

July 30, 2017



Reaching
Inward - Outward - Upward
For Christ

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Today - Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Church Family Prayer Time
(Downstairs)

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Cory Steinwand

Children's Ministries

No Children's Church

[Age 4 - Gr. 3]

for the summer months.

Nursery

- Supervised downstairs during the service
- Unsupervised at back of auditorium

Workers Today

Stephanie A.

Michelle A.

Hannah D.

Next Week

No

Scheduled

Nursery

Daily Devotional Quiet Time Schedule

Week 49

July 30 - Aug. 5
Acts 23:1 - 25:27



Attendance Last Week: 153

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 2

Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:30 a.m. at the church

Sr. High Youth

7:00 p.m. Contact Zach Klassen
for location

Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Church Family Prayer Time
(Downstairs)

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

Pastor Dennis Burriss

Communion

2:30 p.m. Revera Senior Living



FAMILY CAMP

Coming Soon
September 1-3

**Signup sheets and other info.
are available outside the office.**

Question: "What does it mean that God draws us to salvation?"

Answer: The clearest verse on God's drawing to salvation is John 6:44 where Jesus declares that no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." The Greek word translated "draw" is *helkuo*, which means "to drag" (literally or figuratively). Clearly, this drawing is a one-sided affair. God does the drawing to salvation; we who are drawn have a passive role in the process. There is no doubt that we respond to His drawing us, but the drawing itself is all on His part.

Why does God need to draw us to salvation? Simply put, if He didn't, we would never come. Jesus explains that no man can come unless the Father draws him (John 6:65). The natural man has no ability to come to God, nor does he even have the desire to come. Because his heart is hard and his mind is darkened, the unregenerate person doesn't desire God and is actually an enemy of God (Romans 5:10). When Jesus says that no man can come without God's drawing him, He is making a statement about the total depravity of the sinner and the universality of that condition. So darkened is the unsaved person's heart that he doesn't even realize it: "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Therefore, it is only by the merciful and gracious drawing of God that we are saved. In the conversion of the sinner, God enlightens the mind (Ephesians 1:18), inclines the will toward Himself, and influences the soul, without which influence the soul remains darkened and rebellious against God. All of this is involved in the drawing process.

From GotQuestions.org

September Photo Directory Update

Please inform the church office by **Sunday, August 13** if you wish to be **added** to the directory or if any of the following information on your directory page has **changed**.

- ◆ Address
- ◆ Phone number/cell
- ◆ Email
- ◆ Family picture

Note: Cell number, email or any family picture changes will require both signatures on the privacy act form.

August 14-18

Maker Fun Factory
Summer 2017 VBS

See insert for details!

Prayer Opportunities

"God is infinitely greater than all His gifts.
If I never asked for anything and had Him, I would still have all."
Huegel



Missionary of the Month

Ric & Darlene Munro
Missionary Service Committee
Turkey

- **Health:** Bill Pogmore, Jack Robinson
- **Finance:** Treasurer
- **Fellowship Prairies Church:** Winnipeg, MB
Bethel Baptist Church

*To send a Prayer Request or join the Prayer Line:
Phone or email the church office*

Small Groups Ministry

Groups Meeting

Coordinator: Martin Scholz

- **Contact: Addie & Diana B.**
- **Contact: Pastor Peter & Nancy E.**
- **Contact: Trevor & Dea F.**
- **Contact: Martin & Lorna S.**
- **Contact: Doug & Joan S.
Don & Patricia R.**
- **Contact: Tom & Tina S.
Dave & Laurel S.**

Contact the church office for location.

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