


## PRAYER FOCUS - SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

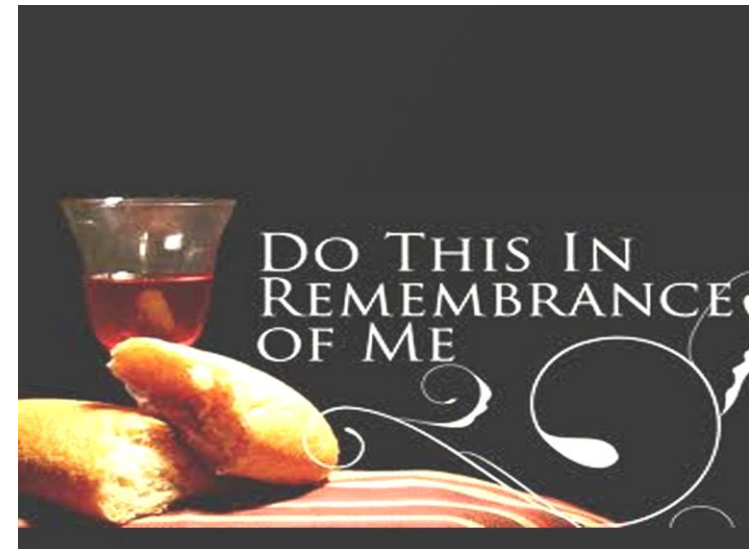
To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

Ruth Wiebe: 306-931-2982 OR Mary Friesen: 306-382-5865

- Missions:** Pray for Nate & Tash Enns, serving with Ethnos Canada, in Asia-Pacific: "When we were led to leave our tribal church planting team in spring, we were 100% sure that it was the right decision. The peace Paul talked about in Philippians 4 was God's proof. In those days it was easy to go on despite not knowing what was coming next. Over time, however, the picture of what God wanted us to do hasn't been getting much clearer. We've met with our local leadership and been helping out with all sorts of things. Some days the lack of clarity hasn't been much of a bother but some days it's been really hard. Well, it turns out that for Tash it has been harder the whole time. It makes sense; she is the planner between the two of us. She's worn out and discouraged and having trouble picturing us continuing a ministry here. We know that there are some people who think that missionaries are super Christians who can easily withstand suffering & discouragement. Of course that is ridiculous. We are still confident that God called us to Papua, Indonesia those years ago, we know that God has used us in the past, and we believe that He would like to use us in the future. We are weary of being unsure of where we fit though. In light of this, we figured it would be a good time to take a six month home assignment. We hope that God will use that time to refresh us and direct us into the role He has for us. We plan to be in Saskatchewan by early October, and we are eager to visit with you all! In the mean time, please pray with us." 
- Church Family:** Greg/Crystal Nelson, Liesel, Jorgen, Judah, Malek - Brendan/Jade Neufeld, Elizabeth - Colin/Samantha Neufeld, Gabriella, Lydia  
\*Pray for Wane Senger & his short-term mission trip to Mexico (Oct 4-23).
- Illness:**
  - Pray for Aron & Tina Fehr as they recover from a car accident.
  - Pray for Anna Doell who is in a lot of pain due to bone cancer.
  - Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health concerns.
- Our church:** Pray for the Decorating Committee: Liz, Mary & Colleen.
- Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Warman Gospel Church: Ryan Davidson (Chair)
  - Region #2, MB C: Lakeside Gospel Chapel, St Laurent: Bruce Janke (Chair)
  - Region #3, MB S: Glencross Mennonite Church: Peter/Marian Redekopp
  - Region #4, ON: Blenheim EMM Church: Franz Wieler (Chair)
  - Region #6, Mexico: Hopelchen EMMC: Franz & Anna Friesen
- Missionaries:** Ruben & Guadalupe Mercado, serving in Bolivia
- Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Dale Doerksen @ SEC.
- Para-Church Ministries:** Expanding Youth Ministries - Ike Thiessen

## Welcome to

# Sutherland Evangelical Church



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

## September 24, 2017

## **TODAY @ SEC**

9:00 AM: Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room (every Sunday). All are welcome.

Ushers: Phil/George/Verna Greeters: Betty/John & Ruth

### **Order of Service**

Prelude: Mandi Letkeman

Welcome & Opening Prayer: Grant Loepky

Worship in Song: Heart of Worship

Ministry Reminders: Grant Loepky

Report from The Bridge: Linda Chamagne

Scripture Focus: 2 Timothy 4:6-18 - Grant Loepky

Worship in Giving-Offertory: Mandi Letkeman

Worship in Song: Heart of Worship

Message: "Remaining Faithful in the Face of Opposition" - Pt. 3 of 3 - Daniel 3:19-30 - Dean Huber

Communion Service

Closing Song: Heart of Worship

Benediction: Pastor Chris

## **THIS WEEK @ SEC**

MONDAY @7PM: Drama practice

TUESDAY @ 9:30AM: Moms' Group meeting. Fellowship & fun for moms.  
Contact Angela Ens with any questions.

TUESDAY @7PM: His Praise practice.

WEDNESDAY @ 7:30PM: Baby Shower for Delilah & Eloise Loepky.

## **YOUTH/C&C**

For Guys' Night and Ladies' Night info, talk to Pastor Chris.

SUNDAY: Progressive Supper!

## **Next Sunday**

ROCKSOLID Refuge will share, during our worship service, about their ministry and how they work in the lives of teen boys. [www.rocksolidrefuge.com](http://www.rocksolidrefuge.com).

Next Sunday the Youth/C&C are planning for a progressive supper. They need volunteers to host them (approx. 8 people) for (1) a salad and (2) a main course. If you are willing and able to provide either of these parts to their meal, please talk to Pastor Chris today or ASAP.

Greeters: Pete & Mary/Sheldon & Debbie  
Worship Leader: Pastor Chris

Ushers: Russ/Ruth/Greg  
Power Point: Janice



Please plan to stay for today's Waffles After Worship fundraiser lunch. Proceeds will go to The Bridge.



## **SEC NEWS**

**Congratulations** to Kaitlyn Fehr and Riley Janzen on their recent engagement! God bless you as you plan your wedding and your future together!



**Congratulations** to Justin & Amber Hamilton on the birth of their daughter, Kinley Iris! Kinley, a baby sister to Lincoln, was born on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, weighing 6 lbs, 6 oz. God bless you as you parent these two.

**The new Music Schedule** is ready. Please check your mailbox!



**Volunteers are needed** for Children's Church. It would be a very small commitment, once every 6 weeks and no preparation. Talk to Mandi Letkeman (Children's Church Coordinator) after church.

**Oct 11:** Pastor Dale will be back in his office.

**Oct 27-29:** SEC Mission Conference with keynote speaker, Don Pickel. Theme: **Beautiful Feet**. More details to come.

**Dec 10, 7PM:** Sunday School Christmas program.



### **Kadesh News:**

- Thank you to everybody who has prayed for our summer camps. This summer we exceeded our goal of 1000 campers registered! We are thankful for the life change that we have seen in the campers that have come.
- The annual banquet will be on the evening of **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** at Langham Bible Church. Tickets & details to come. Save the date! This banquet is a chance to share a meal and the impact of the spring and summer programs.
- We're happy to welcome Karen Kruger as our new food service manager.
- Our site manager, Jonathan Dickey, married Katie Chu, 3 weeks ago.
- Please pray for us as we continue to grow & serve in ministry at Camp Kadesh.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**The Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup> ministry opportunity:** Someone with a heart for serving women in the inner city who would like to volunteer with the women's ministry leadership team. Also looking for women to provide children's ministry during Thursday evenings. Please consider attending a "salad and dessert information evening" Thursday, Sept. 21 6pm. Please contact Sheila expressing your interest in coming 306-382-2855 ext 205.

**Sept 30:** Ride For Refuge fundraiser in support of The Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup> by participating in the ride/walk or sponsor someone who is. Kerry at [kerryatthebridgesaskatoon.com](http://kerryatthebridgesaskatoon.com)

**Oct 20 & 21:** Women's Journey of Faith Fall Conference. See poster.

**Oct 21:** Rend Collective concert at Lakeview Church

**January 26 - 28:** Breakforth worship weekend in Edmonton. See poster or grab a take-home paper from the back table.

Message Series In Daniel:

***Serving God In a Hostile Environment***

**Eight Things To Remember When Remaining Faithful In The Face of Overwhelming Opposition Pt. 3 of 3 - Daniel 3:1-30 Daniel 3:19-30**

September 24, 2017

The previous 2 week we looked at

- I. There Will Be Enormous Pressure For You To Bow (vs. 1-7)
- II. There Will Be Malicious Attacks on You From Your Own Peers (vs. 8-12)
- III. More Pressure Will Be Placed on You To Conform by Those In The Highest Positions of Authority (vs.13-15)
- IV. You Will Have An Opportunity To Share Your Faith In God (vs.16-18)
- V. You Will Face The Consequences For Being Obedient To The Lord (vs. 19-22)

**VI. God Will Show His \_\_\_\_\_ to You (vs. 24-26a)**

King Nebuchadnezzar was watching this \_\_\_\_\_ take place from a distance. After all, the furnace was so hot that even the soldiers who were casting the three into the furnace were consumed by the fire. Nebuchadnezzar was shocked, taken back, stunned and amazed in what he saw. There were no longer three men who were in the fire but four and they \_\_\_\_\_ around.

The king said the fourth one looked like the son of God. We would refer to this as a \_\_\_\_\_. According to The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, a theophany is: Manifestation of God that is \_\_\_\_\_ to the human senses. In its most restrictive sense, it is a visible appearance of God in the Old Testament period often, but not always, in human form. Some would also include in this term Christophanies (\_\_\_\_\_ appearances of Christ) and angelophanies (appearances of angels).

We must remember that when we are obedient to the Lord that he will always remain \_\_\_\_\_ to us. However, this does not always mean that God will deliver us the way that we think or the way that God delivered *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego* with a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. God Will Receive The \_\_\_\_\_ From Your Obedience (vs. 26b-29)**

Nebuchadnezzar then had a change of attitude but not a change of \_\_\_\_\_. God did receive the praise because these three young men remained faithful, but Nebuchadnezzar did not come to know God.

First, let's look at the change of attitude. Nebuchadnezzar first was directly opposed to *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego* and wanted them put to death because they choose to serve God instead of \_\_\_\_\_. Now that God displayed his power, Nebuchadnezzar praised the God of the Hebrews. He then went a step further by making a \_\_\_\_\_ that anyone who says anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that they as well as everything they own would be \_\_\_\_\_.

Second, we can see that although the king had a change of attitude he never had a change of heart. Nebuchadnezzar did not \_\_\_\_\_ to God nor did he declare God as the only true God. He did not worship him or command others to \_\_\_\_\_ Jehovah. He only saw God as one who was able to save and rescue others. This story had a good and a sad part to it. The good part is that God is praised for who he is but Nebuchadnezzar did not \_\_\_\_\_ God to transform his heart.

However, the key for us to remember is that when we are faithful and obedient that it will always bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**VIII. God Will Richly \_\_\_\_\_ You For Your Faithfulness (v.30)**

Now this is the second time that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are \_\_\_\_\_. The first time was in chapter 2:49 when Daniel had requested that his three companions be appointed to administrators in Babylon. Now the three Hebrews stood the test by themselves and it is Nebuchadnezzar who \_\_\_\_\_ and makes the decision to elevate them in the province of Babylon. There is no question that God always rewards his followers for their faithfulness.

However, what if God \_\_\_\_\_ reward you the way that you think you should be rewarded. Too often, we are told that when God calls us to give up something or to suffer that he will only give us something \_\_\_\_\_ or bigger in its place. That is not the truth. There are times that we will suffer and take a huge lose in order to remain faithful to the Lord without ever being compensated down here.

The reason is that God is often \_\_\_\_\_ more in our hardship, lose or suffering than our blessings of abundance. When we remain \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering, with joy and praise on our lips for God, he receives the glory. However, when we get to heaven we will be greatly remunerated for our faithfulness with blessing that will \_\_\_\_\_ for throughout eternity.

Remaining Faithful in Overwhelming Opposition will always bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God with his will being accomplished.