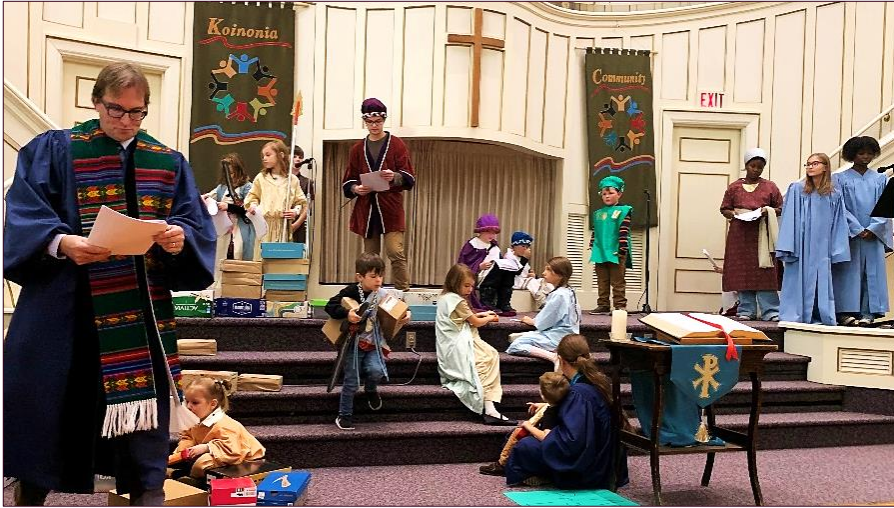


First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Weeks of November 13 & 20, 2022



On Sunday, October 30th, our children and teens did a great job telling the story of Nehemiah and God's people rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. A few of them helped lead the music as well. It is so good to be part of a church that receives the gifts that children offer, and affirms them.

We also observed a time of remembrance ahead of November 11th. We have three church members who served, Matthew Field, Norman Latham and Eva McMillan, and we have connections to others currently serving. We offer our prayers for those who have served and are serving in our military and in our police forces.



*Eva McMillan
WWII veteran*



*Matthew Field
Lt(N) Ret'd*



*Norman Latham
British Armed Forces
1955-1970*

The seasons moved rather abruptly from fall to winter recently. I know many of us pray for warm weather and little to no snow. Unfortunately, at the same time, other First Baptist folks are actively and fervently praying for lots of snow for snowmen, snow forts, tobogganing, and skiing and for ice to skate on. I guess we know who God favours!

As winter settles around us, may God be near you and keep you warm, safe and blessed.

With love,

Pastor Joel

Learning for Life – New Series Begins November 27th

Paul called Luke the “beloved physician.” Wouldn’t you love to be remembered in words like that? We all love Luke, with his stories of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, and his unique take on Jesus. Here’s an opportunity to get to know him better. Annabel Robinson will be leading a class on the Gospel of Luke, starting on November 27th and running until April 23rd. For more information, please contact Annabel, email [Pastor Kayely](mailto:Annabel@church.com), or call the church office at (306) 359-1450.

Worship and Fellowship this Advent and Christmas

Fasting... at Christmas?!

We are approaching the Advent season, once again welcoming Jesus into our lives and remembering that one day, we will all see Jesus face to face. We are encouraged to let Advent be a time of prayer and preparation for Jesus’ advent in our lives.

You may be seeking for something to help you slow down during the Christmas season or something to help you focus on Jesus. Some make use of daily advent reflections. A few are suggested below.

Fasting is also meant to be part of this season. As we read in Ezra and Nehemiah, God’s people have always intentionally had times of fasting and times of celebration. Through fasting, we practice our conviction that we do not live by food alone but by God’s word imparting life to us. It’s impossible for Advent to be as somber a fast as Lent. Like all times of watching for a birth, the preparation and waiting is full of joy.

Perhaps you would consider fasting on the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas.

Fasting can mean taking nothing or sticking to just water. A more common approach is to limit yourself to small portions of whole foods, things like nuts, fruits and vegetables. It has also become common to turn off devices on these days, such as social media, TV, movies, or video games.

To help with all this, we will also offer a short time of scripture and prayer, every Wednesday at 12:30 pm, beginning Wednesday, November 30th, in person and over Zoom. Take a break from work, lunch, chores, and join others in prayer. If you come in person, please use the Lorne Street entryway.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joel.

Christmas Decorating – November 21st, 9:00 am

Would you like to help bring our sanctuary alive with the sights and colours of Christmas? On Monday, November 21st, starting at 9:00 am, we plan to do the Christmas decorating at the church. With enough helpers, we will be done by noon. If you are able to help, please contact Barb Ziolkowski, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or send an [email to the church](mailto:Barb@church.com).



“Christmas Together”



When: Sunday, December 4, 12:15 pm
(immediately following the service)

Where: Lower hall

Join your church family and friends for a Christmas Brunch! Invite your friends and family to come for the whole morning.

Please RSVP using this online form: [Christmas Brunch Registration Form](#), by calling the church at (306) 359-1450, or by speaking to any member of the church staff. (See the church directory for phone numbers.)

“The Story of Christmas”

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: First Baptist Church – In person and on Zoom

You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 pm, for a concert of music and carol singing. We will hear the Christmas story presented by the Sanctuary Choir, juBELLation (handbell choir), soloists, instrumentalists and special readings.

This is an opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season, and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Come—and invite your friends as well!



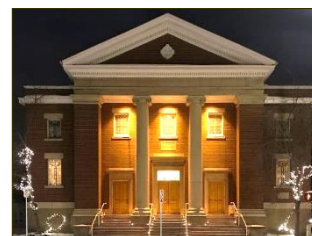
A Service of Comfort & Hope – December 15th, 7:00 pm

On Thursday, December 15th, we will be having a Blue Christmas Service. It will be in person at the church and over Zoom. In this service, we will take time to recognize that Christmas can be a difficult time of year. We will remember the loss of loved ones but other kinds of losses as well.

This service is also a service of comfort and hope—the hope of the coming of Christ and the comfort of Immanuel, God with us. The service will give us an opportunity to face our losses together with others through scripture, prayer, and song.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24th, 6:00 pm

This is one of the most beautiful and meaningful services of the year. We will celebrate the Incarnation with scripture lessons and carols. The service will be in person and on Zoom.



Christmas Day, Sunday – December 25th, 11:00 am

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, and we are gathering as usual for Sunday worship – which is great news for everyone who believes gathering for worship on Christmas Day is the most natural response to God’s incredible salvation! A joyful service full of music and celebration. The service will be in person and on Zoom.

Happy 100th Birthday to Eva McMillan on November 11th, 2022!



A long time and much-loved member of the First Baptist Church, Eva is a faithful Christian woman of strong character and an inspiration to many, young and old. She was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) during the war years, and is a veteran of WWII. Following her army career, Eva held a few different positions before retiring in 1979 to care for her Mother who had had a stroke. Since her retirement, beside caring for her Mom, Eva has been a community-minded volunteer, helping on multiple fronts with a special interest in literacy and helping young children learn to read. Her sister, Margaret, also reports that Eva was like a second Mom to her children, spending many hours caring for them while Margaret was working.

On the 11th, Bonnie Austring-Winter sent information to CTV’s Morning Live show, and they wished her “Happy Birthday” from her friends at First Baptist. Thank you, Bonnie, for sending that greeting on our behalf.



A century of a life well lived! God bless you, Eva!

Congratulations!

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Bill and Alice Pompu, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 27th. Wishing you many more!



A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads “The end is near! Turn around now before it’s too late!” A passing driver yells, “You guys are nuts!” and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, “Do you think we should just put up a sign that says “Bridge Out” instead?”

The secret to staying young is the careful use of make-up. You make up an age and stick to it!

CBM Evening with Dennis Shierman

When: Monday November 28th, 6:30 pm

Where: Lower Hall

Everyone is invited to come out to visit with Dennis and to hear updates about our partnership in Lebanon and CBM, include a possible trip to Beirut in 2023.



Sent team from First Baptist Regina and other churches across Canada

In 2019, a team from First Baptist Regina had the chance to visit, to meet our partners face to face, to see firsthand the incredible work they are doing, and to hear the stories of miracles, healing, and of people coming to Christ. They are inviting us to consider sending another team in 2023.

Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) is the national organization of Canadian

Baptists. They support ministry, crisis response, and relief and development within Canada and around the world.

Through CBM we have been partnering with the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development in Lebanon (LSESD) for six years. It is a remarkable organization, managing a Seminary which trains pastors from across North Africa and the Middle East, a Christian public school, a school for high needs children, a publishing company, the distribution of food and medicine, a shelter, a conference centre, a community peacemaking initiative, and an international conference on ministry in the Middle East and North Africa, just to name a few!

Together with local churches, they have been caring for thousands of Syrian refugees. During the pandemic, they provided food and medical supplies. Now, in the economic crisis, and due to the port explosion of August, 2020, they have been caring for many of their fellow Lebanese.

Every year, we budget support for our partners in Beirut and we hold an annual fundraiser. We pray for our partners and their churches, and for the Lebanese CBM staff, Eli Haddad, Joe Bridi, and Emad Botros and their families.

Come out on Monday evening to hear more about this and the chance to represent our congregation in Beirut.

Greetings from Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC)!

Thank you for your support over our summer season through praying, sending children and families to camp, and participating in volunteer and speaking opportunities.

Our annual fundraising STREAM-A-THON is happening right away. Join us in person or online!

Date: Saturday, November 19th, 7:00 pm

In-person location: 1305 Park Street, Regina (Bloom Church)

Join online: <https://www.katepwalakecamp.com/streamathon>

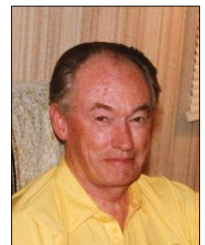
Donate: <https://www.katepwalakecamp.com/support-us>



As we head into the fall, our Board's work is just beginning. We will be sharing the direction that KLC is going and letting our camp community know about opportunities to join us as we move forward. We continue to covet your prayers and active support of our camp programs and Board.

Our Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Ralph Bryanton who passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Ralph and his wife Nora were members of First Baptist and were actively involved in Achievers for many years. Both Ralph and Nora were warm and welcoming, and possessed wonderful senses of humour. The family held a celebration of Ralph's life on Saturday, November 12, 2022.



Grief Share Support Group

Living Springs Church is running a grief recovery support group that is open to all. The meetings are Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information, visit the [Living Springs website](#) or call our office at (306) 359-1450.

Community Events

Are you interested in learning about events going on in our community, such as concerts, live theatre plays, and fundraisers? Check out our main bulletin board to learn about upcoming events. The board is located on the lower level. From the lower hall, take the door to the right (west) of the kitchen into the hallway, and you will see the bulletin board on your lefthand side.



What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

[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

We have two classes that take place during the Sunday morning worship service, for children aged 3 to grade 6—Godly Play for the younger ones and Oasis for the older group. We also provide nursery supervision for babies and toddlers. 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 Holtlander, is presently reading from James to Revelation. The group meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:00 am. 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. Next Sunday, November 20th, will be the last class in this series. This is an in-person class. For more information, contact [Pastor Kayely](#), go to [our website](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Learning for Life – Sunday Evenings: Axel Schoeber is leading this class on “Understanding Our Bible.” The class is on Zoom. *Please note that there will not be a class on November 13th or 20th, due to the long weekend and the Grey Cup. Also note that November 27th will be the final class. **Please note time change: 8:00 to 10:00 pm.*** For more information, go to [our website](#), call the church at (306) 359-1450, or contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

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 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 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.



"There are body parts falling down on us everywhere! It's the apocalypse!"

After trick-or-treating, a teen takes a shortcut home through the cemetery. Halfway across, he's startled by a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, he spots an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at a headstone.

"I thought you were a ghost," says the relieved teen. "What are you doing working so late?" "Oh, those idiots," grumbles the old man. "They misspelled my name!"

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned thought for a moment and then said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."