

PRAYER FOCUS - NOVEMBER 13, 2016

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

Ruth Wiebe @ 306-931-2982 or Mary Friesen @ 306-382-5865

- Missions:** Pray for Wayne Senger, serving in Mexico:
November 3: "Hello to my friends. Thanks for your prayers and support. My flight from Vancouver to Mexico City was no fun, a cramped window seat, plus I had a stomach ache. I shared the row with an elderly anthropologist. He got around to asking me what I was going to Mexico for, so I had opportunity to share my beliefs. He asked me to explain the Trinity. I think the Lord helped me to share quite effectively with him. I have had a bit of trouble downtown with a few guys who want money for food, but when I offer to buy them food, they don't like it. Also, when I wouldn't allow a young shoe shine guy to clean my suede shoes (brand new, wore them for the first time that day) word got around to the other shoe shine guys, and I was in their bad books, probably my attitude could have been better. They don't consider whether or not I need my shoes shined, they only see a rich tourist."
November 8: "Thanks Pastor and all. I am now in Pijijiapan. Arriaga was where the Lord had to correct my judgmental attitude toward some people who do nothing but beg and get themselves intoxicated. Being stingy because of the way they use money wasn't helping my attitude, and the situation isn't going to change for them overnight, so I might as well be more accepting, since they are not in an advantageous life situation. So I opened the purse strings a bit and won an audience with them. I held a 'class' on the railroad tracks, where they congregate in late afternoon, in which I explained the evangelism cube. They were attentive, and some repeated a sinner's prayer, but am not sure how effective it was because they were under the influence. I attended a Baptist Church in Arriaga on Sunday, the pastor and people were quite friendly. Thanks for your prayers."
- Church Family:** Darrell & Darlene Loewen - Lorraine Loewen - Wilf & Anne Loewen - Jan McKechnie - John & Tina Miller - Brock Neilson
- Illness:**
 - Pray that Dale Doerksen would get clear results from an angiogram done on Nov. 14th. Doctors are trying to determine the cause of a heart murmur.
 - Pray for Margaret Busby, at home now after time in the hospital with pneumonia.
 - Pray for Hilda Wiebe, who is dealing with the return of cancer.
- Our church:** Pray for our Music Committee: Devon Atkings & Mandi Letkeman.
- Sister Churches:**
 - Region #1, SK/AB: Wynyard Gospel Church: Steven/Shirley Wiebe
 - Region #2, MB C: Gospel Fellowship Church, Steinbach: Darrell/Corrina Dyck
 - Region #3, MB S: Glencross Mennonite Church: Peter/Marion Redekopp
 - Region #4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church: Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
 - Region #6, Belize: Spanish Lookout EMMC: Albert/Eileen Reimer
- EMMC Missionaries:** Ruben & Guadalupe Mercado, serving in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
- Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Kelly Allan from Victory Church
- Our condolences** to Tina Peters (and family) on the passing of her brother, John Neudorf, on Thursday morning. The funeral will be in Alberta.

Welcome to
Sutherland 
Evangelical Church



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Pastor: Dale Doerksen
Youth Pastor: Chris Stein
Sunday School: 9:30AM
Worship: 10:30AM

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TODAY @ SEC

9 AM: Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room (every Sunday). All welcome.

Ushers: Russ/Ken/Mary

Greeters: Sheldon/Debbie/Betty

Order of Service

Prelude: Leesa Doerksen

Praise & Worship: His Praise

Call to Worship: Ken Peters

Ministry Reminders: Ken Peters

Worship in Giving--Offertory: Zach Loepky

Children's Feature: Pastor Dale

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Dale

Praise & Worship: His Praise

Scripture Focus: Philippians 2:12-18 (NLT) - Ken Peters

Children's Prayer: Ken Peters

Message: "Are You Whining or Shining?" Phil. 2:12-18 - Pastor Dale

Benediction: Pastor Dale



THIS WEEK @ SEC

Monday, 7PM

Heart of Worship practice.

Tuesday

Church office closed.

Tuesday, 7PM

Drama practice - meet in sanctuary.

Thursday, 7PM

Council Meeting @ SEC.

Youth and C&C:

Talk to Pastor Chris for this week's details.

Newcomers are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY @ SEC

Ushers: Lyndon/Lindsay/Pete

Greeters: Jake & Lynnette/John & Ruth

Worship Leader: Grant

Power Point: Janice

Speaker: Pastor Dale

Theme: Self-sacrifice



If you didn't get your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in by today's deadline, you can still bring it to our office either Wednesday or Thursday. You can also take it to Forest Grove Community Church any day this week right up until November 20th.

SEC NEWS

Directory update! New address for Ralph & Bukky Ibilola: 203-819 Chester Road, Moose Jaw SK S6J 0C9 (phone numbers remain the same). "Thank you to Pastor Dale and the entire church family for their prayers and support. ~ Ralph & Bukky."



Christmas Hampers - We would like to make up some Christmas food hampers from our benevolence cupboard plus some purchased items. If you would be able to help stock our pantry it would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Drama needs: Besides the main actors, approx. 20 "extras" (non-speaking parts) will be needed for the drama - must be able to be at practice both on Dec. 11th, during Sunday School & Dec. 18th afternoon. Also needed is paint. Any bits of paint will be useful for the background walls. Please bring them to church next week. Talk to Darlene or Shirley if you can be an extra or if you need more info.

December 4, 12:15PM - After Church Prayer Service. Everyone welcome!

December 18, 7PM - SEC Sunday School Christmas Program.



January 14, 2017 - Financial Workshops with Harold Penner from Mennonite Foundation. Solid teaching on finances from a Biblical perspective. See the signup sheet on the back table & indicate which topic(s) you are interested in.

March 18, 2017 - TERM Seminar @ SEC. Contact the church office for more details.

Kadesh News: \$19,125.00 was raised at last Sunday's banquet! This amount brings us a long ways towards meeting our annual budget but we would welcome financial support from those unable to attend to help us move strongly into 2017.

*We are looking for someone that would be interested in cooking mid-week for a few of our winter school programs in January and February. You would be cooking for around 30 people for about 3 days/week. This is a position that could be paid or volunteer. Please contact Tim Good at 306-940-7372 or tim@campkadesh.com.

*One project we are looking to do is to replace our very old household washing machines with 2 large industrial grade washers. If you would like to make a donation specifically for this, please mark your cheque "washer" or donate online through our website and make the same note.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nov. 24, 2-7:30PM - Open House @ The Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre. Come and see what this vibrant, essential ministry is all about. Refreshments will be served.



Nov. 27, 2PM - Kids of Note's 12th Annual Christmas Concert @ Grosvenor Park United Church. See poster for ticket information.

Nov. 27, 7PM - Hymn sing @ Forest Grove Community Church (Attridge).

Dec. 2 - 4 - 'A Christmas Prodigal' - a Briercrest musical. See poster.

Jan. 27-29, 2017 - Break Forth weekend in Edmonton. See poster.

Are You Whining or Shining?
Philippians 2:12-18 SEC Nov. 13/16

Introduction:

A. Obedience. (12-13):

1. Work _____ your salvation. (12)
2. Live in _____ of God. (12)
3. Fulfill _____ good purpose. (13)

B. Grace (14-18):

1. No _____ and _____. (14)
2. Display _____ and _____. (15)
3. Shine your _____ with _____. (15-16)
4. Pursue the _____ of _____ building. (17-18)

C. Application - _____ !

1. For the sake of _____.
2. For the sake of the _____.
3. For the sake of _____ - yours and mine.

Conclusion:

Where do you need to stop _____ ?

Where do you need more _____ ?

Choose to walk in the _____.

Radiant Gratitude

Thankfulness is not so much an act as an orientation. It's a way of facing the world, of receiving it and, when needed, overcoming it.

Thankfulness incarnates faith in the sovereign goodness of God. We can speak all the lofty phrases we want about God's sovereign goodness, but the proof is the thanking. The Bible tells us to give thanks for all things and in all things. It tells us not to be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, to present our request to God (Phil. 4:6). Only thankfulness on this scale is an incontestable sign we believe what we say. Murmuring, complaining, blaming, whining, self-pity--all these and more are an open denial that our God reigns.

What did a Philippian jailer and his holding tank of inmates conclude the night they heard Paul and Silas down in the lowest, darkest cell? If ever there were two men who earned the right to bellyache, it was them. They had been stormed by a mob, beaten by order of the magistrate, and imprisoned and shackled by the Roman prison guard, all for doing a good deed--freeing a young slave girl in captivity to an evil spirit. All of it was rankly unfair, physically agonizing, and personally humiliating. How do these men deal with that?

They sing. They pray. "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." (Acts 16:25)

By night's end, the prison guard and his entire family will have embraced Christ and been baptized in his name.

Give thanks in all things, and give thanks for all things. Train yourself in this. It doesn't mean pretending everything in your life is good. It means trusting God, trusting him always, that he is able and willing to work all things, even the worst things, together for good.

Start small, if you must. As Anne Lamott says, when you're learning to forgive, you don't start with the Nazis. Well, when you're learning to give thanks, you don't start with the Nazis either. Start with the things you can genuinely be thankful for, but which you may take for granted. Like your shoes. Your clothes. A car that, at least most of the time, runs. A fridge that, at minimum, keeps the milk cold. And thank him for the milk, for that matter. Thank him for your church. Thank God for your mother. And your mother-in-law. Thank him for green grass and blue skies and pizza and good coffee, and for any friend who knows you well and still likes you.

Make a daily practice of that, and what will happen is you will start to see the world differently. More light. More of your life will look and feel like pure gift.

And once your world gets bigger, more light-saturated, it will become easier to thank God for things that do not look or feel like gifts: sickness and recessions and sitting in prison with a bleeding back. You might get so good at this, even then, even there, you'll sing.

- Mark Buchanan, *Spiritual Rhythm*.