

SERMON NOTES

WHO ARE WE? BELONGING TO THE CHURCH



Sunday, April 28th, 2024
Welcome to Worship!

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If you are new to Gospel Chapel, please fill out a GUEST CARD, located at the info desk, and drop it into the offering box! To update your contact information, please fill out a CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE CARD, also located at the info desk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

GENERAL NOTICE

Our building is a fragrance-free facility to honour those with health conditions and allergies. This includes all perfumes, scented products, and essential oils. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note that those seated nearest the stage may be captured on our live-stream, which is available for public viewing.

GOSPEL CHAPEL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL-MAY CALENDAR

- ★ **April 28th** – Special Business Meeting / Following service
- ★ **May 5th** – Baptism and Membership Class / 11:am / Fireside Rm
- ★ **May 19th** – Baptism and Membership Class / 11:am / Fireside Rm
- ★ **May 26th** – Celebration of Ministries (during service) / More details to follow
- ★ **May 28th** – Freedom Session / Authentic Living Graduation Celebration – 6-8pm / Fireside Room

WEEKLY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

- ★ SUNDAY / **Pre-Service Prayer Time** / 8:30am-9:20am / Fireside Room
- ★ SUNDAY / **Lodge Ministry** / See our Church Community Bulletin Board for times
- ★ MONDAY / **Ladies DBS** / 9:30-11:30am / Childcare room behind balcony / Contact Lindsay Hiebert-Edwards at edwardsmain@protonmail.com / Next meeting: April 29th
- ★ MONDAY / **Men's Basketball** / 7-9pm
- ★ TUESDAY / **Freedom Session** / 6:30-9:00pm / Fireside Room
- ★ TUESDAY / **Men's Floor Hockey** / 8:00pm
- ★ WEDNESDAY / **Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am
Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- ★ WEDNESDAY / **55+** / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room
- ★ WEDNESDAY / **CSB** / Grades 7-12 / Season ended
- ★ THURSDAY / **L.I.F.T.** / Grades 3-7 / Season ended
- ★ FRIDAY / **Men's Group** / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)
- ★ MON, FRI, SAT / **Prayer for Israel-Hamas War** / 1-2pm / 1536 Donaldson Drive / Hosted by Sarah Kirchhevel

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

- ★ The Finance Review Team, appointed at our previous AGM, has completed the review of 2023 financials. Please join us today for a special business meeting at 11:00am to affirm the 2023 financials as per the motion made at the AGM.

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

- In this 5-week program, we explore baptism and membership in the context of embracing and living the Gospel out in community! Baptisms to follow on June 23rd at Pines Bible Camp during our Gospel Chapel Family Camp weekend! Please see our calendar for dates!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

- Would you like access to +25,000 bible study videos and free study guides for your Community Group or Triad? Sign up via <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/GospelChapel> or if you have already created an account, use the above link, select 'Need help signing in?' and then 'Reset password.'

GIVING

- ★ Please use the offering box located at the info desk for your donations during Sunday service times!
- ★ To give to the ministry of Gospel Chapel: e-transfer to gcfincanceteam@gmail.com, drop-off envelopes at the church office Tuesday through Thursday, or deposit them into the offering box during Sunday services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Oksana Betancurt
Tony Bosch & Ann Flynn (Coby Postma's brother-in-law & sister)
Trincy Buwalda & Luke Postma (Steve Postma's sister & brother)
Jim Goertzen
Jack Hooge
Norm Marian
Ruth Martens
Maxim & Anya Oliferovski / Multiply Pastors – Zaporozhye, Ukraine
Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother)
Paula Savin
Doug Sinclair
Barb Smuland
The Stone, Holte, and Semenoff Families

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 29

Amos 1:1-2:3
Matthew 9:32-10:4
Ephesians 4

Tuesday, April 30

Amos 2:4-16
Matthew 10:5-25
Ephesians 5

Wednesday, May 1

Amos 3:1-4:5
Matthew 10:26-42
Ephesians 6

Thursday, May 2

Amos 4:6-13
Matthew 11:1-19
Ephesians 4:1-16

Friday, May 3

Amos 5
Matthew 11:20-12:8
Ephesians 4:17-32

In this second quarter of 2024, we are going to read through the Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi), and the Gospel of Matthew. The focus on Ephesians will vary from reading the whole book twice in a week, to once a week, or three chapters per week.

A change from the first quarter is that the reading plan will be divided Monday – Friday (five days), instead of six. Take time on Saturday to reflect on what you read during the week.

Confession of Faith

Article 8: Christian Baptism

God's Invitation

We believe that when people respond in faith to God's invitation to repentance, new life, and discipleship, God calls each of them to receive water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Meaning

Baptism is an act of obedience which testifies that God in Christ has forgiven and cleansed a person from sin, freed them from the power of sin and death, given them the Holy Spirit, and united them with the body of Christ. Baptism by immersion is a powerful testimony that a believer has been washed by the Spirit, has died with Christ to sin and has been raised to newness of life.

In baptism the believer publicly bears witness to their own commitment to follow Jesus as Lord, serving Jesus as a covenant member of the local congregation in God's Kingdom mission.

Baptism is the God-given means by which the local church family incorporates followers of Jesus.

Who

Baptism is for all those who repent and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, have received the Holy Spirit, and pledge to live as disciples who obey Jesus in all of life. Baptism is for those who understand its basic meaning, are able to be accountable to Christ and the church and request it voluntarily.

Practice

The local church baptizes believers by immersion and joyfully welcomes and discipless them into full participation as members of the congregation. The local church also joyfully welcomes Christian disciples baptized elsewhere, regardless of mode, if they were baptized upon their own confession of faith.

The local church invites those who claim baptism prior to their own confession of faith and who desire to be members of a Mennonite Brethren congregation to receive baptism as a testimony to their own faith.

Matthew 3:13-17; 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-42; 8:12; 10:47-48; Romans 6:2-6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Colossians 2:12-13; Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 4:4-6; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21

Further information is available at the Info Desk and online at:
<https://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/the-mb-confession-of-faith-full-text/>