are invited to spend an afternoon at Katepwa Lake, hosted by Barbara Ziolkowski and Tom Chen. If the weather is pleasant, arrive early in the afternoon. There are hills to climb, two parks for kids to play at just a 10 minute walk from their place, and of course, the lake to swim in – either on their waterfront or at the main beach, a 10-minute walk away.



- BBQ supper of burgers and hot dogs will be served around 5
- Please bring a salad, veggie tray, dessert, or whatever you would like to share that complements the meal
- Cold beverages and coffee will be supplied
- Remember to bring a chair, plate, and cutlery

Register online [by completing this form](#) or by calling the church office at (306) 359-1450. This is a weather dependent event, so please include your phone number (preferably cell phone) so that we can contact you if plans change due to the weather.

## Congratulations to our Graduates!

We extend our congratulations to those students in our midst that have recently marked milestones! We look forward to walking with you in the next stage or your journey! May you experience God's presence with you as you move ahead!

### Grade 8 Graduates

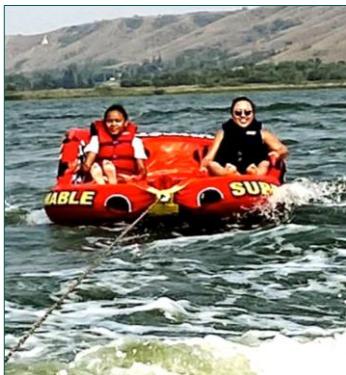
Lila Stewart  
Honnête Guruka  
Gaddy Guruka  
**Oasis Graduate**  
Sara Orthner

### Godly Play Graduates

Lillian Duffy  
Kaleb Senger  
Grace Tabio  
Andrew Hanson



## Katepwa Lake Camp – Send a Kid to Camp



A big thank you to those who have made donations to the “Camp Matters” fund. KLC treasurer Rosemary Ward reports that, so far, the camp has received enough to send three more kids to camp!

Over the years, those involved in the ministry of Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC) have seen how the lives of many children have been impacted by going to camp, where the goal is to minister to the whole person. Unfortunately, however, some children who need it the most, are not able to pay the fees because of limited financial resources. Rosemary reports: “This year we have more applications than we have donations to fund sponsorships, so the ‘Camp Matters’ fund could really use a boost right now!”

If you would like to make a donation to help more children get to camp, you can give through the [KLC website](#). Please specify “Camp Matters” as the program you wish to support.



## Newsletter Schedule

With things moving at a somewhat slower pace during July, we have switched to a bi-weekly schedule for the newsletter.

## Our Condolences

We wish to offer our condolences to the family of Lamona Hartt who passed away Monday night, July 4, 2022. Lamona and her late husband, Lawrence, were long-time members of First Baptist. Lamona's love for her family and servant heart for her church will be missed. The funeral will be held at Speers Funeral Chapel on Friday, July 15th. Please visit the [Speers Funeral Chapel](#) website for details.

## Summer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services

Just a reminder that we are now on our summer schedule. Sunday worship services will begin at 10 am from now until September 4th, after which we will resume our 11 am starting time.

## Covid Measures

Just a quick reminder that masks are now optional in the church, including during the Sunday morning worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#), Ron Phillips (board chair), or the church office [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450.



A preacher was contacted by the local funeral director to hold a graveside service for someone with no family or friends. The preacher started out early for the cemetery, but quickly got lost, making several wrong turns.

He arrived a half hour late, and the hearse was nowhere in sight. Seeing some workmen eating lunch, the preacher went to the open grave nearby and found the casket already in the ground. Taking out his prayer book, he read the service.

As he was returning to his car, he overheard one workman ask another: "Should we tell him it's a septic tank?"

- Q. How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulb?  
A. Just one, but it takes nine visits.

## **What's happening at First?**

### **Morning Prayer**

Please note that [Morning Prayer](#) is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

### **Children's Ministry**

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 Update (In case you missed it the first time ☺)**

On Friday, June 17th, the youth were able to gather at the Russell-MacLean home for a year-end barbecue and a time to visit and hang out with each other. We were grateful for the hospitality, and spent much of the evening talking to each other and enjoying good food. Following the barbecue, we walked over to The Milky Way for some ice cream.

Our time together was a good end to a year in which there have been a lot of unknowns. But something that we have always been able to count on is that, when we get together, we enjoy our time and are very grateful to God to have the opportunity to be together as a group and as a community. I trust that each of our youth will have a great summer, and I'm already looking forward to the fall when we will gather again!

Yours in Christ,

Chris Senger

For more information about our youth program, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net) for further details.



**“You know, son, this is the dawning of the Age of Asparagus, Age of Asparaguuuus, Asparaguuuuuuus, Aspa...ra...guuuus.”**

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- Q. What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?  
A. “I’d prefer a house with no den.”
- Q. Who in the Bible knew the most people?  
A. Abraham knew a Lot.
- Q. How do you know Pharaoh was athletic?  
A. He had a court.
- Q. Why didn’t anyone want to fight Goliath?  
A. It seemed like a *giant* ordeal.
- Q. What do you call a prophet who’s also a chef?  
A. Habakkuk.