

August

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him Known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



Growing up in the church, and from the early days of my relationship with Jesus, I learned that the Lord provides. So many verses in Scripture remind us of this truth:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."
Psalm 23:1

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

I have quoted these and similar passages to family, friends, and congregants over

the years as they have traversed difficult or trying situations. I fully believe in them, more importantly I have experienced them multiple times in my own life.

There have been so many occasions when God has provided for myself or my family that was so clearly from his hand. Whether that be financially, the provision of a vehicle, an employment opportunity, or a place to belong.

Services in August

Join us for worship at 10:00 am

Summer Speakers

- August 2 - Ron Demers
- August 9 - Dwayne Toews
- August 16 - Ray Cobb
- August 23 - Mike Evanson
- August 30 - Pastor Matthew

We as a church are in a season of transition as we wait upon the Lord for him to provide our next Lead Pastor. Please be continually praying about this, asking that God would bring the person he wants here and for that individual to be open to God's calling. Please engage in the PEAK process by filling in the survey made available by the Board of Elders. Finally, continue to serve the church faithfully, using the gifts and talents God has blessed you with.

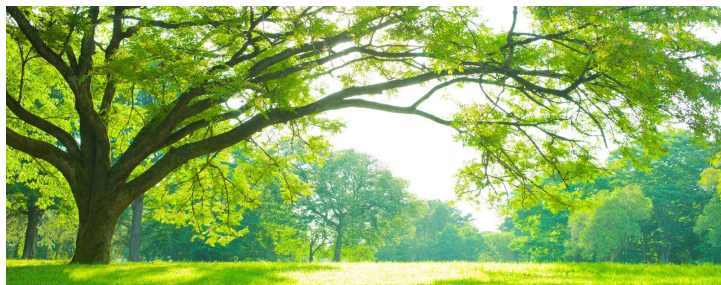
- Pastor Zach

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Regular Events

CHatS in the Park for Ladies



Chats is a casual gathering for sharing summertime. Meets every Wednesday between 9:00 - 10:30 am. at the Mill Lake Bevan parking lot. **For more info contact rietteclark34@gmail.com**

Special Events & Announcements

Save the Date - Kick Off Sunday



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Supplies



The summer months bring to mind the Samaritan's Purse's shoe box campaign. The summer school supply sales are a great time to save on supplies for packing your shoe boxes.

The campaign will kick off October 18 until November 15, 2026. Happy shopping, packing, and praying!

Board Update

The Board of Elders has been working hard behind the scenes for the last several months. As Board Chair, Mike Evanson said in the July Sevenoaks update, "the board has discussed our church's next steps amongst ourselves, with the staff, with our denominational leadership and a clear consensus emerged: Now is the time to slow down".

However, slowing down does not mean we have been idle. Several steps have been taken on our journey of finding a new Lead Pastor. The first is the appointment of Matthew Carter as Interim Lead Pastor, the second having a preaching schedule lined up until October and the third is the start of the PEAK Process which was introduced on July 12th.

The PEAK is an acronym meaning – Prepare to Expect the Advancement of the Kingdom, and it looks at the questions of:

Where are we at right now? Where is God calling us forward? How are we going to get there?

It also consists of several stages. The first stage is a congregational survey that was distributed July 12th. The survey will gather information from the congregation and help us answer these questions. This survey is open until August 16th. Please prayerfully, honestly and thoughtfully complete it as best as you can. Your information and insight is extremely valuable. The second stage is the tabulation of the survey results, which is performed entirely by the PEAK Process staff. A summary of the survey data is given to the Board of Elders to review.

Lastly, the third stage involves the Board of Elders, Pastors, and Support Staff all attending two 2-day retreats that involve 7 coaching sessions where we will pray, discern and discuss the questions above and reflect on the valuable information given by the congregation.

The Board of Elders, has one more very important request of you. Please pray for us, for the pastors, the staff, each other, and that God will stir the heart of the new Lead Pastor to answer His call.

Sevenoaks Kids



Welcome to Sevenoaks Kids! We're thrilled to grow in faith, discover more of God's love, and walk with Jesus together as well as learn and celebrate all He has in store for us. Kids Church meets at 10:00 am on Sundays - age 6 months to grade 6

What we are Learning



As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else. Please note:

- We are taking a break in our Elementary Class.
- Little Oaks will run as normal.
- Elementary will kick-off again September 6!

Joyful Bites



Once a month, our Children's Ministry celebrates a different National Food Day. If you're a part of our kids' ministry – you won't want to miss these! This month on August 9th, we are celebrating National Ice Cream Sandwich Day!

VBS Summer Camp Aug 17-21, 2026



As we prepare for VBS, we'd love your prayers! This year, we are excited to welcome over 60 kids and more than 30 volunteers—nearly 100 people will be part of VBS throughout the week. Please pray that every child would experience God's love in a real way and that seeds of faith would be planted in their hearts. Pray for safety, good health, and smooth days for everyone involved. Please also pray for our volunteers, that God would give them energy, patience, wisdom, and joy as they serve. Above all, pray that God would move powerfully throughout the week and use VBS to make an eternal impact on the children and families in our community.

**For Sevenoaks Kid's information
contact Pastor Carmen
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Missions - Costa Rica 2027

We are planning our next missions trip for 2027. Once again we will be partnering with Inca Link and returning to Costa Rica to serve with our brothers and sisters there.

The plan is to have a first meeting on **Sunday, September 27** following our morning service. This will be an informational meeting, but will also be an inaugural step to forming the team and choosing dates.

The trip is geared toward our young people, particularly High School students (Grades 9-12) and Young Adults (18-30 year olds). Also, if you're over 30 and sensing God might be calling you to be part of this, please connect with Pastor Zach.

Youth and Young Adults

Sevenoaks Youth and Young Adults are all about knowing Jesus with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength - and making Jesus known in our communities of friends, schools, and families. Come hang out with us and get to know the God who loves you!



Youth Drop-In Games Day

Thursday, August 13 at 10:00 am
Upper Room

Youth in the Park

Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm

Grad Trip 2026

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's trip with donations and prayer! It was an amazing time for all the Grads who participated! We hope to be a part of this amazing trip with our Grads in 2027!

Young Adults

Social

Tuesday, August 4

Service Night

Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm - Church Building

The Chosen - S5, Ep3

Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm - Upper Room

Christianity & Culture - S2, E3

Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm - Upper Room

**For Youth & Young Adults information
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August at a Glance

Aug 10	Ukrainian Community Food Bank
Aug 17-21	VBS Summer Camp
Aug 24	Neighbourhood Satellite Food Bank

Coming in September

Sept 8	Fall Office Hours (8:00 am-4:00 pm)
Sept 12	Men's Breakfast (8:00 am)
Sept 16	Women's Bible Study Kick Off (9:30 am)
Sept 16	Youth Fall Kick Off (6:30 pm)
Sept 20	Kick Off Sunday (10:00 am)

Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Prayer	9:00 am	Rm 103
	Kids Church	10:00 am	Gym
Mon	ARMinistry	7:00 pm	Chapel
Wed	AM Prayer	6:45 am	Rm 101
	Chats in the Park	9:00 am	Mill Lake
	PM Prayer	7:00 pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8:00 am	Rm 101

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 fulfill our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.

As of July 14, 2026

Year-to-Date General Fund Income

Actual Income:	\$461,707.00
Required Per Budget:	\$553,231.00
Deficit:	<u>\$ 91,524.00</u>

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



**Prayer Chain
Requests**
call/text
604-855-3156

Church Office Summer Hours

July 6 - September 8

Mondays - Thursdays

8:00 am - 3:30pm

Coffee Break - 10:00am

Doors Locked during Lunch Break 12-1pm
(closed statutory holidays)

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