First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Weeks of August 21 & 28, 2022

Fellowship Is More Than Cake and Coffee

A funeral and a wedding anniversary. Recently there have been two events that have invited us to look back on our lives and stare into the future.

Winnie Kelm's funeral was on August 10. We heard from her family of a life so well lived, and were moved by the music they shared.

Ron and Marilyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a tea at the church on Saturday, August 13th. A number of their family

were there and shared stories of the influence that Ron and Marilyn had had on them.

It's at times like these that the church family is so important. None of us probably realizes how much our lives influence those around us. These celebrations inspire us with the love of Jesus.

As Ron said, none of us knows what the future will bring. But the faith to meet it is nurtured by the community we know now.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians, "Christ...makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." (Ephesians 4:16, NLT)

Formed by the Christian community of which we are now a part, we each contribute our

unique share to the family that is First Baptist Church.

—Annabel Robinson





First Baptist Fall Retreat 2022 – September 16-18

Our annual fall retreat is back! And it's less than a month away! *Everyone of all ages welcome!* We will meet at Katepwa Lake Camp at 7 pm on Friday, September 16th, and stay until 2 pm on Sunday, September 18th.

In the midst of all that is starting up in the month of September, here are our top 10 reasons to make attending the retreat a priority in your schedule:

- 10. Summers in Saskatchewan go by so fast! Why not extend your summer with a fall retreat at the Lake in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley near Fort Qu'Appelle?
- The weekend will include sessions for teaching, reflection, and worship; as well, there will be free time and opportunity for deepening our friendships, and finding some rest and renewal.



- 8. An evening campfire will welcome everyone to the retreat on Friday.
- 7. The more we get to know each other in relaxed environments like a retreat, the easier it is to continue conversations throughout the year, and work alongside each other in shared ministry.
- 6. Intergenerational relationships matter. What better way to build intergenerational relationships outside the family context, other than in our already diverse church family?
- 5. There will be free time for fishing, canoeing, sports, hikes, prayer, reading, board games, chats, etc.
- 4. Take part in a relaxed worship service Sunday morning at camp.
- 3. Financially, it's a great deal for a weekend away at \$50 per person including accommodations, all Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast and lunch. No cost for young children and the opportunity to request a subsidy if needed.
- 2. The last few years have thrown a number of challenges our way. Our speaker, Rev. David Schuchardt, lead pastor of Northview Community Church here in Regina, will share how the Psalms offer us resources to navigate complex times.
- 1. You can choose from accommodations in the lodge with washrooms, in one of the cabins, or bring your own tent or trailer. Register soon to indicate your preference!

Please reach out to Pastor Kayely with any questions or to discuss the possibility of joining us for a day if you're unable to stay overnight with us. To register, click here: <u>Register for</u> <u>First Baptist Fall Retreat 2022</u> or go to <u>our website</u>.

Missions Patio Party – August 28, 2022

The Missions Commission will be holding our annual Lebanon fundraiser as a Missions Patio Party!

Where: Home of Bryan & Carmen Orthner When: August 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm

There will be a presentation, after which Bryan and Carmen will serve Lebanese food. Drinks will also be provided.

If you are interested in hearing about CBM's ministry in Lebanon and the work of our partners there – the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development – then register for this event today! To register, <u>click</u> <u>here to fill out the online form</u>, visit <u>our website</u>, or call the church at (306) 359-1450. *Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 24th.*

Please bring a heart for the people of Lebanon – and your own chairs!

Music@First

Sanctuary Choir

Fall is just around the corner and I am excited about the new choir season that is rapidly approaching, when the Sanctuary Choir will once again have the opportunity to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord. (Psalm 100:1)" The choir will sing two anthems per month, and, for the other Sundays, lead the congregational singing from the loft. For those who would be interested in a lighter commitment, there is an option to sing with the choir only on anthem Sundays.

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. Our first rehearsal will be on September 8th. I look forward to seeing all current members. Past members are also warmly welcomed, and any new members can be assured that they will be enthusiastically received!

If you're interested in joining, or would just like to know more about it, please call the church office at (306) 359-1450 or send an <u>email to the church</u>.

—Louise Krueger

Ring-a-Ding-a-Ling, It's Almost Time to Ring!

The First Baptist handbell choir, JuBELLation, will have its first rehearsal of the season on September 13th at 6 pm, in the sanctuary. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an <u>email to the church</u>.

–John Nelson

Thank you!

We wish to thank everyone who came to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us on August 13th, and all who sent cards. We were overwhelmed with the love and support of so many friends from our present and past Regina church families, as well as from our own families. We love you!

-Ron and Marilyn Phillips

New Choir in Regina – "Accent"

This fall 2022, I will be directing a new Tenor Bass Choir, for students aged 14 to 18. Learn new skills in a safe environment. For more information or to register, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an <u>email to the church</u>. (This choir is in partnership with the Conservatory of Performing Arts. See poster in the church foyer.)

-Brianna Levesque

New Smoke Detectors

We would like to thank Tanner, of Queen City Electrical, for donating his time for the installation of new relay smoke detectors in the church. Thank you so much, Tanner, for your generosity and for fitting us in between your larger commercial projects.

One day, a police officer pulls a car over and sees the backseat is full of penguins. The officer tells the driver, "You can't be doing this, you need to take these penguins to the zoo!"

The next day, the police officer pulls the same car over again, and says, "Hey! I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!" The driver says, "I did, and today I'm taking them to the movies!"

I looked outside to see my dad stop mowing the lawn and break down crying.

I asked my mom what was wrong, she said, "He's just going through a rough patch."



"Summer vacation's almost over, Sam. We need to do as much of nothing as we can."

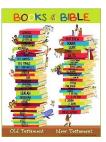
What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

Please note that <u>Morning Prayer</u> is taking a break for the summer and will resume on September 6th.

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

Learning for Life (L4L): This class will resume on September 11th. There will be a class Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Watch for more details to be announced soon.

Reading through the Bible: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, will resume meeting on September 14th, and will be reading from James to Revelation. The group meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:00 am. (Please note the new starting time.) For more information, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an <u>email to the church</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.

Covid Measures

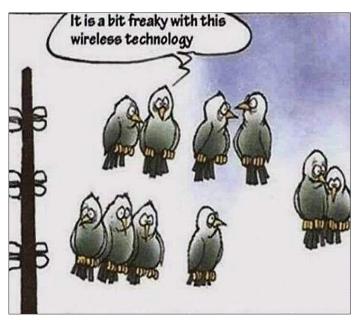
Just a quick reminder that masks are now optional in the church, including during the Sunday morning worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact <u>Pastor Kayely</u>, Ron Phillips (board chair), or the church office <u>by email</u> or at (306) 359-1450.

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 <u>online donation</u>:
 - 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.



One hazard of wartime training in England was that road signs were removed when invasion seemed imminent. A cartoon in an English newspaper during the invasion scare of 1940 pictured two German paratroopers scanning a map at the railway station. Over their heads was the one remaining sign: "Gentlemen."

"I can't find this place on the map," says one to the other.

A hug is the perfect gift – one size fits all, and nobody minds if you exchange it.