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Fredericton Homeless Crisis

The homelessness crisis has received much attention in the past few months. An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, November 21 where several stakeholders were represented, including our Mayor Mike O'Brien, local MLAs, several churches, private concerned citizens, and several branches of government in social development led by the Community Action Group on Homelessness coordinator, Faith McFarland. It was great to see several members of our Social Action Team and others from our congregation there as well!

A 'think tank' session ensued, where the most viable options for "Out from the Cold" emergency shelters were brought forward. The option that made the most sense was the readily accessible offer made by Anglican Bishop David Edwards to use the Bishop's house located on the corner of Brunswick and Church Streets across from Christ Church Cathedral.

Through continued cooperative efforts, temporary variances were granted by the city so this could become an emergency shelter with the occupancy level capping at 20. Our neighbour, St. Paul's United Church has opened its doors to receive any overflow of the homeless. Wilmot United Church opened its doors as a donations drop off location.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ralph Graves and Mavis Doucette for volunteering for shifts at Bishop's House. If there are any others I've missed please accept my apologies! **There is a need for more volunteers.** Please consider volunteering by visiting www.connectfredericton.ca and look for "shelter helper" where you can choose between three different shifts – wake up, evening and overnight.

A necessary point to make is that this is a temporary solution for the winter months only. It's a wonderful step to provide shelter for those who had no choice but to live in tents and in lobbies and entryways. It is a good testimony to see how "the church" has partnered in the community and how many have worked together to provide a solution.

To become more educated on the homelessness issue in our city, feel free to read the online annual report from the Community Action Group on Homelessness, which can be found at www.roadhomefredericton.com. I look forward to seeing how the churches can be further connected with the community to come along side those who need help.

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard." Isaiah 58:7-8

In Christ we serve, Pastor Steve Patterson



January 13-19, 2019

SUNDAY

Library is open at 10 am and after morning worship

9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages¹
10:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Contemporary Worship (Church Gym)
Chinese Worship (3rd Floor)

Childcare for Infants to Age 4 (1st floor)

KidzSunday – No KidzTown for Children K-Grade 5

Children are welcome to worship with their families.

12:00 pm Sisterhood¹ (Family Room)
12:30 pm College & Career²
(Home of Ken & Carol Reimer, 62 Carrington Lane)
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study (Family Room)

MONDAY

10:00 am English Second Language Training (3rd Floor)
10:30 am Seniors Exercise (Church Gym)
1:00 pm Pastoral Staff
2:30 pm Church Staff (Meeting Room)
6:30 pm Refresh Working Group (3rd Floor)
6:30 pm Education Committee (3rd Floor)
6:30 pm BSBC Missionary Society
Birthday Meeting (Family Room)

MINISTRY FOOTNOTES

TUESDAY

- 12:00 pm Chinese Fellowship Prayer Time
(Board Room above Main Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm Myrtle Burden Quilting Group (Quilting Room)
- 2:00 pm Small Group Bible Study (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm Fredericton Ladies Choir (3rd Floor)
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare³ (Family Room)
Topic – What's Happening to Me
- 6:30 pm Youth Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee (3rd Floor)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am Seniors Exercise (Church Gym)
- 5:15 pm Family Potluck (Church Gym)
- 6:00 pm Junior Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Girls Adventure Klub (KidzTown Assembly Area)
- 6:30 pm Otters/TimberWolves (Church Gym)
- 6:30 pm Youth Cross Training (Family Room)
- 6:30 pm Wednesdays in the World⁴ (3rd Floor)
- 6:30 pm Refresh Working Group –
Preschool and KidzTown
Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers
(Board Room above Main Kitchen)

THURSDAY

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Coffee Mill)
Women's Prayer Breakfast (Coffee Mill)
- 9:30 am New Life (Barnabas Centre)
- 10:00 am English Second Language Training (3rd Floor)
- 1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Family Room)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice (Barnabas Centre)
- 7:00 pm GriefShare⁵ (Family Room)
Topic – Challenges of Grief
- 7:00 pm Woodsmen (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

- 10:30 am Seniors Exercise (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Middle School and Senior High
Youth Groups⁶ (3rd Floor)
- 7:00 pm Chinese Fellowship
(Family Room, Nursery, 2nd Floor)
- 9:00 pm Refresh Working Group –
Middle and High School Youth
Leaders and Volunteers
(Board Room above Main Kitchen)

SATURDAY

- 10:00 am Badminton (Church Gym)
- 12:30 pm Worship Team Practice (Church Gym)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 20 Music Committee; Third Sunday Supper
- January 21 Seniors Luncheon⁷
- January 23 Wednesdays in the World –
Gloria Tranquilla⁸
- January 30 Wednesdays in the World –
Adam Savard⁹
- February 3 Chinese Fellowship Potluck Celebration
- February 6 Wednesdays in the Word Begins¹⁰
- February 10 Reducing the Risk¹¹
- February 20 Annual Business Meeting
- February 24 Children's Sunday

¹**SISTERHOOD** – Carol Reimer and Kari Dunfield are looking forward to having their first **Sisterhood** meeting of the new year TODAY after church in the Family Room. Enjoy a fellowship/mentorship group for women in High School and older where they do a craft, share a meal, and have a devotional. Feel free to drop in!

²**COLLEGE AND CAREER** – Our 2019 season of College and Career: Fireside kicks off today RIGHT AFTER CHURCH! Enjoy lunch at Ken & Carol Reimer's house (62 Carrington Lane). We will have drives ready to get you there, get you fed, and start our study on the books of 1-3 John!

³**DIVORCECARE** – Are there those you know who are feeling the pain caused by marital estrangement, separation or divorce? They can find hope at *DivorceCare*. This 13-week program features expert video segments and small group discussion to provide practical suggestions for getting through and overcoming the results of marital breakup. A new session is beginning this Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm in the Family Room. For more information please contact Gloria Tranquilla (momsplace70@hotmail.com, 472-5563) or Pastor Greg (greg@bsbc.nb.ca, 458-8348). There is no cost for this program.



⁴**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD** 6:30 | FLC 3rd Floor Hearing from One Who Answered the Call to Serve!

Due to weather conditions last Wednesday's activities were cancelled; therefore John Stewart takes us along to the Baptist Theological Seminary in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India this Wednesday. Having completed a number of mission trips to this same area, John has developed strong ties there. This past fall, he spent three weeks teaching on the theology of the Holy Spirit. John will share how God showed up in every detail of his experience. Hope to see you on Wednesday evening!

⁵**GRIEFSHARE** – Have you experienced the recent death of a loved one? You don't have to go through the grieving process alone – you're welcome to attend a 13-week grief recovery seminar and support group. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. GriefShare features a video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective combined with support group discussion. For more information please contact the church office (bsbc@bsbc.nb.ca, 458-8348).

⁶**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!** This week we've got some options for activities... Nintendo and Just Dance/Karaoke. If you love stomping on goombas, high energy aerobics, or doing high energy

aerobics while waiting for your turn to stomp on goombas then you'll have a good time. If you don't know what any of that means - come check it out this Friday at 7 pm!

⁷**SENIORS LUNCHEON** – Hello Seniors! Please mark your calendars! You are invited to attend our 2019 kickoff luncheon at noon in the gym on Monday, January 21. Come enjoy a time of music and fellowship with Pastor Steve and friends. Good food, good music, good times! See you then!



⁸**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD**
January 23 – 6:30 | FLC 3rd Floor
Hearing from Gloria Tranquilla!

Gloria travelled in Bolivia through CBM this past August/September for almost a month. She visited various children's ministries and helped in residences where occupants were affected by disease. Come hear

Gloria's story about her experience in South America and how God used her in a country that is dear to her heart.

⁹**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD**
January 23 – 6:30 | FLC 3rd Floor
News from URBANA!

The Board of Deacons was pleased on your behalf to help support Adam Savard in his recent trip to the Intervarsity URBANA Student Mission Conference in Illinois. Adam will be sharing his experiences and a message based on the conference study in the book of Revelation. Come and be encouraged by what God did in his life during this amazing opportunity.



¹⁰**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD** – Your Adult Education Team are pleased to invite you to join Denys McDonald's adult study elective entitled **Paul's Gospel, Christian Identity, and Israel**. Here's what he shares about his offering: *We in our modern context often think of Christianity as something distinct from Judaism despite that Christianity has adopted the story of the ancient Israelites rather than, for example, the ancient Greeks. But in the first century, how distinct were what eventually became these two separate religions? More specifically, how did Paul's conviction that Jesus was the Christ affect how he viewed his own religious tradition? Did he, as is often believed, really think of himself as a founder of a new religion? Or did he proclaim that those in Christ, Jews and Gentiles, were part of a restored Israel? In this study, we will explore these questions by focusing on Galatians and Romans to appreciate how Paul thought the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ fits within the grand story of God's dealings with his people. We will consider how the apostle thought his gospel affected the pre-existing identities of Christian Jews and Gentiles (religiously, socially, ethically, ethnically, etc.) and how he understood the work of Jesus in terms of God's faithfulness to his prior*

commitment to Israel. In the process, we will take a historical look at first-century Judaism to discuss ways that we can avoid mischaracterizations of Jews and Judaism in our interpretation of Scripture, which in turn will help us to define our own Christian identity in relation to Israel without falling into interpretations that have sometimes been tainted more by anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism than the reality of the first-century context. Starting on Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 pm in the Family Room.

¹¹**REDUCING THE RISK** – Greetings lay leadership team for children and youth ministries at BSBC! Your Education Committee invites you to attend our "Reducing the Risk" training event which will be held on **Sunday, February 10, Noon - 1:30 pm** in KidzTown. This training is required for all those who work in ministry with children and youth (0 - 18 years). It is being offered to those who are 13 years of age and older. If you have not taken the training PLEASE make every effort to be with us on February 10. The training will ensure that you know the policies and procedures that BSBC has in place to protect members of the vulnerable sector; and to protect you as you work with this group in ministry. We see this as an essential part of ministry preparation at BSBC. Our presenter will be Anna Marie Colpitts who is a Social Worker with the Department of Education. At this time we will be able to provide you the paperwork so you can apply for a police/vulnerable sector check that we also require for participation in ministry. Have you taken "Reducing the Risk"? Why not join us on February 10 for a refresher. A light lunch will be served. Please reply to me with any questions you may have AND to make your reservation to attend. Thank you for making this additional sacrifice for effective and safe ministry at BSBC. *Pastor Greg (greg@bsbc.nb.ca/458-8348)*

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for our senior friends not always able to be with us... Joyce Dawson, Everett Dunfield, Eileen Ferris, Evelyn Ginson, Mae Green, Betty Haines

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ROSE BOWL ON THE PULPIT welcomes Anna Bell Reid to the family of Ryan Reid, Ali Crandlemire, and big brothers Alex and Jack Reid on Friday, January 4, 2019.

THANK YOU – We want to thank you for all your kind words and prayers following the death of Toon's mom on December 17th. In her words "I had a beautiful life, it was good so" (meaning it was sufficient/complete). Toon is very grateful he could be with his family (with last-minute travel during this busy time) and then spend a week with his dad afterward. *Toon & Shelley Pronk*

PLEASE NOTE that all announcements for the Banner are to be submitted by noon on the Wednesday before. Thank you for your cooperation.



AFTER SERVICE COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – Are you a regular attender at the post-service fellowship time? Please consider taking a turn making/serving the coffee and juice! A sign-up sheet is posted on the church office window. During the week you can contact Janet in the church office (458-8348, receptionist@bsbc.nb.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!

CUSTODIAL UPDATE – We ask the congregation to be in prayer for our custodian, Ashley Swim as he is on medical leave until the first of March. We are grateful to Lisa Stewart who will cover Ashley's responsibilities in the interim.
Your Board of Management

REFRESH WORKING GROUP NOTICE – Thank you to all the participants who were able to attend the stakeholder meetings for preschool, elementary and high school parents with the Refresh Working Group. We are so grateful for your time and input. The input we are gaining from these meetings is invaluable and getting many viewpoints is very important to us. Below are the upcoming meetings of the Refresh Working Group...

Young Adults – Sunday, January 20, 7:00pm

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School Teachers – Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 pm

Middle School Youth – Friday, January 25, 8:00 pm

“All Comers” – Anyone Interested in Providing Input and Not Involved in Other Stakeholder Meetings
– Wednesday, January 30, 6:30pm

High School Youth – Friday, February 8, 8:00 pm

Staff Ministry Coordinators – Date Unconfirmed

College & Career Fireside Hosts – Date Unconfirmed

Meeting with Pastoral Staff – Date Unconfirmed

Please support us in gathering your opinions and insights as we seek to strengthen and refresh our children, youth and young adult ministry.

WINTER APPAREL DRIVE – Our friends at the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre have asked for help in collecting gently used winter apparel for children, youth and adults. The population they serve are in need of warm outerwear. There is a great need for men's and women's large and extra-large winter coats and winter boots. There is a receptacle in the Connections Centre where donations can be left. Your Social Action Team will be collecting and delivering these gifts on a weekly basis. Please be sure to launder or dry clean your offerings if they are in need of cleaning as we want to offer the best we have for the use of our partners at the Clinic. Thank you for caring.

GHLC LADIES RETREAT – February 1-3 at Green Hill Lake Camp! Come experience a relaxing and spiritually nourishing event where you'll be reminded of God's faithfulness and the power of connecting with other women. Carol Reimer will be leading one of the sessions under the weekend theme of "Peace in the Chaos". We will have the opportunity to share with each other and with our Lord. You'll leave with a fresh experience in community that will grow your faith throughout the months to come. You can register at <http://www.greenhill.ca/wwr/> and contact Alyse Wilton at alyse.wilton@gmail.com with any questions."

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT STORMS? Just a friendly reminder that if the weather turns wild you can find out about cancellation of church services and ministries in three ways: (1) call the church office (458-8348) and listen to the recorded message on the main greeting or on the storm cancellation extension; (2) check our Facebook page (Brunswick Street Baptist Church) or the website (www.bsbc.nb.ca); and (3) listen to local radio station cancellation updates. Decisions about cancelling morning or afternoon services/ministries are made by 7 am; cancellations for evening services/ministries are made by 3 pm. Please remember that if school is cancelled this DOES NOT necessarily mean that church ministries are cancelled. In any event, we always advise caution when making a personal decision about coming to services/ministries in bad weather. Always be safe!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLANNING MEETING – The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having a World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 28 at 10 am at Christ Church Parish Church (Wheelchair Accessible). The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia. Women of all denominations are encouraged to come plan for the World Day of Prayer held on March 1. On that day we will join with 170 countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – Morning Gate Church invites you to a women's retreat, *Into His Marvellous Light* this Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Come and bring a friend as we learn from Sue Lambropolous about Turning Winters into Wonderlands. Registration Forms are available at the Morning Gate church office or www.morninggate.ca.