



theconnection

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

Ordinary Time

August 15, 2021



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/theconnectionsksk
- 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 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. Sunday evenings at 6pm there will be an *Open Small Group* at the church for those who would like to attend.

Children's Ministry - Our in-person programming for children in Grade 1-6 has resumed at 10:30am. 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 in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry - Tuesday Night Youth (Gr. 7-12) Contact Rachel at rachel@ebap.ca for more information. **Regular programming is finished for the season. Keep posted for special events throughout the summer.**

On the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, **MUSE for grade 7-12** youth will run. **MUSE is done for the summer. It will resume on Sept 19.**

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 or 306-230-5033 for more information. **Heart Matters is done for the season. Keep posted for the fall start-up date.**

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 or Barb at 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.

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 - On-Line Prayer will be on hold for the month of August. Keep posted for details regarding September start-up.

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. 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.

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 (heypriest@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 June 30, 2021	\$ 700,000
Actual Offerings as of June 30, 2021	\$ 641,606
Deficit	\$ (-58,394)
Capital Fund Offerings as of June 30, 2021	\$ 149,432
Line of Credit as of Jan 25, 2021	\$ 0

NEWS & OTHER INFO

MCC Connects: Notebooks & pencils are treasures for families around the world who struggle to afford basic school supplies. This back to school season, we are gathering supplies for school kits to equip students to learn. We are especially in need of notebooks (80 page notebooks are preferred). To donate notebooks you can drop them off at the MCC Saskatchewan Centre or donate funds by contacting us at 306.665.2555.

The Bridge on 20th - TODAY'S needs: hygiene items. Sorry, but we are short of space so if not listed above, we are not able to accept those donations at this time. Kitchen: chicken stock, white sugar, margarine & napkins. Staff Positions Available: Donor Relations, Receptionist & Women's Ministry Coordinator - Are you interested in joining our team, but not sure what role is the right fit for you? We'd love to hear from you!
Contact: office@thebridgesaskatoon.com
<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. Praise God that 5 month old **Anika Martin's** surgery to repair a congenital heart defect went very well. Please pray for a good recovery for her.
2. Please pray for Joanne Wiks who is in the hospital with Covid.
3. After a summer of multiple scans & tests, some long awaited results have brought good news for **Jennifer Reimer (Jordan's mother)**. All of the polyps tested were benign! Additionally, the body & brain scans performed found no cancer spots anywhere. If similar tests come back clean in December, she will be considered cancer-free once again. Doctors have confirmed that much of her pain is a result of her living with the incurable condition called Gastroparesis, worsened by Arthritis. Jennifer is thankful for God's faithfulness, for the Emmanuel community, & for her family, & asks for your continued prayers.
4. **Jordan Reimer's brother, Timothy**, has almost completely recovered from his arm surgery. He is thankful for your prayers!
5. Please pray for **Beverly & her family** as they mourn the recent loss of her mom.
6. Please pray for **the family of John Arendt** as they grieve his recent death.
7. Please pray for **Lois May** who is in the hospital dealing with health concerns.
8. 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.
9. Pray for **June Lu's mom** in China as she receives chemotherapy.
10. There are several people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Sadie Robson, 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 Moulant)
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- IVCF-International Students, Saskatoon (Gerry & Shirley Falk)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Anne-Marie Hughes)
- LeaderImpact (Arlene Jorgenson)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)
- Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC)
- Carey Theological College

Donations to the following can be made through EBC:

(please designate on your offering envelope)

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