



Pastor's Note

"Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus. I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." (Ephesians 1:15-16)

During my four months off I had the opportunity to visit many of the churches in Saskatoon. I didn't realize there were so many of them, and I was encouraged that we have a much higher percentage of our city attending Christian worship than I believed. I also spent time at one of our local outreach para-church ministries, *The Bridge on 20th*. This too was very encouraging, as I witnessed the presence of Christ ministering to the poor through a vibrant and joy-filled staff and volunteer system. It was a wonderful opportunity to serve and observe.

I came back from my sabbatical wondering what kind of impact the local church of Christ is really having on our city. With so many professing Christians in Saskatoon does God's advancing Kingdom make a difference in this community? If we're willing to consider the evaluation, many secular people in North America think Christ's Church looks more like an institution competing with itself for a piece of the pie than an "agency of hope and healing". We're often just seen as another annoying religion with an agenda. But that can be changed as Christians everywhere persistently step out in sincere love to meet the needs of those around them who are hurting.

Love speaks the loudest, as any ten minutes listening to the local radio station will tell you. It's a *miserable ministry* that preaches words of hope and change to its community but is unwilling to get involved in its needs. To say "God bless you; keep warm and eat well!" (James 2:15) but fail to get involved in their lives is to offer vinegar instead of ointment for their wounds.

Like Jesus, our first foot forward must be one of love and compassion. Truth is important, yes, but it is more receivable when it is seasoned with sacrificial love. So let's be children of God who believe that "*the Spirit of the Lord is upon (us). He has anointed (us) to preach the good news to the poor...*" and to proclaim liberty and freedom not only through words of hope, but also through sacrificial servanthood as we reach out to Saskatoon.



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Youth Pastor
Currently Waiting On God's Direction

Welcome!

to our Morning of Worship

January 22, 2012

11am Service

PRAISE TEAM

Renee

SERMON

CALLED TO BE HOLLY

"Seeking God's Face" (Part 2)

Exodus 33:12-14

Supervised Nursery for 0 - 2 (11am to end of Service)
Children's Church for Age 3 to Grade 1 (Dismissed during the Service)

Our Mission . . .
is to be a worshipping community which builds mature disciples who love one another, and who share the good news of Jesus Christ both at home and abroad for the glory of God.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 7:30pm
Senior Youth Bottle Drive.
Please let them know if you have bottles/cans for them to pick up



Tuesday 9:30am
Ladies Prayer Time at Alice Berg's, 224-305 Pinehouse Dr.

Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm
Marriage Seminar

Tuesday 7-8-30pm
Club DJ for ALL kids K-Gr 6!



Wednesday 10am
Mom's Group at the church

Wednesday 7pm
Annual Meeting – Members, it is your privilege & responsibility to attend – regular attenders are just as welcome! DON'T MISS IT!

Thursday 6pm
Jr Youth Soul Food (Cost: \$2)
7:30 – TBA

Thursday 7:30pm
Care Group @ Reg & Ivy's

NEXT SUNDAY:

Please Note: Pastor Al will be away at Breakforth
9:45 - Sunday School for All ages
Adult Class - Rm 1, 1st Corinthians
Prayer Class – Fireside rm
11am - Worship Service

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY...

3 & 4. Friday & Saturday
Promise Keepers Men's Workshops, "Brothers" (Feb. 3) & "Basic Training" (Feb.4) See bulletin board for info

4. Saturday
Mentoring Workshop at MLBC, led by Seth Briggs – see poster.

10-11. Fri-Sat MEN'S RETREAT at Ranger Lake.
Cost: \$55, \$25 for boys 5-12. Please bring a Bible, snack



to share, warm winter year, sleeping bag & favorite table game. See Bob W or Matt T for info and to register. Please reserve a spot by **Feb. 5!**

11. Saturday
Kids Workshop at CDA. See Kim for more info.



NEWS & NOTES:

Annual Report:
Please be sure pick up your copy of the report, and bring it to the meeting on Wednesday.

Greenhouse Ministry:
Due to a combination of low attendance and lack of volunteers, this ministry will no longer be offered. Children up to 2 years are welcome in the Nursery and Children's Church will be available most Sundays to those 3 years to Grade 1

"Stuff" Left in Foyer:
Several boxes have been left in both foyers recently. If these are meant for someone, please make sure they are picked up or let Marion know what they are for, so they can be removed. Thank you!

A New Prayer Chain!
We are adding the option of having requests emailed! See Bulletin Board & please add your name to the Sign-Up List of your choice.
Questions? Please see Marion or Anne G.



PRAYER CHAIN

Ministry Opportunity:
2-3 Leaders are needed for Children's Church. Rotation is once every 6 weeks and material is provided. Please see Marion if you feel this is where God is asking you to get involved!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pledge Forms:
To support Nathan & Renee in their call to Africa are available from the sound booth ledge. (Suggested Church Goal: \$1000/month = 40 people giving \$25 each)

CONGRATULATIONS!!
To Jaimee and Jeremy Voth who were married Jan 7!! May God bless you in your new life together!



MISSIONS PRAYER & PRAISE BOLIVIA

Jake & Dorothy Fehr

Praise:
• For changed lives as a result of listening to the radio programs!
Prayer:
• For the planning and funds for a new radio station at San Jose de Chiquitos

THAILAND

Larry & Diane Willems

Praise:
• That God has given them the freedom to preach the Gospel in Thailand!
Prayer:
• As they visit the areas where there are few Christians and no churches
• Pray for the one Christian family in the village of Baan Mae Sai Nalaw

VENEZUELA

Ernest & Effie Dyck

Praise:
• They have now safely returned to Venezuela & her father is doing ok
Prayer:
• As they catch up and return to their busy ministry in Venezuela.

CENTRAL ASIA

Praise:
• The gas leak in their house was taken care of and no one was harmed!
Prayer:
• To learn the language and wisdom on where to minister within the TeaHouse

CANADA

Anne Reid

Praise:
• For the 2 young adult women who are making wise decisions in their lives.
Prayer:
• For Bible study for these women; for hearts that want to obey and believe God