



"We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church."

SBC Leadership Connect

Spring Newsletter

We have stepped into yet another season at SBC. The Deacon and Leader boards have their new members and we have our new Pastor. God has so much in store!

We want to be collectively living out Jesus' great commission and inviting others to do the same. The third time the disciples saw Jesus after he rose from the dead, he cooked them breakfast and then tenderly but firmly told Peter to "feed His sheep". He invites us to do the same. The people around us are His sheep and His Words and grace need to be served.

It keeps coming up that to do this we need to:

1. Care for those around us well.
2. Be intentional.
3. Be faithful in prayer!

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES + UPDATES

- ❖ Care Groups will continue as is for now, with some minor changes to the lists. Groups should be receiving contact information for others in their group shortly.
- ❖ The entry "warming project" will continue to add homey touches to the entry and Charter Room as funds become available and good deals are found.
- ❖ 'Coffee & Conversation' before the service will continue weekly as long as there are folks willing to host.
- ❖ A plan to enhance our church's welcome and follow-up with guests is unfolding.
- ❖ Chairs for the sanctuary are still a work in progress as some details need to be sorted out yet.
- ❖ The praise team will continue to lead us in praise and worship as we evaluate next steps.
- ❖ More opportunities will be provided to all ages to be involved in corporate worship on Sundays and through the week.
- ❖ Missions discussions, opportunities and focuses will take place more often.

Remember from our VISION that we want to be present in our community and we want our church to feel like coming Home.

If you have any ideas, questions or concerns, please speak to one of us. Our contact information is in the bulletin weekly.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS + PRAISES

God is good all the time and He is at work:

- Our new Pastor and family are here and what a great start! They have already been a blessing.
- 2 enjoyable lunches in March and 1 great breakfast in April. Thanks to those who put time into food prep and clean-up! Also a delicious soup fundraiser put on by the Willing Workers in February.
- Great dynamics at KD lunch. The teens are staying longer and chatting more with the volunteers.
- Wonderful to have 2 from our congregation – Megan McNutt and Ethel McCormick engage in separate short-term missions. Megan is planning to go again.
- The children blessed us with a moving art drama and energetic singing in March.
- The praise team has been doing a wonderful job leading us in praise and worship on Sunday mornings.
- An amazing turn-out at the Neighbourhood Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our church at the arena.
- New kids downstairs for our Sunday morning program.
- Pre-service 'Coffee & Conversation' has been going really well! Thank you, Susan and Ethel.
- Enough interest for the Rodney Alpha group to continue on with a new study.
- 9 teens and 2 leaders are pre-registered for ONECon (formerly Springforth) this year. This is more than twice as many as last year! May 31-June 1.
- The gym has a fresh look thanks to many helping hands under the direction of Don.

The *new* Leadership Team

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Holy Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Ephesians 3:16-18