



Good News Chapel



Awareness Dinner Cancelled

Like everyone else right now we had to cancel our annual banquet at the end of April. The financial support received at the banquet is a great help to the ministry of the Good News Chapel. We have cut our costs as much as possible during the COVID-19 outbreak and we continue to provide food (bagged lunches) with the Gospel every Sunday at the Good News Chapel. If you are able to provide financial assistance you can donate online at www.goodnewschapel.ca or call **306-580-0112**

Psalms 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

The only lasting eternal work is completed by God alone. It is at times like these that we are reminded of this. But do we comprehend this? In times of crisis we may feel like we must act in some way- we must do something. In times of crisis we may feel hopeless and that there is nothing that we can do. In times of crisis we may be filled with fear and lose sight of God. In times of crisis we may hope that in the midst of it the fearful and the hopeless will turn to God. But no matter what is our condition we must remind ourselves that unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Many changes have taken place at the Good News Chapel since our last newsletter was sent out independent of the COVID-19 crisis. Terry and Laureen who have been leaders and elders for 10 years needed to step back in January. Regan and Abbey were intending to leave us to move to Steinbach at the end of April but due to the COVID-19 crisis we had to lay off Regan at the end of March and they have moved their earlier than anticipated. We are so thankful for their ministry and they will be greatly missed!



Terry and Laureen



Regan and Abbey

While in an ideal situation we would be able to have new leaders raised up within the church to fill their many roles, the reality is that in the context of ministry to the poor and the addicted and the generational sin associated with most new believers at the Good News Chapel it takes much longer to grow into spiritual maturity. There is so much that needs to be overcome that being thrown into leadership too soon is often very damaging. And so we look to the LORD. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

If only we are able to view our situations from God's perspective. God wants to perform long lasting and permanent changes as a person is justified through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and is daily sanctified and grows in holiness until one day they are finally glorified in the sight of Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour. This is a long term process completed by the Spirit of God that we tend to want to shorten and to simplify. But there are no shortcuts. If we want to see generations of saints being reproduced from new believers and families totally transformed by the power of God we need to be in it for the long haul. We need to be week by week faithfully proclaiming the Word of God and discipling those who come to repent and believe and continually praying for a thorough and cleansing work purifying from all sin and the manifest presence of God to be made known by the Holy Spirit. And with those to whom we minister to at the Good News Chapel we are reminded of this reality.

So we rest in the knowledge that the Lord will continue to sustain us as He continues to build His house. As we remain faithful to Him He will be faithful to us. If we continue to proclaim the Word of God boldly and accurately in due season we will reap a harvest. And He will provide workers for the harvest for He is the one doing the work. He is the one watching over the city. For the work to last and remain it must be His and His alone. In this midst of your own challenges because of the COVID-19 crisis are you looking to the LORD for Him to build His house over the long haul? Are you trusting that He is watching over the city? Or are you the watchman watching over the city in vain and the builder who is building in vain?

Pastor Murray Hack

Potluck Meal and Sunday Service

We are very thankful for all those who have come to help out during the weekly Sunday service and potluck meal! We have switched to bagged lunches during the COVID-19 crisis.



Christmas Wish List

We are very thankful for all those who donated to the Regina Christmas Wish List organized by Glen Elm Church of Christ.



Reserve Ministry

Peculiar People's Parish organized a clothing drive and we have been taking clothing and donated furniture out to Muscowpetung First Nation as we meet for Bible study. It is our hope to provide more outreach when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.



Guitar

Since Terry and Laureen left in January we haven't had an instrument to lead music in Church on Sundays. A guitar and pickup were donated! Murray has been learning guitar during the COVID-19 crisis.



Youth Conference

Healing Hearts was able to take a youth from the Good News Chapel to the threesixtyfive Youth Conference at Nipawin Bible College in March.



Ministry During COVID-19

We have cancelled church services at the Good News Chapel during the COVID-19 crisis. As most of the people in our congregation do not have phones or Internet, live streaming isn't an option for Sunday services. Instead Murray has been preparing a weekly devotional with children's materials to be included in the bag lunches we provide on Sundays. We also include an information sheet of what programs are available for food and supplies through the city and government. People can pick up the bagged lunches outside of Indigenous Christian Fellowship on Sundays and we also deliver to people's homes. We have been giving out 80-100 bagged lunches weekly so far and expect this number to grow as people hear.

Please Pray

It is difficult to connect with people from our congregation at this time as many do not have phones or Internet. Please pray that the seed of the Word of God that have been planted will grow at this time as people are in isolation. Pray that many in addictions will turn to the Lord at this time. Pray for a genuine seeking for the heart of God by many. Pray that there will not be a COVID-19 outbreak among the poor in Regina. Pray that God would provide for another associate pastor at the Good News Chapel as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Pray that the Lord will lead us to the right new board members (we currently only have four).

How to Help

- donate food or be a part of the bagged lunches that we are providing weekly during the COVID-19 crisis.
- While many people in our congregation give sacrificially, we do not bring in enough to meet our needs and need to fundraise for the remainder of our budget. Financial support from those outside the church makes a big difference in our ministry. We still lack the funds to be able to hire a full-time associate pastor.

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