

August 4, 2019

Ministry Information & Contacts

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Ecclesiastes:

Finding the Good Life



Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. In our fast-paced society information is everywhere but wisdom is becoming increasingly uncommon. That's probably because there is no shortcut to wisdom. It takes time and intentionality. It's my prayer that Ecclesiastes 10 will help us all to slow down and pay attention so that we might get a heart of wisdom - Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*
King Of My Heart

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Never Once*

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Pastor Church Relations

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Pre-Kindergarten age children leave for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING — *Ecclesiastes 10*

SERMON — *Wisdom vs Folly*

SONG — *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *I Lift Your Name*

Church Family

Congratulations to James and Cindy H on the birth of their son Arie James on Monday, July 29th. We praise God for the blessing of new life and rejoice with you as you welcome this precious gift.

Cor H had a heart attack on Tuesday and was taken to the hospital in Leduc. He remains in the hospital while the doctors make an assessment as to his ongoing care. Please be in prayer for Cor and Joyce and their whole family during this difficult time.

Update on Wyatt B Hello, Church Family, It's been a little while since you've had an update on Wyatt so here you are... Wyatt is having some very good days these days. On July 23, he had his hernia surgery finally and he seems to be way more settled. Leading up to the surgery his bowels were getting strangulated and he was in quite a bit of pain. He's doing so much better now. We are currently adjusting to life with his trach and G tube. It is so much easier to pick him up now and he is able to interact with us a lot more. It's going to be a long road for his lungs to continue to heal and develop. We will probably be moving to the pediatric intensive care unit later soon.

Wyatt had four surgeries in the last four weeks. We have been looking forward to getting these surgeries done and are so happy that they are behind us. Thank God for answered prayers.

Wyatt is turning into quite the chubby little guy! Now that he has the tracheostomy, we are able to hold him more and can see his face. On Wednesday, I went to the hospital after work and held him for over 1.5 hours... such a beautiful experience! He is now almost 7 lbs and will be 5 months old on August 2 and has outgrown the preemie outfits he had! Thank you so very much for your continued prayers and words of support - they hold us up and give us strength. Ed & Grace B (grandpa and grandma).

If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office. We want to support you in your journey. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: For the months of July and August we will be open from 9am - 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have a concern that arises outside of Office Hours, please contact Pastor Jason or your District Elder. Thank you!

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover the day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of Classis Alberta North and the CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering: PASTOR CHURCH RELATIONS - Pastor-Church Relations provides programs of "healing and prevention" for ministers, staff, councils, and congregations. This includes advocacy, consultation, education as well as giving support, encouragement, and counsel to congregations and staff during times of crisis and transition.

Next Week: DEACONATE - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

Welcome Center

*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

Are you new to Ebenezer? We hope you experience the presence of God as you worship today and feel welcomed by those around you. Do you have questions about who we are or what we do? Please stop by the Welcome Center either before or after the service to connect with a member of our Welcome Ministry. We are so glad you have joined us today!

If Ebenezer is your church home, we'd like to make you aware of a few giving opportunities. Donation coupons are available for purchase at the Welcome Center on Sunday Morning. Automatic Withdrawal Forms are also available for pick-up. Have you seen our new pens and T-shirts? T-shirts are \$10 each and pens are \$1. Drop a donation in the jar at the Welcome Center and you can take one home today! Money will go towards Debt Reduction. Thank you so much for your financial commitment to Ebenezer.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, August 4 @ **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting
@ **10:00 am** Worship Service

Tues, Wed, Thurs **9am - 1pm** **Summer Office Hours**

Sunday, August 11 @ **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting
@ **10:00 am** Worship Service

VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE: One area we have noticed that we at **Youth For Christ Peace Hills**, have not done well, is properly train our volunteers so that they can work with confidence with youth and feel like they are actually making a difference. We want our volunteers to become great mentors and we all need more mentors for our youth and for the families in our congregations.

We will be hosting a **Free 4 Part Leadership Training Course and Certification**. This is an all-day event. Dates will be September 14, October 12, November 9 & December 14. This is open to anyone in your congregation who is in youth ministry or wants to be. Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin has blessed us to be able to host this training at their location. We have an online registration on our website: www.peacehillsyfc.com or just call if you want to attend. I pray this will be a huge blessing to all our youth ministry leaders and volunteers. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

PROJECTION TECHNICIAN WANTED! We're looking to train another projection technician! If you're interested in the technical side of worship at Ebenezer, contact Nicole V or talk to her after church. We require technicians to be of high school age and the commitment involves being available every 5-6 weeks, worship practices (typically Thursday evenings) as well as projection on Sunday morning.

Denominational News

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP 2020 - The annual Calvin Symposium on Worship is a 3-day conference sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching. It will be held Thursday, January 30, 2020 - Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshippers. People come from around the world for a time of fellowship, worship, and learning together, seeking to develop their gifts, encourage each other and renew their commitment to the full ministry of the church.

Ebenezer is hoping to send a group of worship leaders to this Symposium. If this is something you may be interested in, please let any member of the worship ministry team know. They are: Grace Deunk, Bea Vlieg, Wilbur Hofstra, Alyse Kwantes, Susan Schuurman and Pastor Jason.

More news and encouragement can be found at

<http://www.ebenzercrc.com/news>.

**A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board along with
News from The Kings University**

NEED A HELPING HAND? Anthony K is currently not working, so he would be happy to join you on yard or house projects you are tackling this summer. Feel free to talk to Emily M or Ted K for more information about his interests and availability.

STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS: Do you love stamps? Do you receive international mail? Bea Martens is collecting used postal stamps from around the world. They will be use to raise funds for the church. For more information, please contact Bea M.

WALKING FOR UGANDA The men of Bowden are "Walking for Uganda"! On Saturday, Sept. 7, the men in the Bowden Institution here in Alberta, are having a walk-a-thon inside the walls of their prison. All the proceeds of the walk-a-thon are going to World Renew's work in Uganda through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Their goal is to raise \$25,000 in support of the farmers there. That goal will allow for agricultural training of 1,190 community members for one year. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

SHRED FEST - Christian Credit Union - Member Appreciation Event and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 am - 11:00 am. Free paper shredding, food and refreshments, activities and prizes. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Luke K, Andrew V

Next Week: Mike D, Dennis V

Greeters: Fred & Linda K

Next Week: Hen & Mennie S

Welcome Centre: Wendy T

Next Week: Charlene V

Coffee Duty: Dennis & Ruby P, Terry & Alice V, Rob & Julie S

Next Week: Dick & Judy O, Gerard & Wendy B

Serving Elder: Freda MO

Next Week: Jordan S

Worship Team: Sandy V

Next Week: KerryAnne H

Projection & Audio: Mike R/Nicole V

Next Week: Dan V/Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Angelica G, Carrie B, Ashley T

Tod: Dan H, Chelsea D, Ethan V

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Alesha S

Inf: Alesha S, Sadie H, Joyce D, Julie B

Tod: Kristy I, Chad D, Ivan T



If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office. You can find the volunteer schedules online at [ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com).