



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 (hey priest@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** - We have resumed in-person gatherings at 6pm for those who would like to attend. Please join us! All are welcome! We will continue to post a weekly liturgy every Sunday (*the connection liturgies* at [www.theconnection.ca](http://www.theconnection.ca)) if you prefer to take part in this way.

**Children's Ministry** - Our in-person programming for children has resumed at 6pm as follows: The **Toddler Room** (orange) is open (but unsupervised) for children aged 0-2. A **Preschool Class** (Blue) is available for children aged 2-5. **Gradeschool Children (Grade 1-6)** taking part in Sunday School will enter the facility at the main entrance at the front & start out in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Ministry** - Tuesday Night Youth (Gr. 7-12) **Youth will resume January 11, 2022.** Contact Rachel at [rachel@ebap.ca](mailto:rachel@ebap.ca) for more information. On the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, **MUSE for grade 7-12** youth will run. **Next MUSE January 23, 2022.**

**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.

**Forever InMotion** fitness program for those aged 60+ will run on Wednesday & Friday at 9am. **InMotion will resume Jan 12.** Please join us!

**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 will resume on January 18, 2022.**

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: **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 7:15-7:45am and Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:15-12:45pm.** For login information, please contact Brendon at [bgibson@ebap.ca](mailto:bgibson@ebap.ca) or 306-341-0195.

**Community Prayer - Fridays at 7am in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome to join us as we pray for the needs in our church family, city, nation & abroad.

**The Prayer Course - beginning January 12 at 7pm online via Zoom.** Contact Brendon at [bgibson@ebap.ca](mailto:bgibson@ebap.ca) for info.

**Bilingual Chinese Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 6 at 7pm.** Contact Xulin at [xulinguo@gmail.com](mailto:xulinguo@gmail.com), Candy at [arabxiacn@gmail.com](mailto:arabxiacn@gmail.com) or Aurora at [auroraqz@gmail.com](mailto:auroraqz@gmail.com) for more information.

**Morning Service** - Our Sunday morning service meets on-site for those who are able to join us. 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 Jan 9, 2022	\$ 366,182
Actual Offerings as of Jan 9, 2022	\$ 330,701
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (-35,481)</b>
Capital Fund Offerings as of Jan 9, 2022	\$ 5,815

## NEWS & OTHER INFO

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Eve offering. The total donated was \$1,525.00 which will be divided between the Saskatoon Food Bank & the CBM STEP program in Rwanda.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is seeking young adult participants for its SALT program. Serving & Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada & the U.S. serve internationally in a variety of positions in fields such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace & more! Learn more: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt>.

## 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 **Don Hamilton** who is in the hospital recovering from a fall.
2. Pray for **Olga & Pete Wiebe** as they mourn the loss of their son, Vanden.
3. Praise God that **Emily Zacharias (Block)** was able to have a new J-tube inserted into her stomach. Please pray that it will work well & that she will be able to receive nutrition in that way.
4. Please pray for **Sandra Petkau** who is recovering at home from an infection.
5. Please pray for relief & healing for **Fiona Reid-Anekie** who is living with significant abdominal pain for which the doctors have not been able to determine a cause. Pray that she will have access to further tests soon.
6. There are several other people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Sadie Robson, Jennifer Reimer & 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 (Dee Cook)
- 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)

- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- The Quest at Christopher Lake (Dyan Moulard)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Dee Cook)
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