

Spring 2023

Newsletter



Good News Chapel



Luke 14:21-23 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'

Death is a reality that we all must face but for the person who has struggled in addiction for many years, often one of the consequences is a shortened life. In just the span of a few months we have lost four men who regularly attended the Good News Chapel. Each man was unique and special and ended up coming to the Good News Chapel for a variety of different reasons.

George was a part of our church from the very beginning (16 years ago this month). He had FAS and grew up in the foster care system. He suffered with shame all of his life and had been hurt by many others. George was invited to the great banquet that Jesus describes in His parable but he didn't consider himself worthy to enter in. But finally George did respond and he came to know the love of Jesus Christ personally and we saw a great transformation in him in the final years of his life.



Bob came to church because of his common-law girlfriend a few years ago. He had attended many churches throughout his life but was never born again. It wasn't until he came to the Good News Chapel that he understood that he was not a genuine follower of Jesus Christ. In spite of this knowledge he struggled with truly repenting of his sins and surrendering to Jesus Christ and entering into the great banquet. He fell hard into drinking during COVID and never overcame. He ended up dying in his addiction.

Rudy first came to the Good News Chapel with friends who were in addiction who were just looking for food. Rudy had more half brothers and sisters than he could count and struggled with addiction most of his life. He was a war veteran and yet ended up living on the streets at one point but eventually was able to get a place to live and his life ended in a place of relative stability. While we don't know for sure if he entered into the great banquet feast that Jesus had invited him to, we have hope that Rudy entered in. He came to church regularly and was well liked by everyone.



Ken ended up coming to the Good News Chapel through friends that he knew. He had COPD due to his past life and struggled with believing that he could ever overcome his past addictions. But Ken also entered into the great banquet and God gave him the victory. Ken was instrumental in God leading us to plant a church on Muskowekwan First Nation. Ken's last service at the Good News Chapel was on Christmas Day and his funeral service in early January was the introduction for the new church on the reserve.



We do not know who God is going to save but we are thankful for the opportunity to serve Him and that everyone is invited to His great banquet!

Pastor Murray Hack

On Saturday January 21st at 2 pm we had our first church service at the band hall on Muskowekwan First Nation! We have been able to have services every Saturday since then (with the exception of one blizzard day).

It will take time to build relationships and to see people coming to the services every week. We have had about ten different families attend so far but not on a consistent basis. We have a few core families that have been attending regularly. As the weather changes we plan to start a bi-weekly Bible study and look for other opportunities to build relationships in the community.

There are currently five Pastors (from the Good News Chapel, Valley Alliance Church in Fort Qu'Appelle, and Yorkton Alliance Church) rotating preaching duties going through the Book of Luke so that those who hear will have a firm foundation on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each service also has children's church, which will teach kids the truth of the Bible in a way that they can understand, with the hopes that children of Muskowekwan will grow in the knowledge of the Lord. There is a Facebook page used to share information about the church services.

<https://www.facebook.com/MuskowekwanFellowship>



guest speaker Howard Jolly



There are always children that come to church with their families. These kids know very little of the Bible or of God. Children's ministry is very much needed on Muskowekwan, and it has been going great the past couple months.

Millar College of the Bible gave an opportunity for the Good News Chapel to send a few people from the church to experience a Modular course at the Pambrun Campus for the week of January 9 - 14.

This was an opportunity to take some people from our church to experience what a Bible School community is like. Because Millar removed their summer courses, this was the next best thing for our church people to experience a Bible college.

We audited the Intro to Missions Mod. Millar College of the Bible let us use one of the trailers on campus for the week. We hope to continue to bring people from our church for each mod week in the future.





In December, we said farewell and thank you to Myrna Wiens. She provided her last turkey meal after faithfully preparing weekly meals for the Good News Chapel for the last 10 years!



Thanks to Rosewood Park Church for organizing a baby drive to support Kingslee who was born three months premature and is finally home.



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- We are looking for individuals or church groups to help prepare meals, donate food, help serve, or clean up during for the Sunday service in Regina. If you are able to come and help us out after your church service the meal starts usually around 12:15 pm.
- Pray for wisdom as we continue the new church plant on Muskowekwan and that there will be enough workers for the harvest on the reserve and here in Regina. If you would like to be involved reach out to us.
- While many people in our congregation give sacrificially, we do not bring in enough financial support to meet our needs and must fundraise for the remainder of our budget. Financial support from those outside the church makes a big difference in our ministry.

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