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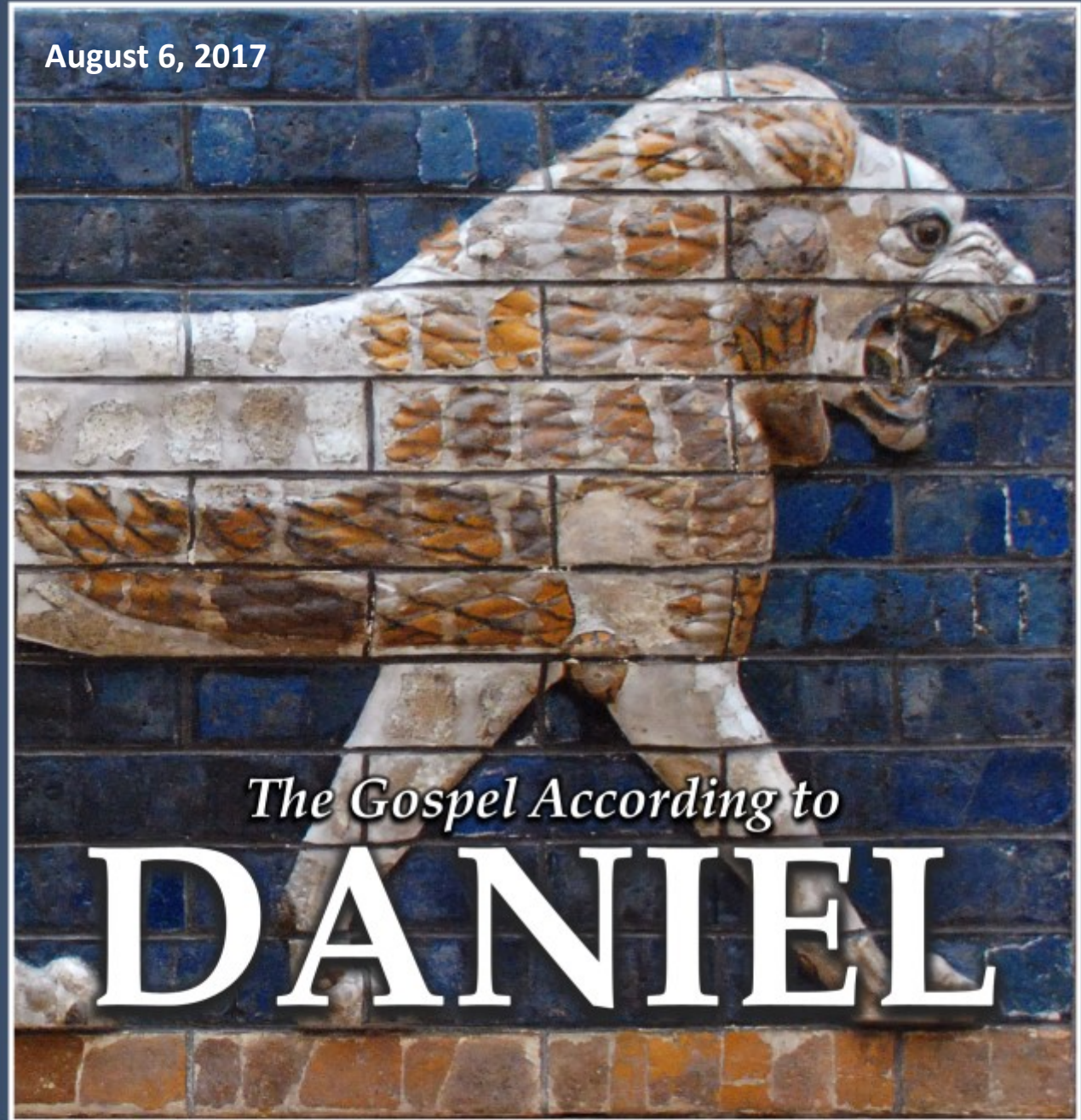
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*The Gospel According to*

# DANIEL

Restoring all people to  
God's living truth  
and equipping them to  
passionately live it out!



**EBENEZER**  
Christian Reformed Church

## *Welcome to Ebenezer!*

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today as we continue our journey through the book of Daniel we are reminded of the blessed promise from God that no matter what trials we face today, ultimately all will be well. Let us together take comfort and joy in this hope-filled promise. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: **Great is the Lord**

**Psalm 121 "I Lift My Eyes Up"**

God's Greeting

Song: **Beautiful Savior**

Prayer of Confession (printed on the opposite page)

Song: **I Am Persuaded**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering; 1 - **Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - **Rehoboth**

Children's Message

*(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Children's Church)*

Scripture: **Daniel 8**

Message: **Laughing Last**

Prayer of Application

Song: **In Christ Alone**

Closing Blessing

Song: **Endless Hallelujah**



## *Church Family*

Congratulations to **Justin & Carlee V** on their marriage yesterday. We wish you God's blessing as you build your life together.

Congratulations to **Matt & Jamie B** who will celebrate their **5th** wedding anniversary on August 11. We wish you God's blessing in this special milestone.

Please remember in prayer those who are struggling with illness or injury, are recovering from surgery, or who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

**PASTOR JASON ON VACATION** - Pastor Jason will be on vacation next week (August 7 - 13); if you need to speak to someone during this time please contact the church office or your district elder.

**JANITOR NEEDED** - Ebenezer Church will be needing a part time janitor beginning September 1. Contact Pete V or the church office for more info and to apply.

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - Over the summer, the church office will be **open Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm!** You can also send an email to the church office or leave a phone message anytime!

**THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDE** - The June 2017 - May 2018 edition of "The Shepherd's Guide" is available, this is a Christian business and ministry directory for Edmonton and north central Alberta. There are copies on the table by the mailboxes.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Loving Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Who came to seek and to save the lost,**

**Who invites the weary and the overburdened to rest,**

**And who heals the hurting: we confess that at times we have lost our way.**

**Forgive our wayward and willful disobedience.**

**Lead us back to you.**

**Forgive us for every thought, word, or deed that has brought hurt to others, harmed ourselves, or dishonoured your name. Heal the pain we have caused.**

**Grace us with your Holy Spirit and lead us once again in the way that leads to life.**

**Amen.**

**WILLIAMS LAKE UPDATE** - Thank you for all the encouragement and prayers for Williams Lake. On July 27, the evacuation order was lifted for the city and some surrounding areas. While an evacuation alert remains in place, people are trickling back home. With the fires not under control, there is still anxiety and uncertainty. It's difficult to give an accurate read on the impact of these fires, but significant loss to the lumber industry, cattle, homes and jobs is a given. Please continue praying for God's wisdom and discernment for the emergency central command, for those grieving the loss of property, and for confidence and hope during these times of growing anxiety. Pray also for the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you from Cariboo Community Church. ~ Pastor Paul Lomavatu, Cariboo Community CRC, Williams Lake, BC

**IT'S GEMS CAMP THIS WEEK!** - Please pray for a safe and enriching week for the GEMS girls and all the wonderful volunteer staff that will be attending camp this Tuesday - Saturday at the Rehoboth camp facilities at Gull Lake.

**TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE!** - On the Children's Church Sign-in Table is a box of photos of past CCS events. If you are a Covenant Alumni or parent please go through the photos and take any that you wish to add to your personal collection or give to someone who is on the photo.

### *Deacon's Corner*

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - REHOBOTH** - Rehoboth Christian Ministries adheres to the fundamental premise that there must be equity for all people regardless of their level of intellectual functioning, physical appearance and abilities, social awareness and skills, degree of dependency, physical and mental health, social status, income, race, color, religious beliefs, or cultural background. Rehoboth, a Christian association serving the Mentally Handicapped of Alberta, was formed in 1976 by members of the Christian community to offer services to individuals with disabilities and their families. For more info see [rehoboth.ab.ca](http://rehoboth.ab.ca)

**Next Week - PASTOR-CHURCH RESOURCES** - Pastor-Church Resources supports congregations and their leaders in times of transition and discernment by providing consultations and resources that foster personal and communal health. This includes advocacy, consultation, education as well as giving support, encouragement, and counsel to congregations and staff during times of crisis and transition. For more information, go to <https://www.crcna.org/pastor-church-resources>

### *Coming Up @ Ebenezer*

**Friday to Sunday, August 11 - 13** - Annual Church Campout

**Sunday, August 13 9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting

**10:00 am** Worship Service

**FREEZER MEALS** - In the past the church has prepared many meals that have blessed our members that occasionally need a meal; from new moms to our seniors to those recuperating from injury or illness. To restock the freezer with prepared meals there will be a cooking and baking day on Tuesday, August 29 at 10:00 am. If you cannot attend but would still like to contribute your culinary skills, or for more information, call or email Jenny at the church office.

**PRODUCE FOR MEALS** - If you have been blessed with an abundance of produce this year from your gardens and fruit trees, and are overwhelmed with your harvest, the church can make use of your bounty for meals for members of our community that occasionally need a meal. You can bring your produce, either processed or unprocessed, to the church during office hours.

**PRODUCE SHARING** - It's that time of year again – ravishing radishes, ruby rhubarb and lovely lettuces are growing in our gardens. If you have too much produce, why not take it to church to share with those who, for one reason or another, do not have access to garden produce of their own? Check out the bins near the kitchen roll up window and take home whatever you like. Looking forward to another season of produce sharing!



**CHURCH CAMPOUT NEXT WEEKEND!** You will find forms on the table in the foyer; however you can also register online or with the following qr code. Join us August 11-13 at Willey West Campground just outside of Drayton Valley for a great weekend of fellowship alongside the North Saskatchewan River! If you can't camp, join us for the day on Saturday, August 12th for a day of fun that will wrap up with a potluck at 6:00 p.m. (BYO meat and a salad to share) and campfire! Please register as soon as possible as it will help us determine if we need to book additional sites. Please put your completed registration forms in mailbox 118 (Josh and Nicole V).



## Community and Denominational Announcements

**DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION** - The Refugee Sponsorship Committee at Inglewood CRC is hosting a dinner and silent auction on Friday, September 22, 2017 at West End CRC. Along with supporting Samaan and Rima, we are awaiting the arrival of three more refugees, currently in a Burundi refugee camp. We would appreciate your support by donating an auction item by August 31st or buying tickets which are \$75 with a partial charitable tax receipt of \$40. Please contact Martine Ooms (martineooms@gmail.com or 780-760-6950). Sincerely, Inglewood CRC Refugee Sponsorship Committee

**CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION** - Career Opportunity Business Banking Advisor (II) - Lethbridge / Edmonton - Christian Credit Union is currently seeking a dynamic, service-orientated individual to join our team in the capacity of a Business Banking Advisor (II). The Business Banking Advisor II is responsible for business development for commercial and agricultural enterprise accounts with lending needs of up to \$3M, has lending limits and manages a portfolio of up to \$30M. For more information, visit [www.christiancu.ca](http://www.christiancu.ca).

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This highly effective marriage saving program will be presented in the Edmonton area starting with the weekend of August 18 to 20. For confidential information or to register for the program contact [info@HelpourMarriage.ca](mailto:info@HelpourMarriage.ca) or phone 587-598-4357 or go to the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.ca](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.ca).

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Dennis V, Andy & Marilyn Z      **Next Week:** John T, Andrew V, Howard O

**Greeters:** Fred & Linda K                      **Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

**Coffee Duties:** Anne V, Dennis & Ruby P, James & Cindy H

**Next Week:** Chad & Raquel D, Christina P, Jan & Maricha K

**Worship Team:** Marianne & Team      **Next Week:** Grace & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Nicole & Mike      **Next Week:** Jamie & Matt

**Serving Elder:** Henk S                              **Next Week:** Frank V

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Janette G      **Next Week: Supervisor** - Linda K

**Infants:** Jon P, Karen H, Mercedes L      **Infants:** Linda K, Alinda B, Lois D

**Toddlers:** Michelle K, Jay A, Owen V      **Toddlers:** Laura A, Emily Mulder, Seth A

**Children's Church:** Darren & Scarlet H      **Next Week:** Dale & Karen H



**GREETINGS FROM HONDURAS!** - Dear friends: We have been home for several weeks and we're back into the routines of our work here. Although it's great to see so many of you who are supporting this work, we're always so glad to be back home.

We invite you to read the attached newsletter, where Caspar shares some reflections about God's revelation at the burning bush, along with a story of good changes in Mexico.

We hope your summer is developing well. Blessings,

Caspar and Leanne Geisterfer

Resonate Global Mission and World Renew

The Geisterfer's newsletter can be found on the Deacon's Corner bulletin board.

**THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD** - This coming up weekend is the Perseid Meteor Shower. The peak will be on Saturday, August 12, but it will also be visible on Friday and Sunday nights. And on Monday, August 21 there will be a rare total solar eclipse visible in the northern USA, with a partial solar eclipse in Canada. In Edmonton the eclipse will be 75%; it will start at 10:24 am and end at 12:49 pm, with the maximum at 11:35 am.

**ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS** - This is about farmers and ranchers inviting their urban and rural neighbours to stop in for a visit to share stories, see demonstrations, and learn more about the farmers who grow their food. As well, some of Alberta's most talented chefs and rural communities will be hosting a memorable series of farm to table culinary events that will be held around the province using Alberta farm products. Join Alberta's farmers, ranchers, and chefs as producers open their gates on Saturday and Sunday August 19 and 20. Admission is free. Join us and explore Alberta this summer. <http://albertafarmdays.com/>.

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT** - remember November as you enjoy your summer vacations and warm weather. Register now and save for later. Keynote presentation by CRCNA Executive Director, Steven Timmermans and lunch feature by World Renew DRS director, Bob Laarman. Other workshop leaders include:

Carmen Voogd - Safe Church Ministries, Harold Roscher - Aboriginal Ministries, Mel Slomp - Healthy Church Task Force, Heather Looy - LGBTQ+, Ron Vandenbrink - Diaconal Ministries Canada - A.G.M., Karin Linschoten - Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (refugees), Cindy Stover & Mike Hogeterp - OSJ/Centre for Public Dialogue, Howard Lawrence - Abundant Communities, Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning - Prison ministries, Mark Stephenson - Disabilities Ministry, Joyce Borger - Worship Ministry, Julianne Gilchrist - Storytelling and faith formation

Register throughout the month of August for Super Early Bird pricing at [www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton](http://www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton) or contact [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com).