

Prairie District PROFILE

Fall 2014

Is the world in a big enough mess for you right now? On the world news, they highlighted the world hot spots, and there were so many that I could not look at them all before they went on to the next breaking news story.



*Superintendent
Tim & Lynn Seim*

It brought the question to my mind, "What are we to do in this mess?" As it turned out, the next day my personal Bible reading was in Matthew 24. Take time to read it yourself this week. Forget about all the theological differences coming from these verses and just hear the Lord's words of strength to us in troubling times.

I still believe in the Lord's personal return as predicted in Scripture. I am not as dogmatic about some of the details as I was in 1972 when I was starting my ministry journey. *The Late Great Planet Earth* probably gave me all the answers at that time. Somehow the Lord never read the book and missed His appearance!

There are, however, several attitudes listed in Matthew 24 that still serve me well while I wait:

- The attitude of **humility** (vv 36, 42). I am okay with "no one knows the day or hour." He is God, I am not. He will come back.
- The attitude of **alertness** (vv 37-41). Just because we do not know when does not mean we should get lazy and stop being alert, staying on the watch. He will come.
- The attitude of **readiness** (vv 43-44). No matter how long we wait, there must be a renewed, constant sense of being ready in life and heart. "So you also must be ready..." (v 44a). He will return.
- The attitude of **faithfulness** (vv 45-51). We are to be found "doing (serving Christ) so when He returns." Stay by the stuff of God's work while we are waiting. Jesus is coming. You can count on it!

The Lord leaves His people on earth to stay active until He returns. I have always lived by the philosophy that when the Lord is finished with me, He will let me know.

Blessings and expectancy while you wait,

Tim Seim

DISTRICT NEWS

Calgary Chinese EFC

Ben Yee and his wife, Caroline, have been called to serve the English ministry of Calgary Chinese EFC. They have three children at home. Ben comes to the church having served various other denominations in pastoral work. Welcome to the Yee family!



Foremost EFC

Pastor Brian and Colleen Corr have recently resigned. Pray for the Corrs as they seek God's "next" for their lives, and also for the church family in Foremost as they seek God's direction.

EFC of Lethbridge

Warnesia Travasso finished in July as director of children's ministries, and Amy Vetter has been hired to fill this role. Amy grew up in Saskatchewan and completed a B.A. Family Ministry at Briercrest College. Amy and her husband, Caleb, have two toddlers, Hudson and Gabriel.

Okotoks EFC

Chris Young has accepted an interim role as director of children's ministries. Originally from Ontario, Chris has lived in Okotoks for 10 years and recently graduated from Ambrose University with a BMin degree in youth ministry.



DATES TO NOTE	October 2	Southern Alberta Regional Ministerial at Taber EFC
	October 7-10	Exponential Evangelism Conference , Los Angeles, CA Contact charlieworley@gmail.com
	October	Rural Church Pastor's Network (various locations/dates) "Making the Rest of Your Life" www.ruralchurchpastorsnetwork.com
	October 17-19	Prairie District Conference in Osler, SK "Following Jesus: Walking into Risk and Anxiety" with Dr. Ken Thiessen
	October 24-26 March 15-17	Youth Edge 2014 at Millar College millarcollege.ca Prairie District Staff/Spouse Retreat Cypress Hills, SK

Financial Update

The Prairie District year-end for giving is September 30, 2014. Your gift today will ensure we reach our equal shares budget. Thank you to all who have so faithfully stood with us in this year. Send all gifts to our financial secretary: **Yvonne Ling** yvonne.ling@shaw.ca

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