

# First Baptist Regina Weekly News

*For the Weeks of October 16 & 23, 2022*

As we move further into the fall, the excitement of new beginnings and events transitions into routine and long-term work of building up the congregation.



Thank you to everyone who has offered to give up a Sunday seated upstairs in order to spend it with our children. Those who agree to lead have to spend time preparing during the week. Offering to do this work builds relationships between volunteers, parents and each child. It increases a sense of belonging for everyone.



Thank you to everyone who is coming out to choir and to JuBELLation. Both these choirs work to prepare special gifts. The choir leads the singing every Sunday. It is a commitment of time and effort to meet for practice during the week and early on Sundays.



Thank you to our ushers, Rob, William and Gordon, who welcome everyone, respond when there's an emergency, and keep an eye on people coming and going Sundays. Thank you to Rob, Marvin, Len, and others who have spent hours at the church, working on various maintenance and repair projects.

Thank you to the Sound and Zoom team, to Carol and Eleanor for visual arrangements on Sundays, to those who prepare communion, and to everyone who brings food and serves at "A Time for Friends" and the hospitality teams. These are a long lists of people who have committed to help. It is so appreciated.



Beyond all of this, during the week we have Saturday free downtown lunches, Bible and book studies, youth group, prayer times, and Mission events. Thank you to each one providing leadership or helping out in these areas.

It is no small thing we undertake each year but we do it together. There is joy in our work (most of the time!) because it is the love of Jesus that keeps us going. His love has changed our hearts in such a way that we are better off when we find some way to take part, and when we do, we often experience his love for us in a new way.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who attends in any way, over Zoom, Facebook, or in person. May every one of us sense God's welcome as we take part according to our ability.

With love,



Pastor Joel

## Thank You, Volunteers!

Here are some of the large number of people who volunteer their time and energy to keep the programs and activities at First Baptist running. There are many more who could be added to this list, and if you have not been named here, please know that your contribution is highly valued and appreciated also. Some groups, such as the volunteers for “A Time for Friends” and the hospitality teams, are just too long to list here, but also play a vital role in life of our church community.

### Children’s Workers

Carol Hepting	Marilyn Phillips	Amy Warren	Tiffany Stafford-Lai
Carmen Orthner	Rosemary Ward	Eleanor Russell	Bonnie Austring-Winter
Julienne Guruka	Christie Senger	Lynette Wollbaum	Brenda Ziolkowski
Bryden Yeo	Esther Gurnsey	Angeline Holtslander	Debby Nelson
John Nelson	Patrick Skea	Reade Holtslander	Rowan Russell-MacLean
Dustin Johnston			

### Sanctuary Choir – Louise Krueger, Director

Brenda Ziolkowski	Marilyn Phillips	Rebekah Geng	Maizy Russell-MacLean
Kathleen Brown	Hilary Ryan	Laureen Snook	Heather Russell-MacLean
Esther Gurnsey	Sarah Orthner	Gordon Kerfoot	Xavier Russell-MacLean
Bryan Orthner	Dean Gilchrist	Roger Bellows	John Hillmer
Manford Kwan	Marvin Fuller	Ben Friesen	

### JuBELLation – John Nelson, Director

Derrick Bellows	Gordon Kerfoot	Shannon Thomson	Jennifer Holtslander
Laura Friesen	Michelle Krueger	Rosemary Ward	Angeline Holtslander
Lorna Gorman	Esther Gurnsey	Hilary Ryan	Brenda Ziolkowski
Barb Ziolkowski	Steven Greves	Derrick Bellows	Xavier Russell-MacLean

### Sound and Zoom

Jennifer Holtslander	Tracy Sailor	Hilary Ryan	Laureen Snook
Heather Russell-MacLean	Kevin Rich	Klaus Link	Shawn Yeo
Xavier Russell-MacLean	Merv Hepting	Derrick Bellows	Marvin Fuller
Bryan Orthner			

### Tellers

Tracy Sailor	Judy Grimsrud	Hilary Ryan	Marion MacRobbie
Julie Rich	Sue Bornowsky	Shirley Wolfe	Murray Wolfe
Kevin Rich	Derrick Bellows	Marvin Fuller	

## Communion Preparation

Ron & Marilyn Phillips      Gord Kerfoot & Brenda Ziolkowski      Kevin & Julie Rich  
Tom Chen & Barb Ziolkowski      Eleanor Russell & Carol Hepting

## Church Board

Ron Phillips (Chair)      Kevin Rich (Treasurer)      Tiffany Stafford-Lai      Barry Lyons  
Derrick Bellows      Heather Russell-MacLean      Adija Pusi      Roger Bellows  
Brenda Ziolkowski (Secretary)

## Children's Ministry

In our Oasis class (older group), we are learning about Ruth this month. For our lesson on October 23rd, we want to grind grain like Ruth and Naomi would have done before making bread. If you have a hand mill or something else that can be used to grind grain manually (no electrical appliances, please 😊), and are willing to lend it to us, please contact Pastor Cheryl [by email](#) or by calling the church at (306) 359-1450.

## Music Update

You may notice that we have been without a pianist on a few Sundays. Earlier this summer, church staff had hired two pianists, so that every Sunday through to next summer was covered. Unfortunately, one of the pianists recently found it necessary to withdraw at the last minute. We are searching for a replacement at present.

## November Congregational Meeting

Our fall business meeting will be on Sunday, November 21st, following the morning worship service. It will be held in the lower hall. A light lunch will be provided.

This is a very important meeting, so please make a point of attending. The proposed budget for 2023 and other related materials will be available on the church website and in the church foyer by October 30th. Please take the time to read over the proposed budget and the agenda.

## Katepwa Lake Camp Work Day – October 22nd

There will be a work day at the camp on Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am to 3 pm, to do the fall clean-up, and to winterize the facilities. For more information, please contact [Rosemary Ward](#), send an email to [the church](#), or call (306) 359-1450.



## What's happening at First?

### Morning Prayer

[Morning Prayer](#) will resume on September 6th. 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, for children aged 3 to grade 6, have resumed. For more information, please contact Pastor Cheryl [by email](#) or by calling the church at (306) 359-1450.

### Youth Ministry

The youth meet weekly for various activities. For more information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

### Adult Ministries

**Reading through the Bible:** This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, resumed 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, contact Norma, [email the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450. [Join Reading Through the Bible](#).

**Voice:** A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group meets every second Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, using Zoom. For more information, contact Bonnie Austring-Winter or Lauren Snook, visit [our website](#), [email the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

**Learning for Life – Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30:** Mark Anderson is teaching the class, "The Hymns we Love" in the lower hall. This class will examine and discuss a handful of the most iconic hymns of our faith. There also will be opportunity to listen to diverse sacred and secular recordings of these hymns. This is an in-person class. For more information, contact [Pastor Joel](#), go to [our website](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

**Learning for Life – Sunday Evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm:** Axel Schoeber is leading this class on "Understanding Our Bible." This class will look at—and wrestle with—things in the Bible that puzzling and difficult to understand, while seeking to understand and apply God's Word in our lives today. The class is on Zoom. For more information, go to [our website](#), call the church at (306) 359-1450, or contact [Pastor Joel](#).

### 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 3.5% 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.

