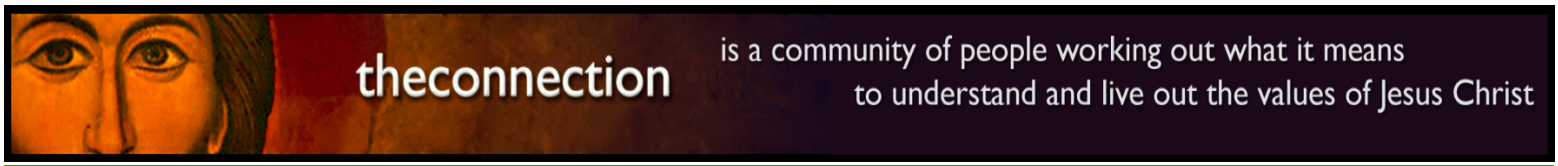
theconnection
is a community of people working out what it means
to understand and live out the values of Jesus Christ

Ordinary Time **October 11, 2020**

Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH

Emmanuel Baptist exists to fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory.

the connection is a community of the Emmanuel family. We seek to know and follow Jesus. We believe that as we follow him, Jesus changes us and transforms us into the people God created us to be. As a community, there are certain Jesus-centered principles that frame our journey together. Principles aren't rules, they're guideposts we want to keep in view wherever we are and whatever we do as *the connection*.

STAYING CONNECTED

There are several ways for you to keep in the loop about what's going on in and around *the connection* ...

- Email: Rob (heypriest@gmail.com)
- Phone: 306-477-1234
- Website: theconnection.ca
- Facebook: facebook.com/theconnectionsk
- Twitter: @TheConnectionSK

If you have anything to say or questions to ask, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

NEW WAYS OF CONNECTING AT EBC ...

For the following information & much more, please check out our website: ***www.theconnection.ca or www.ebap.ca***

The Connection Service Update - In the absence of our regular Sunday evening community gathering we've created ***the connection liturgies*** at www.theconnection.ca. A weekly liturgy will be posted every Sunday at 1pm. Sunday evenings at 6pm there will be an ***Open Small Group*** at the church for those who would like to attend.

Children's Ministry - On **Sunday mornings** we are currently able to offer programming for **15 children** (Grades 1-6). You will need to register any children who plan to attend in advance.

Youth Ministry - Gr. 7-12 youth are invited to join us on **Tuesday nights** at the church (back entrance) from **7-9:15 PM**! For more information on week-to-week youth events, you can find us on Facebook or Instagram as Ebap Youth. Feel free to contact Rachel with any questions at rachel@ebap.ca. On the **1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, MUSE** for **15 youth** (grade 7-12) will run. Next class October 18. You will need to register any youth who plan to attend in advance.

Children & Youth taking part in Sunday morning programming options will enter the facility at the West Entrance, opposite the Fire Hall. Everyone else will enter the facility at the main entrance at the front. To ensure a safe flow of traffic, we ask that you follow the directional arrows on the floor.

Senior Adult Ministry - The Emmanuel Senior Journal is available in order to help keep us connected and to share interesting thoughts and ideas on how to stay healthy during this season. The goal is to post new content weekly each Monday.
Check out the blog: http://emmanuelsenior.blogspot.com/
Forever InMotion fitness program for those aged 60+ will run on **Wednesday & Friday at 9am.** Please join us!
If you have pastoral needs or simply would like to connect, email Brendon at bgibson@ebap.ca.

Women's Ministry - Women of all ages are invited to participate in **Heart Matters Women's Bible Study** via Zoom beginning **Tuesday, October 13** from 9:30-11am. Please contact Laura to join at lauramonchuk@gmail.com or 306-230-5033.

Care Ministry - For those in need of Practical Care Supports such as food & supplies or requests to the Care Fund, or for Mental Health Supports, please contact Kari at 306-477-1234, ext. 133 or kari@ebap.ca.

If you are looking for ways to help, we are accepting donations of sealed & labelled freezer meals as well as items for the Food Pantry. Please contact Kari if you would like to contribute.

ESL Coffee & Conversation - Sunday Morning (Intermediate Class) 8:30am via ZOOM. For login information, please contact Rob Arthur at rearthur@sasktel.net.

Prayer Ministry - Online Prayer is available at the following times: **Tuesday-Friday, 7:15-7:45am; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15-12:45; 9:15-9:45.** For Login information, please contact Brendon, bgibson@ebap.ca or 306-341-0195.

Morning Service Update - We have resumed our Sunday morning service on-site for those who are able to join us. All persons attending the service will be required to register on our website, www.ebap.ca. Please click on the banner that says, "Sunday AM Service, Registration Required." Registration will help us keep within the limits of our current seating capacity; it will also make it easier for contact tracing, in the event that one of our attendees tests positive for COVID-19. In addition, we will be offering a live-stream of the Sunday service which will be available online for viewing. If you do not currently receive our emails and would like to, please contact the office, info@ebap.ca.

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Shalom | God's relationship with creation began with "God saw all that he had made and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). The scriptures tell us that a day is coming when God will unfold a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21). This state of perfect wholeness is the centre of the Jewish idea of "Shalom". But what about the in-between time? Jesus' life and teaching reveals God's plan to unfold shalom here and now: "May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6). We believe that followers of Jesus are invited to participate in the in-breaking of God's shalom here, now, on earth as it is in heaven. As a community, *the connection* seeks the shalom of God in the following broad expressions:

Shalom with God
Are we moving in right relationship with our Creator?

Shalom with Creation
How does our living reflect that "earth is God's and everything in it? Do we live aware that Creation is a gift to treasure and care for?

Shalom with Ourselves
God created humankind in God's own image. Are we living in such a sway as to care for ourselves as people uniquely and wonderfully made by our Creator?

Shalom with Others
We have been called to live as pictures of Jesus in the world where we live. Therefore we strive for relationships marked out by generous live, grace, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, encouragement and support. Believing that Jesus demonstrated how this is done, we seek to extend this generosity to all people whoever we meet them - next door, downtown, around the world.

One of the metaphors we use to describe our life in Community is the breathing rhythm. For a body to live it needs to inhale and exhale. This is true of us as *the connection:*

Inhale - Gathering as a Community | We value being together as often as possible. One of the ways Jesus shapes his people is by speaking through community. One of the ancient traditions described in the Bible is the journeying people of God worshiping God together. So when we gather we anticipate growing toward Jesus together. "Inhale" is described in our context as any whole-community gathering - Sunday evenings, Connection Feasts, etc.

Exhale - Living as a Dispersed Community | We believe that Jesus taught and demonstrated that all of life is to reflect God's kingdom values. In other words, following Jesus is more than once-a-week Sunday get-togethers. "Exhale" in this context describes how we live as a dispersed community between Sundays. A new and growing initiative to help us 'exhale' is Connection House.

For more information about *the connection*, our core values, Connection House, or questions about what it means to follow Jesus in the world today, contact Rob Priestly (heypriest@ebap.ca).

DONATE TO EBC:
THROUGH INTERNET BANKING
Contact Jan at 477-1234, ext 126 or bookkeeper@ebap.ca
for an identifier code and create EBC as a Payee
under your Bill Payments option.

ON-LINE GIVING
www.emmanuelbaptist.ca/giving

KINGDOM GIVING THROUGH EBC

The Bible calls us to give to the Lord generously, sacrificially and joyfully. We are grateful for your support of the ministry of EBC through tithes and offerings, and through the use of your time and gifts in service to the Lord and His kingdom. If you ever have any questions regarding our finances, please feel free to contact our treasurer at elders@ebap.ca.

Budgeted Offerings as of Oct 4, 2020	$ 184,411
Actual Offerings as of Oct 4, 2020	$ 157,797
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Capital Fund Offerings as of Oct 4, 2020	$ 4,225
Line of Credit as of Oct 1, 2020	$ 145,365

NEWS & OTHER INFO

Save the date! Emmanuel's AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm. Further details to be provided. All documents (Annual Reports & ballots) can be found on our website (www.ebap.ca).

Help Needed: We're collecting items to help **EGADZ Drop-In Centre**. As the weather turns colder, EGADZ will need these items: new sleeping bags & backpacks, hairbrushes, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant & lipbalm, dental care items, new towels & face cloths. If you'd like to contribute, please bring your items to the church by October 14. For more info contact kari@ebap.ca.

The Bridge on 20th - Our highest needs today are: toilet paper, 26" x 36" garbage bags, kitchen gloves (M & XL), shampoo, conditioner, men's & women's deodorant, razors & financial donations. (Note: our clothing area is overflowing, so please only bring winter coats & sweaters until further notice.)

Harvest Season - Time to Seed (@ The Bridge!) Quite unexpectantly, the Lord presented us with an opportunity to purchase the property to the immediate west of The Bridge, & we have util October 29 to raise the $295,000 purchase price! For more information, call Sam Klassen at 306-382-2855, x207 or go to our website at http://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com/

PRAISE & PRAYER

If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, please contact the church office with your concerns. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Phil 4:6

1. Please pray for **Daina Allison, the mother of Art Lutz's grandchildren**, as she recovers from a stroke & the subsequent surgery.
2. Please pray for **Robin Sloboda & family** as they prepare to deal with her recent diagnosis of cancer.
3. Please pray for **Elaine Janz** as she transitions to Regina.
4. Please pray for our upcoming **AGM** as it comes to mind.
5. Please pray for **Jill Cook's mom, Norma**, who has been diagnosed with Metastatic Breast Cancer.
6. Please pray for **Kathy Malanovich** as she mourns the loss of her brother.
7. Please pray for **Leonard Leapard** as he grieves the passing of his brother.
8. Please pray for **Allie Rempel & her family (JoDee, Tim, brother Cole & sister Emma)** as they adjust to her recent diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes.
9. Please continue to pray for **Emily Zacharias (Block).** Emily is on IV nutrition once again but her team are bit by bit finding ways to decrease her pain. Thank you for your continued prayers!
10. There are several people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Sadie Robson, Wilf Henseleit, John Arendt, & Jordan Reimer's mom, Jennifer.** Also, please pray for those who care for them during this season of their ongoing health requirements.

Pray for our partners at home and abroad:

Overseas:
- Rev. Andre, Rev. Gato (Rwanda)

Close to Home:
- The Quest at Christopher Lake (Dyan Mouland)
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- IVCF-International Students, Saskatoon (Gerry & Shirley Falk)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Cathy LaFleche)
- LeaderImpact (Arlene Jorgenson)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)
- Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC)
- Carey Theological College

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Donations to the following can be made through EBC:
(please designate on your offering envelope)
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