

FEBRUARY

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



2024 is a Leap Year. February will have 29 days. It kind of makes one want to do something particularly special on February 29th. It will be a long time before the opportunity comes around again. For those of us who are 'getting on in years', it becomes more and more natural to think in these terms. How many more leap years will I live to see? In Psalm 90, the Psalmist observes that **"Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures,"** and he poetically concludes that all people **"are like the new grass of the morning: in the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered."** Awareness of this, he says, is a good thing. He goes on to petition God, saying **"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."**

This month, may we all have the wisdom to understand that, if life is short, the best time for us to draw closer to God – and to draw closer to those around us – is probably now.

Yours in Christ, Brian

Sundays in February

Join us for worship at 10am

Feb 4	2 Corinthians	2 Cor 2:12-17
Feb 11	2 Corinthians	2 Cor 3:12-18
Feb 18	2 Corinthians	2 Cor 4:7-12
Feb 25	2 Corinthians	2 Cor 4:13-18



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Good Friends (seniors)

EXTRA! EXTRA! Good Friends meeting **twice** this month — February 1 **AND** February 15! Our January gathering had to be postponed due to the overwhelming amount of snow our area received that day so the presentation by the Abbotsford Police Department's Fraud Prevention Unit will take place February 1. Same time, same place, 1030am in the Chapel. Join us!

Then, the regular monthly seniors gathering is Thursday, February 15, 1030am in the Chapel. This will be a Valentine's Day celebration! Don Dirks will share on Alliance Global Missions; Lawrence and Adele will lead in worship. Coffee and snacks will be available.

Women's Bible Study

The weekly Women's Bible Study is a great place to build relationships and grow in the knowledge of God as we get to know Him better through His Word. We meet every Wednesday morning, 930-11am, in the Chapel. This season Gaileen Warden is leading us through a study on 2 Timothy.

ALPHA

ALPHA continues for the next 9 Thursdays at 630pm in Room 101. It's not too late to get in on the course and bring a friend who may be inquiring about the Christian faith. Use the Gladwin Road entrance on the east side of the building.



Newcomers Meet-and-Greet

We host an informal gathering for newcomers to Sevenoaks one Sunday each month, immediately after the worship service. If you are new here, join us for coffee and conversation. Members of our pastoral staff and Board of Elders will be there to welcome you and answer questions. The next one is February 11.

Baptism Class

On Sunday morning, February 11, Pastor Jamie will be hosting a baptism class for those who want to be baptized, are interested in talking about the possibility, or just want to learn more about what baptism is and what the Alliance believes about it. Meet Jamie in the Chapel lobby at 9am on February 11.

Sevenoaks' Got Talent!

Don't miss the big event! Plan to attend this year's talent show on Sunday, February 18, 7pm in the Chapel. Admission is free. The deadline to sign up your act is Monday, January 29.



Coldest Night of the Year

On Saturday, February 24, Sevenoaks will once again provide the host venue for this year's *Coldest Night of the Year* fundraising walk-a-thon. Sign up to walk, collect some sponsors, and come out for a fun evening in support of a good cause! All proceeds go to support the Cyrus Centre. <https://cnoy.org/location/abbotsford>

How to Watch Our Livestream has Changed

The Livestream of our worship services is now right on the homepage of the church website. Simply scroll down the homepage to 'Watch Livestream Here', then enlarge the frame to fit your screen. Use the chat feature to connect with others watching the livestream. To watch past services, click on the 'Watch Past Services' button at the top of the homepage. Questions or concerns... contact Pastor Matthew.

21 Days of Prayer

February 1-22, the Global Ministries branch of Alliance Canada is holding a 21-day prayer vigil for 21 unreached people groups around the world. To take part, register at <https://thealliancecanada.ca/21days-prayer-signup/>



*Kids Church (6mths-gr6)
Join us Sundays at 10am
Jesus, Friends and Fun!*



For all youth and young adults
events, contact Pastor Zach
for info or to register.
zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

In Kids Church this month it's all about KINDNESS. We'll learn how to gear up and get ready to live with kindness, so we can show others they are valuable by how we treat them. Pray for our kids to grow deeper in this foundational truth Jesus taught in Luke 6:31 – *Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

KIDS CLUB

Fri, Feb 23 630pm

Grades 4-6 kids gather for fun games, yummy snacks, and meaningful conversations about walking through life with Jesus. Email Brenda if your child will be attending.

If you have questions about Sevenoaks Kids, contact Brenda Rolleman at the church office.
brolleman@sevenoaks.org

Costa Rica 2024

Thank you to the over 2 dozen students, young adults and parents who came to our Informational Meeting for the trip last month! The end of January saw the formation of the team that will be going on this short-term missions trip where we are partnering with Inca Link International. Together we'll be sharing the good news of the Gospel with young people in suburban San Jose.

This trip, however, is about more than the team going, this is something our whole church family can be a part of. Here are ways that you can be involved now:

1. Prayer

- for the team and their preparations for the trip.
- as we try to book flights for the trip.
- for God to prepare the hearts of the young people we will connect with, that they may be open to hearing and receiving the message of the Gospel.

2. Fundraising

In the months ahead we will have multiple fundraisers in support of the trip. The one ongoing active one is the Bottle Drive (see the Youth page of our website for details).

In the meantime, you can give to the trip by marking the 'Other' option on your offering envelope with 'Costa Rica 2024'. Thank you to those who have already given funds towards this endeavour.

Youth (gr6-12)

Ice Skating

Fri, Feb 2 630-815pm | MRC
Cost \$4 (+\$4 for skate rental)

Bowling

Wed, Feb 7 615pm | Galaxy Bowl
Cost \$10

Gym Night - Skittle Ball

Fri, Feb 9 630-830pm | Gym

Super Bowl Party

Sun, Feb 11 330pm | Upper Room
Bring a snack or beverage to share

Spiritual Gifts - Part 2

Wed, Feb 14 630pm | Upper Room

Invite Night

Wed, Feb 21 630pm | Upper Room

Sunday Morning Gathering

Sun, Feb 25 10am | Upper Room

Breakout Night

Wed, Feb 28 630pm | various homes

Young Adults

Gospel Primer

Tuesdays 630pm | Upper Room

Lunch

Sundays 12noon | various locations



February... At a Glance

For Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.

For event details, look inside or visit sevenoaks.org

Feb 1 Good Friends (seniors) EXTRA

Feb 4 Communion

Feb 11 Newcomers Meet-and-Greet

Feb 11 Baptism Class

Feb 15 Good Friends (seniors)

Feb 18 Sevenoaks Got Talent

Feb 19 Family Day (church office closed)

Feb 22 Helping Hands

Feb 23 Kids Club (gr4-6)

Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Starting Point	845am	Community Rm
	Prayer	9am	Rm 105/107
Mon	ARMinistry	7pm	Chapel
Tue	ESL	morning & evening	
	Young Adults	630pm	Upper Rm
Wed	Prayer	715am	Community Rm
	WBStudy	930am	Chapel
	Prayer	7pm	Community Rm
	Youth	630pm	Upper Rm
Thu	ESL	morning & evening	
	Alpha	630pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8am	Community Rm

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Cheerful sacrificial giving is part of our life in Christ, an act of worship to the living God and an expression of trust in Him. Your generosity helps us fulfil our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.

Options for Giving

For those who worship with us in person on Sunday mornings, offering boxes can be found in the Chapel lobby and at the Information Centre.

To learn about secure options for giving online, come and speak to us in the Information Centre or visit our website.

www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give

Devotional for Lent based on Acts 16

Each year, the Vancouver-based *Union Gospel Mission* - a Christian compassion ministry that provides care for the homeless on Vancouver's Downtown East Side - prepares a beautiful devotional for the season of Lent and makes it available for the use of churches in the Lower Mainland on a free-of-charge basis. If you would like to use this devotional during the upcoming Lenten season, copies will be available at the church office starting in early February.



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