First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Weeks of July 24 & 31, 2022

Ruth, the Moabite

At First Baptist Place, we have been looking at the book of Ruth during our chapel times. It is such a positive book placed in the middle of the darkness and disobedience of Israel and her judges; a book of hope, healing and love.

Ruth is a book of love: The committed love of a daughter-in-law for her mother-in-law; the love of the



women of Bethlehem for Naomi; the love of a man for a woman; the love of a grandmother for her grandson; the love of God for a bitter woman; the love of God for his people – not only the Israelites, but for us who have chosen to be people of God.

In these four short chapters, the author refers to Ruth as "Ruth, the Moabite," making it clear that she is a foreigner, an alien, a refugee. Yet not only was she welcomed into the town, and not only did she marry an influential citizen of the town, she also became the great grandmother of King David! As a result, in Matthew 1, she is even included in the lineage of Jesus. That's amazing!



In Ruth 2:3b "And as it happened..., she (Ruth) 'found herself' working in the field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech." Was it "happenstance" or just a coincidence that she chose, or came across the field belonging to Boaz? A long shot? I don't think so. As we look backwards, we can see that God's plan was evident. Evident for Naomi, who at first,

thought God had abandoned her. Evident for Ruth, a young foreign woman who could have been rejected but was not.

Reflecting on your life right now, how convinced are you that God wants to be involved in your life to accomplish his purposes and plans? What evidence, or lack of evidence, can you point to, to support your conclusions?

Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC) Open House 2022 – August 1st



Mark your calendars for the KLC open house on August 1st from 1 to 4 pm. Come explore camp! Have a tour, visit with friends, and do some favourite camp activities—swim, canoe, zip line, and visit secret campout spots. You'll also have the opportunity to see the improvements we have made and are working on, and to meet the amazing staff and board of directors. This is a day for YOU, whether you're curious to know more about the camp, or if you've been around for ages! For more information and directions, visit the KLC website.

Katepwa Lake Camp – Send a Kid to Camp

A big thank you to those who have made donations to the "Camp Matters" fund.

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.

If you would like to make a donation to help more children get to camp, you can give through the <u>KLC website</u>. Please specify "Camp Matters" as the program you wish to support.





Newsletter Schedule

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

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.

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 compliments the meal
- Cold beverages and coffee will be supplied
- Remember to bring a chair, plate, and cutlery

For directions, search Google Maps for 122 Cypress Street, Katepwa Beach.

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.



The woman went to a dentist to have her false teeth adjusted for the fifth time. She said they still didn't fit. "Well," said the dentist, "I'll do it again this time, but no more. There's no reason why these shouldn't fit your mouth easily."

"Who said anything about my mouth?" the woman replied. "They don't fit in the glass!"

A man called his doctor's office for an appointment. "I'm sorry," said the receptionist, "we can't fit you in for at least two weeks."

"But I could be dead by then!"

"No problem. If your wife lets us know, we'll cancel the appointment."

What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

Please note that <u>Morning Prayer</u> 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 <u>Pastor Kayely</u>.



Youth Ministry

The youth are taking a break for the summer. They will resume meeting in the fall. For more information about our youth program, please contact <u>Pastor Chris</u>.

Adult Ministries

Adult classes will resume in the fall. For summer events, watch your newsletter or visit our website at firstbaptistregina.ca and click on Calendar of Events.

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.



- Q. Which book of the major prophets is the easiest to understand?
- A. *EZ*ekiel.
- Q. Which king liked to do things on his own?
- A. Solomon.
- Q. Who in the Bible had the greatest business plans?
- A. The prophets.
- Q. What did Zachariah do when he and Elizabeth had disagreements?
- A. He gave her the silent treatment.