



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](http://theconnection.ca)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/theconnections](https://facebook.com/theconnections)
- Twitter: @TheConnectionSK

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

#### WAYS OF CONNECTING AT EBC ...

For the following information & much more, please check out our website: [www.theconnection.ca](http://www.theconnection.ca) or [www.ebap.ca](http://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](http://www.theconnection.ca). A weekly liturgy will be posted every Sunday. 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, our in-person programming has resumed on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. **Next class June 13.** You will need to register any children who plan to attend in advance (main Sunday AM Service registration page). **Children** taking part in Sunday School will enter the facility at the main entrance at the front. Beverly will meet you at the main entrance & escort you to your class upstairs.

**Youth Ministry** - Tuesday Night Youth (Gr. 7-12) Currently, youth will be offered in-person & over Zoom. Those attending in person will need to pre-register each week through the website. For more information such as the Zoom login, contact Rachel at [rachel@ebap.ca](mailto:rachel@ebap.ca).

On the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, **MUSE for grade 7-12** youth will run. **Next class June 6.** You will need to register any youth who plan to attend in advance (main Sunday AM Service registration page). **Youth** taking part in MUSE 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 EBC Senior Adult Ministry is committed to connecting with & caring for our senior adults. In particular, connecting with those who are shut-in is extremely important during this season of COVID-19. Brendon Gibson is providing pastoral care to our seniors. Please contact Brendon with any questions or concerns, 306-477-1234, x129.

**Women's Ministry** - Women of all ages are invited to participate in **Heart Matters Women's Bible Study** via Zoom on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11am**. Please contact Laura at [lauramonchuk@gmail.com](mailto:lauramonchuk@gmail.com) or 306-230-5033 for more information. **Heart Matters is done for the season. Keep posted for the fall start-up date. Laura plans to host online one-hour get-togethers on June 8, July 13 & August 10 to help stay connected throughout the summer.**

If you would like to connect with other women in the EBC community, please join the **Ladies Zoom Time on Thursday afternoon from 1pm-2pm**. If you have questions about this conversation time, please email Xulin at [xulinguo@gmail.com](mailto:xulinguo@gmail.com) or Barb at [barbbarr@shaw.ca](mailto:barbbarr@shaw.ca)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bgibson@ebap.ca) or 306-341-0195.

**Morning Service** - Our Sunday morning service meets on-site for those who are able to join us. All persons attending are required to register on our website, [www.ebap.ca](http://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 also provide a live-stream of this service which can be accessed through our website. If you do not currently receive our emails and would like to, please contact the office, [info@ebap.ca](mailto: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 way 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 love, 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 worshipping 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 (hey priest@ebap.ca).

### DONATE TO EBC: THROUGH INTERNET BANKING

We can now offer e-Transfers to bookkeeper@ebap.ca! Or 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 May 30, 2021	\$ 641,667
Actual Offerings as of May 30, 2021	\$ 590,160
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (-51,507)</b>
Capital Fund Offerings as of May 30, 2021	\$ 148,657
Line of Credit as of Jan 25, 2021	\$ 0

## NEWS & OTHER INFO

**Thank you!** Thanks to everyone who wrote, called, emailed, texted, prayed, brought meals, treats, cookies, etc to us during the last 9 months or so. My family really appreciated all of it during this journey. A special thank you goes out to all the staff who were there for all of us during those difficult times - helping us to move forward.

Murray Sloboda & family

**Statement from CBWC** - In response to the recent discovery of the remains of 215 children at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School, the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada has released the following statement & is encouraging our churches to observe a time of silence & prayer in our services this coming Sunday, June 6.

The CBWC joins with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc to mourn the deaths of the 215 children discovered in an unmarked mass grave at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School. We pray for all Residential School Survivors & intergenerational survivors as this awakens afresh layers of trauma endured for generations.

These children were precious in the eyes of God. Their lives & the gifts that they had to offer were stolen from their communities & their families. We lament this irreplaceable loss, acknowledging & repenting of the ways that the Christian church enacted the state mandated policies of assimilation.

We know that lament is not enough & there is a need for just action as well. We are reminded of our commitment to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which guides us as a framework for reconciliation & we call for renewed commitment to the TRC [Calls to Action](#).

Today though, is the time to express sorrow & pledge again our solidarity with Indigenous peoples in Canada. We lament together. We stand with you.

## 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. On Friday, June 4, **Jordan Reimer's brother, Timothy** (26 years old), went into surgery to fix a core group of nerves in his left arm that have become severely entangled due to his Cerebral Palsy. The nerve entanglement has rendered his left arm mostly immobile. Please pray that strength & mobility will return to his arm, & for his recovery & healing from surgery.

At the end of May, **Jordan's mother, Jennifer** (48 years old), was slotted in for multiple emergency appointments to undergo investigative testing. This testing will continue through the month of June. She has been experiencing significant pain in her stomach & abdomen, & the urgent response from her doctors could indicate the return of cancer. Please pray for wisdom for the physicians as they search for answers, & courage & peace for Jennifer as she once again faces uncertain health challenges. She has felt cared for & loved throughout her battles with cancer & is thankful for the ongoing support she continues to receive.

2. Please continue to pray for **Emily Zacharias (Block)**. She did not experience much relief from the recent pain blocker, but is on a waiting list for an implanted nerve stimulator to help reduce her pain.

3. Please pray for **Mary Mason** who is dealing with significant health concerns.

4. Pray for **June Lu's mom** in China as she receives chemotherapy.

5. Pray for **Garth & Edith Nelson & their family** as they grieve the death of Garth's mom, Ethel.

6. Please pray for **Elaine Trayhorne & her family** as they mourn the loss of her mother, Mavis.

7. **Henry Dick's niece, Lindsay**, is now home & her cancer is in remission. Lindsay & her family appreciate all the prayers on their behalf & are confident that the prayers have helped in her recovery. Thanks to God for His mercy & healing touch!

8. Praise God that **Betty Arthur** is now at home. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.

9. There are several people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Sadie Robson, John Arendt, Susan Schellenberg & Scott Fitzsimmons**. 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 Moulard)
- 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