



THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
CHURCH

Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

November 2017



The Neighbourhood Church

Welcome! We are so glad to have you sharing in our services this weekend. As you join us here at The Neighbourhood Church, we invite you to relax and experience God's love and comfort. Please take time to fill out your Connection Card today.

Are You a Guest Today?

We are honoured to have you with us today. Please fill out a Connection Card and visit us after the service at the Information Center. We would love to meet you and give you a gift.

Children's Ministries

Nurseries -Available for ages 1- 4. Ask our Greeters for details and directions.

Neighbourhood Kids - Each of our venues has programing for kids in Grades K-5 during services. Kids Church sarts at the beginning of each service. Parents will need to check their kids in and sign them out .

Our Mission is to influence people for Jesus Christ by:

- Teaching and applying the scripture to our lives
- Loving and caring for one another, and
- Adding value to North Saskatoon and beyond

October Giving & Attendance Report

General Operations:



Budget: \$ 63,150
 Received: \$ 80,265
 Excess: \$ 17,145

Attendance Report:

High
Attendance:
 571

Average
Attendance:
 524

Missions:



Budget: \$ 8,500
 Received: \$ 14,583
 Excess: \$ 6,083

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THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
LAWSON ■ SATURDAY

5pm Congregational Prayer
(Room 208-upper level)

6pm Service

Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in upstairs by 6pm

Nov 4 - Fall Missions Emphasis Continues
Parade of Nations
Highlighting the work of Neighbourhood Missions
Pastors John and Donna share a Mission Challenge
Remember Missions in your giving today

Nov 11 - New Testament Central
"Understanding and Enjoying Reconciliation"
Altar Open for Prayer
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Deadline

Nov 18 - New Testament Central
"Are You Ignorant About Baptism?"
Communion will be shared

Nov 25 - Baptismal Weekend
New Testament Central



THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
MARTENSVILLE

9:15am Congregational Prayer

10am Service

Please drop your children off for

Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in by 10am

Nov 5 - Fall Missions Emphasis Continues
Parade of Nations
Highlighting the work of Neighbourhood Missions
Pastor Donna shares a Mission Challenge
Remember Missions in your giving today

Nov 12 - New Testament Central
Understanding and Enjoying Reconciliation
Altar Open for Prayer
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Deadline

Nov 19 - New Testament Central
"Are You Ignorant About Baptism?"
Communion will be shared

Nov 26 - Baptismal Weekend
New Testament Central



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THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
LAWSON • SUNDAY

9:45am Congregational Prayer (room 208 -upper level)
11am Service
Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in upstairs
by 11am

Nov 5 - Fall Missions Emphasis Continues
Parade of Nations
Highlighting the work of Neighbourhood Missions
Pastor Donna shares a Mission Challenge
Remember Missions in your giving today

Nov 12 - New Testament Central
Understanding and Enjoying Reconciliation
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Baptismal Weekend Nov 25- 26



THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
ALL NATIONS

1pm Congregational Prayer (Prayer Room)
2pm Service

Nov 5 - Pastor Deloris shares the Word

Nov 12 - Pastor Marvin shares the Word

Nov 19 - Brother Mumbi shares the Word

Nov 26 - Baptismal Weekend
Guest Speaker

Dec 3 - Sister Jenny shares the Word

All Nations News:

Monday: Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Prayer Room November 13 & 27 – Please come and join us as we go and seek the face of God!

Tuesday: Bible study at 7pm in Sanctuary

Wednesday: Young Ladies Nite with Jenny- please contact her for details.

Friday/Saturday: Youth Night see Conrad and Laura for details

Ladies Fellowship: November 16 and 30 - Details to follow

Baptism: Sunday November 26 - Please see Pastors if you would like to get baptized.



Neighbourhood Life

Christmas Banquet Tickets - Tickets are now available at the Information Centre. Banquet \$20, Kids Party \$5. Advance tickets only, limited seating. See Page 7 for details. Pick up your Tickets today!

Save The Date – Friday Dec 15 we will have a free community Christmas event. It will begin at 6pm with a play called "A Super Christmas". The play is about 20-25 mins. Then we will have a Christmas Carnival open for all ages. Win prizes and candy and have a fun family night out. Invite your friends and family for a great Christmas celebration!

Operation Christmas Child - Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church the weekend of **November 11 & 12**. We will be praying over them and celebrating the difference the gift and discipleship that accompanies them makes in the lives of children all over the world.



Sex, Drugs, and Social Media Talk - The adage "Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll" isn't the same as it used to be. Modern teens face pornography, a sexually saturated culture, substance abuse and addiction, and a whole new world of social media and online interactions. We strongly encourage all parents of teens or younger to come and take this opportunity to learn and get equipped on Saturday Nov 18. This second installment of our seminar will aim to strengthen our families in the fight against sex, drugs, and social media.

Congratulations to Jasen Lutz and Amanda Dodge who were married on October 7.

New Attenders Dinner - November 7 at 5:30 pm. If you are new to The Neighbourhood Church in the past 6 months or so, or if you missed the April New Attenders' Dinner, please come on out and get to know us a little better. Let us explain who we are and why we are here. Please indicate on your Connection Card that you will be attending so we have lots of food for everyone in attendance.

Baptism - Nov 25-26 - If you have not been baptized yet and are a Christian, "Now is Your Time!" Fill out your Connection Card and plan on being a part of the Baptismal Prep Classes on November 15 and 22 in the Prayer Room.

Prayer Opportunities – The Neighbourhood has many opportunities for prayer each and every week. Our desire is that the God of heaven will look down and regard our church as a house of prayer. Our newest prayer opportunities are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9 am to noon and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm. Come on out and pray for our church, our community, our country!

Trip to Israel – Join Pastors John & Donna on a trip to Israel & Jordan – October 17 - 27, 2018. \$3899 plus taxes based on double room occupancy. Includes airfare, hotel, two meals a day, and all transportation costs in the country. E-Mail dawn.martell@theneighbourhoodchurch.org for more info.



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Next Generation



The Neighbourhood Kids have been sent home words to the song 'Drummer Boy'. They will be performing in church Dec 16 & 17

Memory Verse: Proverbs 2:6 NLT

"For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

Nov 4 & 5 - King Solomon Lesson #1

Nov 11 & 12 - King Solomon Lesson #2

Nov 18 & 19 - King Solomon Lesson #3

Nov 25 & 26 - The First Christmas – Movie Week

Dec 2 & 3 - The First Christmas Lesson #1

Wednesday's
6:45-8:15pm
(K-Gr.5)



Nov 1 - Double Dollars Day

Nov 8 - BACKWARDS day! Have your kids wear everything BACKWARDS to earn extra dollars.

Nov 15 - Regular club night

Nov 22 - Regular club night

Nov 29 - Regular club night

Discover Jr Youth

Thursday Nights 6:30 pm

Nov 2 - Real BFF

Nov 9 - Mission Impossible

Nov 16 - MERGE Night

Nov 19 - The Mash Up - Sunday evening @ Elim

Nov 23 - Special Speaker Rowena Lovell

Nov 30 - Real BFF

The Mash Up - Fun, games, pizza, worship and a message. It is free and open to our youth ages 10-18.

For the first time, we will be joining with the other 2 PAOC churches for a supersized JR & SR Youth night! @ Elim from 7-9pm. We can provide rides from The Neighbourhood Church to Elim and back. Email Pastor Yasmin at

yasmin.chick@theneighbourhoodchurch.org



The Living Room - Youth Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Free pizza supper is included for students!



REVEAL
YOUTH

Thursday Nights 6:30 pm

November 2 – Hang Out/Small Group Discussion Night

November 9 – Mission Impossible

November 16 – MERGE

November 19 – The Mash Up - 7pm @ Elim

(See Jr Youth Box for details)

November 23 - Guy/Girl Split Night

November 30 – Apex



Ages 18-35

3rd Sunday of every month

Next Meeting: Nov 19 6pm upstairs at the Pinehouse Location

Neighbourhood Network

For details on all the Groups that are currently meeting see the Neighbourhood Network Brochure at the Information Centre or email n.networkgroups@gmail.com.

50+ - The November 50+ event will be held at Grainfields Restaurant on Circle Dr. at 9:15am Saturday morning November 18. Bring a friend. Next Month: Dec 10 Potluck & caroling.

Men's Breakfast - Dec 2 at 9am at Anthony Armstrong's 109 Canor St W Warman.

Sister Life - November 26 at the Pinehouse location from 6:30-8pm. There will be sign-up sheets at the Information Centre. Childcare is available but please let us know in advance.

Love & Respect Christmas Potluck - Nov 19 - 5pm in the Gym. For all those who have attended or are interested in attending a Love and Respect bible study. Bring a dish to share.

Featured Groups:

Tuesday Mornings - Tuesdays - 9:15am - Café - Leaders: Pastor Donna Drisner, Carol Pohl, Carolyn Williamson & Julie Clare - A time of discussion, study & prayer time designed for women of all ages. Childcare provided for preschool aged children.

Community Involvement Group - Alternate Thursdays 5:30 - 8pm at the Bridge on 20th. Leader: Shannon Signarowski - 306 260-6489. This group will be serving supper at the Bridge and then joining a study there.

Tickets on Sale Now!

Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 1ST

6:00pm

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Tickets \$20 each (Limited Seating)

Purchase at Information Centre or
by calling the office (306) 934-7100



Featuring Musical Guest
Bailey Riza



Kids Pajama Party

Ages 1-10

Kids come dressed in your favourite pajamas for a night of fun!
There will be food, crafts and a movie. Children must be registered to attend.
Tickets \$5



The Neighbourhood Church

Prayer Focus Each week we pray for a local church or ministry, a Saskatchewan church or ministry and a local and international Missions Partner that we support.

Week	Church of the Week	PAOC SK Church of the Week	Missions We Support
Nov 4 - 10	Elim Church	Southend House of Prayer Wilkie Pentecostal Chapel	National: Aboriginal Canadians International: Joy's Centre – Uganda
Nov 11 - 17	Erindale Alliance Church	Star City Pentecostal Tabernacle Leask Gospel Tabernacle	Local: Leading Influence Ministries International: Food For the Hungry
Nov 18 - 24	Life Point Church, Lanigan	Pentecostal Assembly of Semans Hi-Way Tabernacle - White Fox	Local: Leader Impact International: Mission 180 - Kenya
Nov 25 - Dec 1	Saskatoon Chinese Christian Church	Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly	Local: Bibleville – The Rock Church International: Restricted Access Countries (PAOC)
Dec 2 - 8	RiverBend Church of God	Sturgeon Lake House of Prayer	Local: Teen Challenge SK International: Peter & Cavelle D. (PAOC)

November Memory Verse:

Children: "For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding."
Proverbs 2:6 NLT

Youth: "Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:3-6 NLT

Adults: "Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:3-6 NLT

2017 Scripture Memory Challenge. Every family is encouraged to memorize one of the following portions of scripture this year. Take up the challenge. Very few things will reap spiritual growth like scripture memorization:

•Romans 5:1-11
•Romans 11:33-12:2

•Romans 8:1-8
•Romans 14:1-10

•Romans 8:28-39

Family Devotional

Taking time to pray with your kids and speak into their lives about spiritual things and righteous living is one of the primary responsibilities of parents. This simple "devotional guide" is provided to help you serve your family in this way.

Week of November 6 - 12

Monday - Proverbs 15:1

- 1 - Read this verse and ask your children what they think it means. Make each of them practice a "soft voice" or "gentle voice."
- 2 - Pray for extended family members.

Tuesday - Mark 1:35

- 1 - Talk about how Jesus prayed every day. Work with your children on their memory verse.
- 2 - Pray for the Venue Pastors at The Neighbourhood Church venue you attend.

Wednesday - Colossians 3:17

- 1 - Ask what it means to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? The New Living Translation reads "do it as a representative of Jesus Christ." Chat with your children that we are always representing Jesus. One of the way we represent Him well is to be thankful people.
- 2 - Pray for your Mayor or Reeve and our Premier.

Thursday - Luke 22:34

- 1 - Tell your family that Peter did end up denying Christ three times. You may want to tell the story from Luke 22:51-57. Chat about what denying Christ might look like today and how important it is for us not to do it.
- 2 - Pray that God would pour out His Holy Spirit on everyone (Acts 2:17)

Friday - Romans 12:15

- 1 - Work again on this week's memory verse. Talk about the importance of being with people in their hard times (weeping with them) and celebrating with people in their good times (rejoicing with them).
- 2 - Pray for people you know who are going through a hard time.

Saturday or Sunday - Psalms 145:1

- 1 - Celebrate as a family another week of good memorization.
- 2 - Pray for the services at The Neighbourhood Church this weekend

Week of November 13 - 19

Monday - 2 Samuel 7:22

- 1 - Grab a piece of paper and make a list of ways that God is different than anyone else - different from people, different from other things. Talk about the things on the list.
- 2 - Pray for extended family members.

Tuesday - James 1:19

- 1 - Talk about the three key points of this verse and what each phrase means. "Quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger."
- 2 - Pray for the Venue Pastors at The Neighbourhood Church venue you attend.

Wednesday - Psalm 119:93

- 1 - What does the Psalmist say he will never forget in this verse? What does he say happens when a person doesn't forget God's instructions? (God's instructions revive us, reinvigorate us)
- 2 - Pray for people in The Neighbourhood Church that have not been baptized in water yet and ask God to help them understand how important it is.

Thursday - Proverbs 17:22

- 1 - Talk as a family about learning to rejoice in difficult situations.
- 2 - Pray that God would pour out His Holy Spirit on everyone (Acts 2:17)

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Friday - Romans 15:1

- 1 - Have a family discussion about what it means "not to please ourselves." Talk about how most arguments start because somebody wants their own way. Getting our own way is not a goal for Christians.
- 2 - Pray for people you know who are going through a hard time.

Saturday or Sunday - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- 1 - Make a list of the good things that happened this week. Get everyone to participate - make the list (write it out) as long as possible and put it on the fridge.
- 2 - Thank God for all the good things that have happened and pray for the services at The Neighbourhood Church this weekend.

Week of November 20 - 26

Monday - Proverbs 3:5-6

- 1 - Talk about Proverbs 3:5-6 and the difference between leaning on our own understanding and trusting in the Lord.
- 2 - Pray for extended family members.

Tuesday - Galatians 6:9

- 1 - What does this verse say? Read the verse in two or three versions. Talk about the importance of rest and why as a parent you want your children to get to bed on time and have a good night's sleep.
- 2 - Pray that our pastors and leaders will not grow weary in well doing. Ask God to give them strength and joy.

Wednesday - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- 1 - Talk about what righteousness is. Work with your family on the Children's Memory Work.
- 2 - Pray for some of the seniors in your life. If grandparents are still living, pray for them. Identify two or three seniors from our church and pray for them. Ask your kids to find that senior at church this weekend and to tell them that they prayed for them this week.

Thursday - James 1:12

- 1 - Define perseverance to your children. Talk about how successful people "do what they should do when they should do it whether they feel like it or not."
- 2 - Pray that God would pour out His Holy Spirit on everyone (Acts 2:17)

Friday - Ephesians 2:10

- 1 - As Christians we are meant to be doing good works. Ask your family if there is "good thing" they can think of doing for one of their friends or somebody in their class at school.
- 2 - Pray for God will help your family and your church family to be looking for opportunities to do good works.

Saturday or Sunday - Psalms 84:10

- 1 - Chat with your family about why going to church on the weekend is important to you and is better than a thousand other things.
- 2 - Pray for the services at The Neighbourhood Church this weekend.

Week of November 27- December 4

Monday - Galatians 3:28

- 1 - Talk as a family about how there is no room for prejudice or racism in the church. We are all Christians and all equal and all should be treated fairly and with respect.
- 2 - Pray for the Yorkton Dream Centre. This is a new church and ministry in Yorkton that The Neighbourhood Church supports financially each month. The pastors are Kevin and Rachelle Sawatsky.

Tuesday - John 14:13-14

- 1 - Discuss with your family that God invites us to "ask" Him for things we are concerned about and that He promises to hear our prayers.
- 2 - Ask every member of your family if there is something they would like to ask God for. Have a time of family prayer around those prayer requests.

Wednesday - Proverbs 15:33

- 1 - Talk about the importance of humility in our lives and how being proud makes God unhappy. Ask your children what humility is. Ask them what kinds of things a humble person does. Encourage your family to be humble and that God promises to bring honour to those who live humbly.
- 2 - Pray for our missionaries Alexey and Tonia Pankov in Altai, Russia. Pray for their three children.

Thursday - Philippians 4:9

- 1 - What are we supposed to do with the things that we learn and hear at church? (ANSWER - Practice them). What happens when we do practice them? (ANSWER - the God of peace will be with us)
- 2 - Take time to pray today for members of your extended family. Grammas and Grampas, Aunts and Uncles, and cousins. If they are not Christians, pray that they will come to know Christ. Pray for those attending the Christmas Banquet tomorrow evening and ask God to make the evening a blessing.

Friday - Psalms 143:10

- 1 - Read this verse in a couple of versions.
- 2 - Pray this verse for everyone in your family, one at a time. For example, "Father in Heaven, teach Dad to do your will, for you are His God. Lead Him on steady, stable ground so He doesn't trip or fall, in Jesus name, AMEN."

Saturday or Sunday - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- 1 - This is an intentionally repeated verse as we seek to build a "thankful culture" into our families. Ask each child to share something they are thankful for in their family and in their church.
- 2 - Pray for the pastor or pastors who serve at The Neighbourhood Church venue you attend, and that God will move by His Spirit amongst us this weekend.

SOAP Devotional

Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. A devotional to prepare you for the upcoming week-ends sermon.

Week 1: Baptism. Romans

Day 1: Our bondage to sin has been severed - **Romans 6:1-11**

Day 2: By one Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ - **1 Corinthians 12:12-20**

Day 3: Water baptism signifies the death of our old self. It is a public burial of the old man and the raising of the new man in Christ Jesus - **Acts 8:26-38**

Day 4: By being baptized in water you are saying the you have died to sin and publicly declare your new life of righteousness in Christ. - **Acts 10: 34-48**

Day 5: Water baptism is a statement of faith - old things are passed away and all things are now new. - **Acts 16:27-34**

Day 6: Water baptism is a public declaration that you believe something has died. There is no need for a burial without a death. - **Acts 16:14-15, 18:8, 19:1-7**

Day 7: As we have received Christ, let us walk in Him. - **Colossians 2: 6-14; Romans 6: 1-2**



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Week 2: Romans 6:1-2 God's wonderful grace

Day 1: God's judgement of the world is entirely fair. - **Romans 3:5-18**

Day 2: Since believers are no longer slaves to sin they live righteously. - **Romans 6: 15-23**

Day 3: God will judge everyone according to what they have done. - **Romans 2:1-11; Romans 14:1-13**

Day 4: Those in Christ have nailed their passions of sinful desires to the cross - **Galatians 5:13-26**

Day 5: God's marvelous grace rescues us from living immoral lives. - **Jude 4-23**

Day 6: We are instructed to turn from Godless living and live a life of devotion to God - **Titus 2: 11-15; Ephesians 5:1-7**

Day 7: The way of truth is slandered by false prompts endorsing immorality - **2 Peter 2:1-22**

Week 3: You are not under law but under grace - Romans 6:12-14 (under - to be subject to, positionally to be under something higher)

Day 1: Grace is not license to sin - **Romans 6:15-23**

Day 2: Grace is not license to sin - **1 Corinthians 6: 9-20; 1 Peter 2:16**

Day 3: Those in Christ are dead to the law - they are servants of grace. - **Romans 7:4-6; Galatians 2:19-21**

Day 4: Those who belong to Jesus have crucified their sinful passions on the cross. - **Galatians 5:19-26**

Day 5: Because we are under Christ we are freed from being under sin. - **Romans 8:1-10**

Day 6: We live under the spirit of God and no longer under our old sinful nature. - **Romans 8:12-17**

Day 7: Under our old nature v.s. under our new nature. - **Romans 7:4-6; Colossians 3:1-10**

Week 4: Romans 6: 15-23. Our freedom in Christ

Day 1: Freed from condemnation - **Romans 8:1-2** Freed to trust that all things work out for good - **Romans 8:28**

Day 2: Freed from any condemning charge against me - **Romans 8:31-34** Freed from fear - **2 Timothy 1:7**

Day 3: Freed from destruction - **Philippians 3:17-20**. Freed from the fear of being separated from the Lord - **Romans 8:35-39**

Day 4: Freed to embrace His never ending work in me - **Philippians 1:6** Freed from the wicked one - **1 John 5:18**

Day 5: Freed to boldly seek mercy and grace from our High Priest - **Hebrews 4:14-16**. Freed to embrace the Spirit of God in our hearts - **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

Day 6: Freed to bear fruit - **John 15:16**. Freed to share Jesus Christ. - **Acts 1:8**

Day 7: Freed to be ambassadors to reconcile the world to Christ - **2 Corinthians 5:17-20** Freed to approach God with confidence - **Ephesians 3:12**

Weekly Workers Schedules

Lawson Saturday:

Saturday, Nov 11

Lock up: **Pastor Barry**
 Toddlers: **Kent & Sarah Drisner**
 Preschool: **Sandy Parker, Mya & Macie Parenteau**
 Greeters: **Trevor Rogers, Andrea Parenteau**
 Offering Counter: **Olim David, JC Morin**
 Coffee Service: **Debbie Mpfu**
 Camera operator: **Edlyn Utami**
 Information Centre: **Stacy Rogers**

Saturday, Nov 18

Lock up: **Pastor Ethan**
 Toddlers: **Radiance Harris, Trinity Kneeland**
 Preschool: **Angela Sparks, Elias Noble**
 Greeters: **Ray & Teresa Daniels, Michel Dekpoh**
 Offering Counter: **Ann Kinzel Buekert, Judy Heyer**
 Coffee Service: **Winnie Mutswangwa**
 Camera operator: **Edward Utama**
 Information Centre: **Shannon Signarowski**

Saturday, Nov 25

Lock up: **Rod Friesen**
 Toddlers: **Jeromey & Nicole Martini**
 Preschool: **Cam & Meagan Zimmer**
 Greeters: **Joel & Heidi Usick, Edgar Lelei**
 Offering Counter: **Vi Dilsner, Trevor Rogers**
 Coffee Service: **Edlyn Utami**
 Camera operator: **Ryan Watkins**
 Information Centre: **Teresa Daniels**

Saturday, Dec 2

Lock up: **JC Morin**
 Toddlers: **Kortina Abrams, Jenna Dyck**
 Preschool: **Daryl & Lesa Guenther**
 Greeters: **Brynn & Sandy Parker, Lorie Young**
 Offering Counter: **Judy Heyer, Michel Dekpoh**
 Coffee Service: **Romaine Abrams**
 Camera operator: **Edlyn Utami**
 Information Centre: **Rowena Lovell**

Lawson Sunday: Service Briefing 10:30
 Hospitality Ministries: meet in foyer at 10:30am

Sunday, Nov 12

Ushers: **Derek Kennedy, Preman Jacobs, Steve McLachlin, Mike Baars**
 Greeters: **Bruce & Helen Schmidt, Jack Scholtens, Seth Roberts**
 Information Centre: **Amanda Roberts**
 Camera operator: **Arlene Hiebert**
 Offering Counters: **Lynnette Wall, Cal Burgess**
 Toddler Nursery: **Sheri & Alexis Hall**
 Preschool Nursery: **Rachelle & Aaliyah Sparks**

Sunday, Nov 19

Ushers: **Des Guenther, Richard Silungwe, Carey Silbernagel, Paul White, Celestin Usengumuremyi**
 Greeters: **Tim Froese, Ha Pham, Tom & Audrey Laughren**
 Information Centre: **Maureen Millhouse**
 Camera operator: **Josh/Kennedy Budhanlall**
 Offering Counters: **Maureen Millhouse, Tom Laughren**
 Toddler Nursery: **Janessa Beecroft, Danae Williamson, Stacey Tuwor**
 Preschool Nursery: **Christa Wessel, Wyatt Silbernagel, MacKenna Hunt**

Sunday, Nov 26

Ushers: **Shannon Signarowski, Andrea Knittig, Terry Waldner, Wendie Berg**
 Greeters: **Dennis & Esther Froese, John Chaise, Nathan Klassen**
 Information Centre: **Naomi Moorgan**
 Camera operator: **Matt Wessel**
 Offering Counters: **Maria Burgess, Murray Wall**
 Toddler Nursery: **Tami & Sam & Jett Rains**
 Preschool Nursery: **Kat Hicks, Seth Roberts, Madison Kennedy**

Sunday, Dec 3

Ushers: **Tim Froese, Cal Mills, David Finnie, Jordie Finnie**
 Greeters: **Bob & Christine Jones, Phylis Bell, Bonnie Osicki**
 Information Centre: **Karla Kennedy**
 Camera operator: **Marcus Guenther**
 Offering Counters: **Matt Wessel, Lynnette Wall**
 Toddler Nursery: **Tami & Sam & Jett Rains**
 Preschool Nursery: **Sheila & Sarah McLachlin**

November Birthdays: Chad Laughren, Doris Finnie, Katelynn Finnie, Denise Jacobs, Bob Williamson, Anthony Armstrong, Sarah Drisner, Don Joel, Wendy Sly, Amanda Kennedy, Tiffany Yang, Desmond Guenther, Nina Lane, Pastor Wainwright Noble, Scott Heyer, Cheryl Hoult, Latraca Lesko, Gloria Armstrong, Pastor John Drisner, David Junusmin, Michael Locke, Ben Potter, Gillian Rosenberg, Vanessa Torrence, Barbara Custer, Lance Daniel, Gray Spence, James Chick, Ela Udemgha, Madison Kennedy, Amanda Dyck, Edward Utama, Zacharias MacQuarrie, Jeanne Dueck, Dawson Adrain, Mikala Henderson, Nicholas Zemluk, Taylor Ginther, Isaac Bueckert, Vivian Murungi, Tarrant CrossChild, Murray Wall, Pastor Barry Berglund, Pastor Murdoch Macfarlane, Roy Major.

November Anniversaries: David & Chantal Unruh, Zenon & Nicole Zemluk, Rob & Debbie Lindemann, Dan & Barbara Custer, Bruce & Doreen Phillips, Craig & Jen Dunlop

Backwards....

I have been on a spiritual growth spurt over the last few months.

The Holy Spirit has been challenging me with the command "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." (Luke 10:27) It is the last phrase that has been challenging me. I am to love the Lord with all of my mind. I need to recognize that I need to present my thinking to God as an act of loving worship.

Apparently there is more to loving God than bowing my head, going to church, crying at the altar or when I'm alone in the Family Room. Loving God involves more than giving generously out of my financial resources, singing choruses whole heartedly at weekend gatherings of Christians, or raising my hands higher and longer than anyone else in church. I have to present my thinking to God as an act of worship and adoration.

This revelation began in my heart when I began to read the Book of Romans over and over again. The apostle Paul teaches that as a result of the fall of man, (the Garden of Eden story), we;

- became futile in our speculations (1:21)
- became fools (1:22)
- exchanged truth for a lie (1:25)
- opened ourselves up to a depraved mind (1:28)

As a result of sin, the brightest amongst us is inclined to think unclearly.

That's why the abrupt change in emphasis that will be introduced to us in Romans 12 calls those of us who are serious about serving Christ to be transformed by the entire renewal of our mind. We are to get rid of the lies that have come into our hearts through the constant bombardment of the superficial customs and opinions of our age and learn to think differently. This is part of loving God. Romans 12:1 describes it as our reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and worship. Thinking right is an opportunity to express my love for God.

So when the thought pops into my head that "this day is really going to suck", I need to be careful not to give that thought any authority. I need to love God by accepting that day as the day the Lord made for me and choosing to be glad and to rejoice in it.

When I think the crazy thought that Sister Solkowchuk doesn't like me, I need to make the rational, intelligent choice to determine that whether she likes me or not, I am going to like her. I am a Christian. I love my enemies. Thinking clearly about our thoughts is part of our spiritual worship. Good thinking is one of the ways I love God.

If the thought drops into my head that prayer is inconsequential and doesn't matter; I need to recognize that as a lie and replace it with the truth. God has said that we ought to always pray, and not to give up on it. When I make those "mind decisions", I not only reap the benefits of thinking clearly I am expressing love to God.

I'm grateful for what the Holy Spirit has been showing me and my prayer for all of us is "Father in heaven, help us through the power of Your Spirit to worship You with our thinking. Help us to love You with all our mind, in Jesus name, AMEN."



....John Drisner

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