

Miscellaneous:



LIFE LESSON NOTES

LEAD TEAM MINISTRY UPDATE

With recent and rapid changes to the health orders, we have struggled to remain current in adapting our procedures at FABC. To clarify these requirements, we ask that everyone over the age of five wear a mask at all times while in the building and that family units maintain their distance from others as much as possible. We have also designated the stage as a non-public area, meaning that only service leaders are allowed to access this space. We did this to help our worship teams and pastors, so that they can remove their masks while singing or speaking without breaching health orders.

Like us, we know that everyone is tired of the restrictions and even the conversations about the pandemic. Each of us will see these challenges differently and we may disagree with one another, but we ask that you be gracious and to value others above yourselves. Like Christ, we encourage you to take the form of a servant, because in this singular purpose we can be like-minded and unified in spirit.

As always, we appreciate your prayers as we continue to navigate these challenges. If you have any questions, please contact a Lead Team member.

Lead Team

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

"The Niverville YFC is hosting a digital banquet this year. While normally we love hosting an in-person banquet every Christmas as our annual fundraiser, we are getting creative again this Christmas with a free of charge, delivered-to-your-door digital banquet package! It comes with a DVD copy of our banquet (or a link if you prefer), as well as a selection of baked Christmas goodies that you get to choose from. It will be delivered on December 11. If you're interested in taking part, you can contact us at

1-204-371-6145 or at

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Thank you for your support.

FOURTH AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

exists to

EXALT Jesus;

ENCOURAGE & EQUIP his people;

EXPRESS the love of Jesus to the community.

WELCOME

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Worship Service 10:40 am

SINGING – Bryan & Team

LIFE LESSON – Pastor Abe

The Gifts of Christmas

**Reconciliation*

Visiting with us today? If you are new to FABC, we encourage you to fill out the communications card found in the pews. This helps us to get acquainted. Please place the completed card in the offering plate or bring it to the office. We would like to communicate with you about our church family.

Next Sunday: December 12

- ~ All are invited to worship together (mandatory wearing of masks & practising physical distancing) with overflow seating in the lower level.
- ~ Adventure Kids & Adult classes @ 9:30
- ~ Pastor Jason will be bringing our Life Lesson
- ~ Kids Korner —Jackie, Chelsea & Rheanna

Upcoming Events:

- Today**—Last Sunday to give towards the Giving Tree
- Today**—Please sign-up to be a Prayer Buddy
- December 7**—Lead Team Ministry Meeting
- December 8**—Senior's Christmas Coffee 2pm
- December 1**—Jr. Youth Meeting
- December 3**—Sr. Youth Meeting
- December 19**—Children's Christmas Program—you must pre-register for this service
- December 20**—Trustees Ministry Team Meeting

Stewardship Report—November 28

- Weekly donation required –**
- Last week's donations received –**
- Year-to-date donations required –**
- Year-to-date donations received –**

***A reminder that we have Electronic Tithing options available. Ask Kathy for more details if interested.**

Ministries supported by FABC through the treasury include: **MULTIPLY**, Niv Youth for Christ, **TeachBeyond** (John & Gabi Hiebert, Joseph & Pearl Lee), Niv Helping Hands, **"Square One World Media"**, and **Canadian & Provincial Conference Ministries.**

Care Corner:

In Care Home: Elvera Adrian, Bert & Helen Penner, Susan Lumley, Jake Falk



~ **Continue to pray for the Lee family** as they are separated while Joseph & Pearl are in Korea receiving treatment For Joseph. Pray for both Joy & Solee who have Pearl's mom staying with them and that the doctors/physiotherapists will know the best treatment for Joseph.



Thoughts from today's life lesson... 1 John 4:7-12

The relationships that God the Father longed to have with His created children had been severed and was in desperate need of rescue. Instead of waiting on the world's people to change, God took the steps of love to make things right with them and invite His children into a renewed relationship by sending His Son to provide the way home to Him.

The Jesus Focused Life...

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

How was God's love displayed and made known to us? Through the death through which Jesus paid, and in return, the life that was given to us. His atoning death has led to the forgiveness of our sin. But what makes that love so grand and almost baffling? It's that God is not obligated to send Jesus for the forgiveness of sin, he doesn't *have to* do it, but he does willingly. He takes the initiative and loves first, even if it is for a people that do not—and may not—love him back..

God's love does not act passively in us. It drives us, it transforms, and it changes us. With a better understanding of how God takes initiative in his love, how can we, today, take initiative in our love? What does it look like to take initiative to love a *friend in a mental health crisis*? A *hard-to-talk-to neighbour*? A *family member with different political views*? Maybe it's something small, like asking and then *listening well* to how someone's been doing. Or maybe it's something a bit bigger, like apologizing to a brother or sister, asking for *forgiveness for our mistakes*.

To read the whole article please go to—<https://p2c.com/students/articles/we-love-because-god-first-loved-us-1-john-47-21/>