

# APRIL

at Sevenoaks



## We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

## We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



Emmaus, by Norwegian artist Helge Boe

*The Scriptures tell us that during the 40-day period after His resurrection from the dead, and prior to His Ascension into the clouds, Jesus made as many as a dozen different appearances to His followers. The most intriguing of these for me has always been His appearance to two of his followers, on the day of His resurrection, on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. What is intriguing is that even though they knew Him and had followed Him, they did not recognize Him as He walked alongside them. This was clearly by Jesus' design. But it raises a question for me. How often have I been journeying somewhere, and Jesus has been walking right alongside me, and I have failed to recognize His presence? During the month of April this year, as we journey through the weeks following Easter and leading up to Pentecost, may we all be attentive to the reality that Jesus is walking alongside of us, in whatever each of us is going through. And may that attunement to His presence cause our hearts to burn within us.*

Pastor Brian

## Sundays in April

Join us for worship at 10am

Apr 7	2 Corinthians	9:1-15
Apr 14	2 Corinthians	10:1-6
Apr 21	2 Corinthians	11:7-33
Apr 28	2 Corinthians	12:1-10



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## Annual General Meeting – Sunday, April 14

<p><b>Pie Auction</b> <b>11:20 – 12:00</b> <i>In the Chapel</i> All proceeds to support the Youth &amp; Young Adults Missions Trip to Costa Rica in July.</p>	<p><b>Church Family Lunch</b> <b>12:00 – 12:45</b> <i>In the Gymnasium</i> Soup and sandwich Open to all Donations accepted to help pay for lunch.</p>	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b> <b>1:00 – 2:00</b> <i>In the Chapel</i> Open to all Annual Report &amp; other documents available in the church office.</p>
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### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is a place to build relationships and grow in the knowledge of God and get to know Him better through His Word. Wednesdays, 930-11am, in the Chapel.

### Celebrating Pastor Jamie on April 7

Ten years ago, on April 3, 2014, the Reverend Jamie Fox was installed as the Lead Pastor at Sevenoaks Alliance Church. On April 7 of this year, both during and after our Sunday morning worship service, the Board of Elders would like to invite everyone to join them for a brief celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Jamie's installation.

### 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 April 21.

### Good Friends (seniors)

The regular monthly seniors gathering will be changed from the usual third Thursday. This month, Good Friends is combining with Heritage Alliance seniors for worship and lunch with Lorne and Kathy-Lu White, International Workers in Taiwan. Thursday, April 25, 1130am at Heritage Alliance Church (3440 Mt Lehman Rd). The cost of \$10/person can be paid online or at the door. Register by April 22. [www.heritagealliance.ca](http://www.heritagealliance.ca)

### New Prayer Chain for Urgent Needs

Thanks to the initiative of our Women's Bible Study Group, we have now established a Prayer Chain that is set up to respond to emergency prayer needs on a timely 'real-time' basis. Call or text your urgent prayer requests to Cheryl Sarkozy, who is coordinating this ministry, at 604 855 3156.

### Dave and Patti Ens Need to Borrow a Car

Dave & Patti Ens, two of our longtime Seamless Link partners, will be arriving home in early May for a four-month home assignment here in Abbotsford over the summer. They are hoping to acquire the use of a car for the duration of their stay. If you have a car that they could borrow, or know someone who does, contact Pastor Brian at [brobertson@sevenoaks.org](mailto:brobertson@sevenoaks.org), or reach out to Dave & Patti directly. [ensoftheearth@gmail.com](mailto:ensoftheearth@gmail.com)

### Soul Care Conference May 2-4

Don't miss out on this chance to attend the Soul Care Conference at Sevenoaks in early May. Register online at <https://www.sevenoaks.org/>, or contact the church office for further information. **Registration closes Monday, April 29.**



*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](mailto:zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org)

In Kids Church this month we are learning all about PATIENCE! Waiting is a part of life. Thankfully, we don't have to wait on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, God can help us experience the patience we need to wait well. After all, God is patient with us. Because we're created in God's image, we can reflect God's patience in our lives. Pray for the kids as they lean into this new theme of PATIENCE.

### **Kids Club**

April 19 630pm

Grade 4-6 Kids can join us for fun games, yummy snacks, and meaningful conversations about walking through life with Jesus. Email Brenda if your child will be attending.

Questions about Sevenoaks Kids? Contact Brenda at the church office. [brolleman@sevenoaks.org](mailto:brolleman@sevenoaks.org)

### **Youth (gr6-12)**

#### **Easter**

Wed, Apr 3 630pm | Upper Room

#### **Sunday Morning Gathering**

Sun, Apr 7 10am | Upper Room

#### **Your Questions Part 1**

Wed, Apr 10 630pm | Upper Room

#### **Invite Night**

Wed, Apr 17 630pm | Upper Room

#### **Breakout Night**

Wed, Apr 24 630pm | various homes

#### **Gym Night**

Wed, Apr 26 630-830pm | Gym

### **Young Adults (18-30 yrs old)**

#### **John - a Book Study**

Tuesdays 630pm | Upper Room

## **Costa Rica 2024**

Plans and preparations continue. We are excited to be partnering with Inca Link in sharing the good news of the Gospel with young people in Costa Rica this summer. Flights are booked! We depart Monday, August 12 and return Sunday, August 25. The team consists of: Arabella Buhler, Matthew Carpenter, Caleb Fox, Mandee Gastaldo, Adrian and Keegan Greenwood, Kirk and Zach Meisenheimer, Bethany Verwoerd.

### **1. Prayer**

- The Team meets twice a month to plan and prepare. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions.
- For the people they will meet, ask God to open their hearts to hear and receive the Gospel message.
- Fundraisers will encourage team members and help cover the cost of the trip.

### **2. Fundraising**

- Our first event takes place **Sunday, April 14** after the worship service and prior to the lunch before the AGM. There will be two parts. The first is a **Pie Auction** held in the Chapel shortly after the service finishes. You'll be able to bid on various whole pies. The second will be at the lunch in the gym where you'll be able to get pie by the slice to accompany your lunch.

***If you would like to make a pie for the auction and/or for the lunch, contact Pastor Zach.***

- Our ongoing bottle drive is available at two local recycling depots. Details on our website Youth page.
- Finally, give to the trip by marking the 'Other' option on your offering envelope with 'Costa Rica 2024'.

*Thank you to those who have already started to give funds towards this endeavour.*

## April... At a Glance

For Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.

For event details, look inside or visit [sevenoaks.org](http://sevenoaks.org)

<b>Apr 1</b>	Easter Monday (office closed)
<b>Apr 7</b>	Communion
<b>Apr 7</b>	Jamie's 10yr Anniversary Celebration
<b>Apr 14</b>	AGM
<b>Apr 14</b>	Pie Auction
<b>Apr 14</b>	Church Family Lunch
<b>Apr 18</b>	Good Friends (seniors)
<b>Apr 19</b>	Sevenoaks Kids Club (gr4-6)
<b>Apr 21</b>	Newcomers Meet-and-Greet

## 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	
Sat	Men's Prayer	8am	Community Rm

## Coming in May

**May 2-4** Soul Care Conference



**SEVENOAKS**  
alliance church



**Seniors Pastor**  
**Music & Arts Pastor**  
**Lead Pastor**  
**Youth & Young Adults Pastor**  
**Lead Associate Pastor**

Jack Campbell  
Matthew Carter  
Jamie Fox  
Zachary Meisenheimer  
Brian Robertson

## 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](http://www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give)

## More Volunteers Needed for Our Ukrainian Food Bank

Dan Buhler, the Coordinator of our monthly Neighbourhood Satellite Food Bank for the members of the Ukrainian community here in Abbotsford, wants to add to his roster of volunteers. With summer approaching, more members of his 20-person team of volunteers will be away, so he'd like to deepen the pool. The time commitment is for 2-4 hours, one Monday evening per month. Contact Dan. [danielbuhler131@gmail.com](mailto:danielbuhler131@gmail.com)

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