

Summer 2018
Newsletter



Good News Chapel



Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

How did the Apostles and the believers at the beginning of the Church turn the world upside down? How do we as the Church today turn the world upside down as they once did? Since February we have been examining the book of Acts as we prepare to go out as a church. It is our desire to see the Gospel preached to the ends of the earth and for true Biblical reconciliation to occur in this land and around the world.

Our salvation is not just to repent and to look to the cross of Jesus Christ and to receive but we are also to be a part of God's plan of salvation for others. Many who attend the Good News Chapel may not realize just how important they are in God's Kingdom in sharing the Gospel and for true Biblical reconciliation to occur in this land. We are blessed at the Good News Chapel to be a predominantly Indigenous congregation with many direct connections to the reserves through family and friends. As we go out as a church, God is leading us to minister on the reserves.

We are encouraging those who attend the Good News Chapel to help us connect with their family and friends specifically on the reserves in the Fort Qu'Appelle area. We are starting a Bible Study on Muscowpetung First Nation in mid-July and are hoping to be able to start further Bible studies on other reserves as well in the area. We are thankful there is already a Christian witness on Piapot and Pasqua reserves and our hope is to encourage both Chris Wesequate and Edmund Jordan in the ministry that God has called them to. Edmund Jordan is willing to train us in better understanding native spirituality and we are excited to be able to learn from him. We are also excited that we can partner with Valley Alliance Church in Fort Qu'Appelle in these endeavors as we look to minister on the reserves and among the poor in Fort Qu'Appelle.

But sharing the Gospel among the Indigenous people is only one part of Biblical reconciliation. Many Indigenous Christians tend to feel isolated from the rest of the body of Christ. We are continuing to look for opportunities for believers in our congregation to be connected with other ministries in Regina and how we as a church can work together with the greater body of Christ to be truly one people in Christ. True Biblical reconciliation can only occur as we are born again by the Spirit of God and we are all equal in the body of Christ.

There must be a turning back as well as a moving forward. In recent months we have begun to pray regularly in North Central on the land where the Legislature resided prior to 1905. The original building burnt down and the North West Territories Administration is the only building that remains. It was here that all of western Canada and the north was once governed. This location is right in the middle between the old Sacred Heart Church where we started as a church (and has since been torn down) and Indigenous Christian Fellowship which we currently rent.

We believe God has led us to pray here seeking Him to forgive us for our present and past sins and that He will send the Holy Spirit in power and bring healing to this land. And so as we go out we are also looking back. Thank you for your partnership in furthering God's Kingdom!

Murray Hack
Pastor- Good News Chapel



Baptisms

At the end of May Blair, Jessica, Colleen, George, and Wanda were all baptized! You can watch them share their testimonies at www.goodnewschapel.ca



Talking Circle

The Good News Chapel was able to be a part of a Talking Circle in Saskatoon in June. Many people from the Alliance and Mennonite Brethren denominations and others came to share their heart for ministry to the Indigenous people. This was the first meeting with more to come. All of the Alliance Pastors who are directly involved in Indigenous ministry were able to attend.



Potluck Meals and Sunday Service

We are thankful for the individuals and churches that come to help out with the regular potluck meal after Sunday service and the special meals we are able to have on holidays!



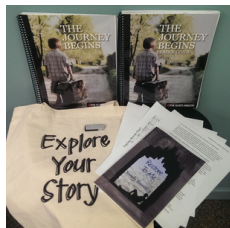
Awareness Dinner

The Good News Chapel and Good News Ambassadors had an awareness dinner at the end of April with about 200 supporters.



Journey Groups

In February through April, four people from the Good News Chapel were able to attend the Journey Groups with Healing Hearts which are intense group counseling sessions using materials from Open Hearts Ministry. These groups are an excellent way for people to find healing in Jesus Christ for past abuse issues.



Faith and Finance

In June, four people from the Good News Chapel were able to complete the twelve week Faith and Finance Course provided by Maybell Developments. This course looks at managing your finances from a Biblical perspective.



Please Pray

- Pray for us as we start to go out to the reserves that God will lead us to the right people and we will have opportunity to see His Kingdom grow. Pray that God will raise up Indigenous Christians as leaders within the Church and that true Biblical reconciliation can occur. Pray that we will be able to equipped to deal with native spirituality and respond with authority in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
- Pray for workers for the harvest. As we go out we will be stretched even more than we already are and God will have to provide more individuals that are able to come alongside for this great work.
- Pray for the kids that are attending camps this summer and for Murray who is speaking for the first time at Strasbourg Bible Camp during the Inner City Kids Camp at the start of August.

How to Help

- We are giving out school supplies at the end of August. See the attached poster for more details.
- While many people in our congregation give sacrificially, we do not bring in enough to meet our needs and need to fund raise for the remainder of our budget. Financial support from those outside the church makes a big difference in our ministry!
- We have to manually wash and dry the dishes for around 70 people every week. If you are able to come and help us out after your church service the meal starts usually around 12:15 pm. Also, if you would like to donate any food or help serve or clean tables and chairs it would be much appreciated.
- We currently don't have a regular pianist. Please contact us if you would like to help out with music.
- If you would like to have someone from the Good News Chapel share at your church let us know. We have many who can share about the power of God at work in their lives.

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