

PRAYER FOCUS – AUGUST 22, 2021

To activate the Prayer Chain, call/email the church or text Bonnie.

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Ken and Bertha Guenther, serving with SEND International: "Five prayer requests:
 - (1) SEND has at least 10 new missionaries ready to leave for the field but waiting because of visas. For most of these, COVID-19 is the reason for the delay in visas. Pray for doors to open.
 - (2) We will need to make some decisions about how we should participate in local ministries in Kyiv now that we are vaccinated.
 - (3) Pray for the team leaders that will be taking Ken's online course in August and September. Pray for them to grow in their leadership skills.
 - (4) Continue to pray for the launching of a mentoring program within SEND.
 - (5) Pray for more workers for the Central Asian countries. There are 365 million people in these countries - 99% unreached."
2. **Birthdays:** Kendra Klassen (Mon), Angela Ens (Wed), Ralph Nicotine (Wed)
3. **Church Family:** Brendan/Jade Neufeld, Elizabeth, Everly – Colin/Samantha Neufeld, Ellie, Lydia – Glen/Karen Neufeld – Lindsay/Kathy Neufeld
4. **SEC:** Kitchen Coordinators: Shirley Epp and Matilda Peters
5. **Prayer Requests:**
– Ralph Nicotine has COVID-19 and is in hospital, on a ventilator. Pray for healing.
6. **Sister Churches:**
Region #1, SK/AB: Hepburn Gospel Church: Jesse/Kelsey Doell
Region #2, MB C: Morrow Gospel Church: Jacob/Arlene Friesen
Region #3, MN S: Glencross Mennonite Church: Peter/Audrey Redekopp
Region #4, ON: Deer Run Church: Ike/Maria Unger
Region #6, MX: Colonia Del Valle: Diedrich/Tina Dyck
7. **Parachurch Ministries:** Camp Kadesh (Tim Good – Director): "Hello Churches: Today (Aug. 22) we start our final week of summer overnight camp. We are in the middle of two weeks of our Jr high age group. We were able to have 70+ campers in all four Aug weeks. Our summer total will be 286 which is 26% of our 2019 total. We modified our LIT program to be two weeks. Looking ahead to fall, we are confident that we will be able to run weekend retreats for youth groups similar to most years, however due to vacant staff positions, lack of seasonal staff and some uncertainty about school trips, we will likely not run fall school programs.
Please pray for:
 - each camper and LIT - that God will influence their lives as they return home.
 - all our staff that interact with campers.
 - our ability to return to normal year-round capacities for hosting various groups.
 - wisdom for when to hire & that the right people will be available at the right time."

Welcome to

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Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen

Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr

Sunday Service: 10:30AM

August 22, 2021

WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

USHERS: *George & Phil*

OFFERING COUNTER: *George*

ORDER OF SERVICE:

PRELUDE: *Mandi Letkeman*

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: *James 3:13-18 – Pastor Dale*

OPENING PRAYER: *Pastor Dale*

WORSHIP IN SONG: *Betty Guenter*

CHILDREN'S FEATURE: *Pastor Dale*

VIDEO: *Every Student Sunday*

PASTORAL PRAYER: *Pastor Dale*

WORSHIP IN SONG: *Betty Guenter*

MESSAGE: *"Don't Become Bitter – Keeping a Soft Heart" – Pastor Dale*

CLOSING PRAYER TIME & BENEDICTION

*"Bitterness is like
drinking poison and
waiting for the other
person to die."*

Kids' activity sheets are
available at the back table.

GIVING:

- o Your offering/tithe can be dropped off in the Offering Box by the entrance.
- o Etransfer available: treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com.
- o For specific giving (i.e., *Benevolence Fund*), please clearly write your designation on the offering envelope (ettransfer—use comment box).
- o First time donors, please provide your mailing address!

*"Doing an injury puts one below his enemy.
Revengeing an injury makes one even with him,
but forgiving an injury sets one above his enemy!"*

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, 7PM: *SLB meeting @ James & Sheryle's.*

- Volunteer cleaner for this week: *Justin Hamilton*
- This will be Adam's last week at *Kadesh*.

NEXT SUNDAY

USHERS: *Jake & Darrell*

PRELUDE: *Betty*

SOUND: *Brendan*

MESSAGE: *Don't Be Anxious – Developing Trust/Finding Peace*

OFFERING COUNTER: *Darrell*

LIVE STREAM TECH: *John B*

POWER POINT: *Veronica*



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 9: C&C Kickoff

September 10: Youth Kickoff

September 12: SEC Fall Kickoff – see details below.

September 12: Brief membership meeting following worship.



SEC NEWS

The SEC Fall Kickoff (Sept. 12):

- Everyone is asked to bring a salad AND a dessert. Couples and singles are encouraged to team up so that the quantity remains but with fewer salads/desserts to manage.
- Shirley and Matilda are asking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and also for BBQ duty. Please talk to one of them this week if you can help.
- Come for food, fellowship, and fun! **Lunch - Games - Bouncy Castle - Visiting**

The next issue of The SEC Connection will be out in a few weeks. Submission deadline is Sunday, Sept. 12th. Send your submission to Karen Neufeld or the church office.

Sunday School Teacher needed for the Grade 5/6 class, starting in fall. Please talk to Carol Janzen.



From Pastor Adam:

- Looking for volunteer youth leaders to start in fall -talk to Pastor Adam.
- Fall Youth Snack Schedule: There is a signup sheet at the back for anyone interested in blessing the youth in this way.

Steinbach Bible College Fall Courses available via live stream:

- *Tough Questions About the Bible*. Sept 23 – Oct. 14: Thursdays 7-9:45PM.
 - *Counselling topics: Building Resilience Skills During Chronic Stress*. Oct. 7-9: Thursday – Friday, 7-9:45PM and Saturday 9AM – 4PM.
- *To register go to sbcollege.ca or contact the church office for a direct link.

Transportation Request: We've had a request from a senior lady in the Erindale neighbourhood who would love to attend SEC (she has in the past) but can no longer drive herself. If you are interested in providing a ride to and from church, please contact the church office.

Prayer Walk Challenge: The Billy Graham Association of Canada is challenging everyone to walk through their neighbourhood this summer, praying for their neighbours. "Let's pray and believe that God will change our nation one heart at a time." For more info, or to register, go to billygraham.ca/prayer-walk-challenge/.

Don't Become Bitter – Keeping a Soft Heart

SEC - August 22, 2021

Introduction: Ruth 1:19-21; Hebrews 12:14-15

1. Bitterness can occur when we feel we are _____
to a life that is _____ of pain and struggle—but what
about _____? Isa. 53:1-10; Jn. 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12
2. Bitterness causes us to _____ God and view Him
as _____—but God is perfectly _____. Proverbs 3:5;
Jeremiah 17:9; 2 Timothy 2:13
3. Bitterness _____ our hearts toward God, so we
reject His _____—but God has our _____
in mind. Jeremiah 29:11-14; Acts 8:23; Hebrews 3:13
4. Bitterness keeps us from finding _____ and
moving past the _____—but God wants to give us
_____. Hosea 6:1; Luke 4:18
5. When dealing with trouble consider this:
 - a) Consider the _____.
 - b) Consider God's _____. Ephesians 4:31-32
 - c) Consider _____. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Conclusion:

“We don’t have to be _____.
We don’t have to stay _____.”