

## PRAYER FOCUS - JANUARY 14, 2018

To activate the Prayer Chain, call Ruth Wiebe: 306-931-2982

1. **Missionaries:** Pray for Ken & Bertha Guenther, serving in Ukraine with SEND International: "Team Launch Toolkit completed: At the beginning of 2017, SEND U set a goal of putting together a Team Launch toolkit for SEND teams worldwide. In April, the work that had been done was passed on to Ken so that he could complete it and put it into a format that could be used by a workshop facilitator. Our desire was to make it applicable to all of SEND. On December 20, Ken completed the sixth and final module to his great joy and satisfaction.



We are thankful that SEND and our home church have given us whole-hearted approval to take a 4-month sabbatical next year from Sept - Dec, 2018. During those 4 months, we are planning to live in the Vancouver area to do some studying at Regent College, reading, and listening to God and others to determine what God has for us in the remaining years we have in full-time ministry.

Prayer requests: for the salvation of those Muslim students who are coming to the Discovery Bible studies; for more missionaries for Central Asia."

2. **Church Family:** Rachel Peters - Tina Peters - Keenan/Alicia Regehr - Steve/Eva Regehr - Colleen Rempel - Leo/Alice Scherr - Wayne Senger - Chris Stein
3. **Illness:**
  - Pray for Tina Peters, struggling with bronchial pneumonia.
  - Pray for Mary Friesen, in RUH. Pray that tests can be completed soon and a decision made in regards to the need for surgery. Also pray for Pete, now on his own at home while still recovering from his own health issues.
  - Pray for Eva Friesen, recovering from flu.
  - Pray for Jan McKechnie, recovering from pneumonia.
  - Pray for Sally Labatch, home from the hospital, recovering from a broken leg.
  - Pray for Tina Fehr, struggling with a lung staph infection.
4. **Our church:** Pray for our Christian Ed Board: Mandi Letkeman, Darlene Loewen, Karen Neufeld, Rachel Peters, Chris Stein.
5. **Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Hague Gospel Church: Jason/Melissa Duermeyer
  - Region #2, MB C: Niverville Community Fellowship: Chris/Heather Marchand
  - Region #3, MB S: Glencross, Mennonite Church: Peter/Marian Redekopp
  - Region #4, ON: Deer Run Church: Ike/Maria Unger
  - Region #6, Belize: Blue Creek: Diedrich/Katharina Dyck
6. **EMMC Missionaries:** Abe & Margaret Harder, serving in Villa Nueva Church, Bolivia.
7. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Brad Mayer @ City Centre Church.
8. **Para-Church Ministries:** Power to Change - Alex Chang

# Welcome to **Sutherland** **Evangelical Church**



YOU WERE CALLED OUT OF  
**DARKNESS**  
INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

*1 Peter 2:9*



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

**January 14, 2018**

## **TODAY**

**Ushers:** Ruth/Keenan/Greg F.

**Greeters:** Sheldon & Debbie/Jake & Lynnette

**Prelude:** Nancy Dyck

**Worship Leader:** Ken Peters

**Song leader:** Heart of Worship

**Offertory:** Karlie Loepky

**Message:** "Light in the Darkness" - Pastor Dale

**Scripture:** John 3:1-21

*Welcome!*

## **THIS WEEK @ SEC**

**TUESDAY, 7PM:** His Praise practice

**WEDNESDAY, 7PM:** Growth Group @ church, discussing the clear and revolutionary teachings of Jesus and how we are to live them out in our daily lives. Led by Pastor Dale.

**WEDNESDAY, 7PM:** Osler Growth Group meeting @ Glen & Karen's (346 Pauls Cres.), facilitated by Grant Loepky.

**THURSDAY, 7PM:** Council Meeting @ SEC.



**YOUTH/C&C:** Contact Pastor Chris for this week's activities/schedule.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Pre-service prayer time in the Toddler Room at 9AM. All welcome.
- Baptism classes will be starting (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>) during the Sunday School time (9:30-10:15 am). It is not too late to get involved. See Pastor Dale today if you are interested in attending.
- **Ushers:** James/Colin/Russ
- **Greeters:** Don & Janice/George & Verna
- **Worship Leader:** Greg N
- **Power Point:** Janice
- **Speaker:** Pastor Dale



## **SEC NEWS**

**A thank you note:** "Dear SEC, Thank you so very much for the gift card and turkey. We fed 8 people on Christmas Day and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you for your generosity!"

- Jake & Mary Giesbrecht."



### **Growth Groups are getting started but it is not too late to join!**

**Osler:** Next session - Jan. 17, 7PM. "Overcoming Emotions That Destroy". Practical help from scripture in dealing with anger, pressure & stress. Hosted by Glen & Karen Neufeld (346 Pauls Cres), facilitated by Grant Loepky.

**Saskatoon:** First session will be on Jan 21, 12PM. Meeting starts with lunch at Jan McKechnie's (312 934 Heritage View). "Living from the Inner Core" - understanding intimacy with God and living to please Him rather than man. Includes a meal together. Hosted & facilitated by Jan McKechnie.

**Saskatoon:** First session on Jan 17, 7PM @ church, facilitated by Pastor Dale. "Red Letter Christians" - discussing the clear and radical teachings of Jesus and how we are to live them out today.

**Delegates Needed!** The MPSM Annual Meeting is on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, in Waldheim. We need to send delegates. Please talk to Shirley Epp or Greg Nelson if you can go.

**Intercessors Needed!** Our church is stuck and needs to grow. The first step is for us to pray. Pastor Dale is looking for people to regularly and specifically pray for our church and community. If you would be willing to be an intercessor and receive regular prayer requests, please contact the church office. Our strength to move forward comes as we fall on our knees.

**THE  
POWER  
OF PRAYER**

**JAN. 23, 7PM:** EMMC Region 1 meeting at the Warman Church. We would love to have some representatives from our church at this regional meeting. Please contact a council member if you are willing to be involved.

**JAN. 26, 7PM:** Spiritual Life Board meeting @ Dale & Sheryl's.

## **Community News & Dates**

**Jan 26-28:** Breakforth in Edmonton.

**Feb 5, 7PM:** Fun & Faith presents "A Nite to Remember for Couples", with Bill & Pam Farrel @ The Neighbourhood Church (233 Pinehouse Dr.). Tickets: \$15. See poster for details.

**Feb 23 & 24:** Women's Journey of Faith Spring Seminar, featuring Moira Brown. Early bird tickets until Feb 4 and group discount available. [www.wjof.com](http://www.wjof.com).

**Camp Oshkidee** has a marriage retreat in March and family camp in July and August. See posters for details.



## Light in the Darkness

John 3:1-21 \* SEC \* Jan 14, 2018

### Introduction:

#### A. Nicodemus, the \_\_\_\_\_:

1. A respected leader & Pharisee, member of Jewish ruling council (1).
2. Knowledgeable about God, longing for the kingdom of God (2).
3. Curious and open, but not ready to \_\_\_\_\_ (2-4).
4. Immature in understanding spiritual things (9-10).
5. Fair minded - requested that Jesus be heard (John 7:50-52).
6. Later became a \_\_\_\_\_ - buried the body of Jesus (John 19:38-42).

\* As a \_\_\_\_\_, Jewish man, he had every right to expect favour from God, especially in comparison to an immoral, Samaritan woman (John 4). Nicodemus was a man of high moral \_\_\_\_\_, deep religious \_\_\_\_\_ and yet profound spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ teacher: John 10:36-38; 14:9-11

1. Entrance into God's kingdom requires a new \_\_\_\_\_ (3-7).
2. Spiritual things are not discernible without \_\_\_\_\_ (8-13).
3. Eternal life is granted to those who \_\_\_\_\_ (14-18).
4. Our heart is revealed by our response to \_\_\_\_\_ (19-21).

\*Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ came down from heaven, can provide access to God and \_\_\_\_\_ humanity's sin problem. He makes an \_\_\_\_\_, authoritative claim, unlike any other religious founder.

### Conclusion:

"Nicodemus is deeply religious, but lives in \_\_\_\_\_.

He asks good questions but will not become a \_\_\_\_\_.

He listens to Christ's words, but does not \_\_\_\_\_."