

First Baptist Regina News

For the Weeks of February 5 & 12, 2023

Pastoral Staff Update



Cheryl and Joel are attending a denomination retreat from February 6 to 8th, joining pastors from across Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Kayely is unable to attend this year, so she and Esther will be around to handle anything that comes up.

Kayely and Cheryl have been planning and running a study Monday evenings with a group of women. It is going very well. Since Norma's retirement, Joel and

Kayely are taking turns leading the weekly Bible study at First Baptist Place. Each week, Chris has a Bible study or special event for our teens. Recently, he and Christie hosted the youth in their home.

High on our list of to-dos has been getting repairs done to our organ. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the repairs will be scheduled or even complete. Beyond this immediate need, Roger Bellows has volunteered to oversee a long term plan for the renewal of our pipe organ.

There are about twenty long-time members and adherents of our church in long-term care and another dozen for whom getting out is difficult. We try to visit a few people each week. Anytime we know someone is in hospital, we come by to listen and to pray with them. Please let us know when you hear of someone from our congregation who is in hospital. We also try to sit down with a few other folks each week, in their homes or ours, or out for coffee.

It means so much to all of us to know that we can be there for one another. Whether or not you feel you need support, the practice of intentionally involving the church is important. When we call someone from the congregation for a visit, it is a way of choosing to seek and involve God in our lives. Your pastors have time for this. Getting out for visits has been difficult for the last few years, but we are moving in a better direction. We don't always get it right but we know the kind of people we are aiming to become, together: people who know and care for each other, and people who pray.

Yours with love,



Pastor Joel



Ladies Fellowship Breakfast – Saturday, February 11th

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Place: First Baptist Library

Come out of the cold and have your hearts warmed! A light breakfast will be provided. If you are able to come, please contact Julie Rich, Laurie McPherson, or Debby Nelson, [email the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Shrove Tuesday Celebration – February 21st

You are invited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday as a community on Tuesday, February 21, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. We will have a time of games followed by activities around the theme of Lent. At 5:30 we will enjoy a pancake supper together.

There will be something for everyone—all ages included. You can come to all or part of the celebration, depending on what works best for you. Feel free to invite your friends!



Please sign up online as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly: [Shrove Tuesday Sign-up Form](#). Or you can call the church office at (306) 359-1450. Come join in the celebration as we enter the Lenten season together.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 22nd

Mark your calendars for this reflective worship service of repentance for all ages. Ron Phillips will be sharing with us. The service will be at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.



Technical difficulties?

Father, visiting son: "Can I get the password to your Wi-Fi?"

Son: "It's taped under the modem."

Father, after three failed attempts to log on: "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

The only people who don't click on "Skip ads" before YouTube videos, are those who died during that ad.

What's happening at First?

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 (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

Morning Prayer: Join us Monday to Thursday at 7:15 am to begin your day with scripture and prayer, via Zoom. For more information, visit [our website](#). [Join morning prayer](#).

Spiritual Formation Small Group: This group meets, in person, Monday evenings at 7:30 pm at the church. Led by Pastor Kayely and Pastor Cheryl, the class is based on the book, *Sensible Shoes*, by Sharon G. Brown. For more information, please contact [Kayely](#) or [Cheryl](#), or call the church office at (306) 359-1450.

Reading through the Bible: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, is presently reading through the Gospels. The group meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Norma, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or [email the church](#). [Join Reading Through the Bible](#).

Noon Prayer: Join others every Wednesday at 12:30 pm for a short time of scripture and prayer. In person, in the main office, or over Zoom. If coming in person, please use the Lorne Street entryway. For more information, visit [our website](#), or contact [Pastor Joel](#). [Join Wednesday noon prayer](#).

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 Astring-Winter or Laureen Snook, visit [our website](#), [email the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Learning for Life: This group meets Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am. Annabel Robinson is leading a class on the Gospel of Luke. This class is in person and on Zoom. For more information, contact Annabel, email [Pastor Kayely](#), go to [our website](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450. [Join "Gospel of Luke"](#).

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912

No computer and/or internet access and cannot come to church in person? You can listen to a recent sermon by dialing (306) 992-1912 (toll-free in Regina area).

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 (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. For further details, you may also email the church at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net or contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497.

Deep thought of today:

When you clean out a vacuum cleaner.

You become a vacuum cleaner.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

The older I get, the tighter companies are putting lids on jars.

I used to find buying books from Amazon slow and inconvenient, until one day the receptionist suggested I use their website.

P.S. Did you get "sucked" into that one?