

Save the Date

June 23-25, 2017



The longest serving Evangelical Free Church in Canada is celebrating one hundred years of ministry!

The Evangelical Free Church of Enchant invites you to join them as they give glory to God for the lives that have been impacted in their community, across Canada, and around the world.

More details to follow.

Pastor Appreciation

The month of October was Pastor Appreciation Month, but it's never too late to send your pastor a note, gift card or small gift to say "thanks" for their ministry to you and your family.

Financial Update

October 1, 2015—September 30, 2016

Equal Shares Budget \$123,300.00
Equal Shares Giving \$106,830.38
Below budget \$ 16,169.62

Equal Shares for the district are \$5 per attendee per month (\$60 per attendee per year)

Send all gifts to financial secretary

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Send your ministry staff to Cypress Hills



to the annual

Prairie District Staff & Spouse Retreat

at The Resort at Cypress Hills
in southwest SK
February 26-28

These days away to rest and reflect in a peaceful setting with other pastoral staff from across the district will have a lasting impact in the life, health and ministry of those who serve your church!

Registration information will be sent to your pastoral staff soon.

Pray for Pastoral Searches

Saskatchewan

- Big River
- Buffalo Narrows
- Meadow Lake
- Osler

Alberta

- Compass Fellowship—Crowsnest Pass
- Enchant
- Foremost
- Orion

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PRAIRIE PROFILE

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Serving Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta



Fall 2016

Superintendent Rob & Cherise Cave

My dad farmed in Saskatchewan for over 60 years. He loved farming. He loved working the land. He loved raising cattle, hogs, chickens, turkey, geese, ducks—anything you could find on a farm, we had on our farm. In fact, he loved farming so much that when he took holidays it was on his tractor, in the field. There was no distinction between his work and his relaxation.

The trouble with my dad's enthusiasm for farming wasn't the enjoyment he found in it. It was that there were times when farming drove him—it worked him over. He became a driven man, unable to separate who he was from what he did. Now don't get me wrong, he did rest. He napped every day for 20 minutes, laying on the carpet in the living room. And in his seventies he and mom would travel to BC to visit with us for several days. So he did physically leave the farm, but I'm not sure that the farm ever left him.

Over the years I have seen people in the workforce and in ministry have difficulty separating themselves from their work. It might even be work they really enjoy. But at some point, if they don't separate from it or rest from it, it will work them over and wear them down. In his book, *The Rest of God*, author Mark Buchanan describes the Sabbath as a day that prepares us for a time that "we can anticipate, but can't predict, when the world as we know it will fall to pieces. It slows us down enough to notice what truly matters" (p.59).

The Sabbath rest was mandated by God so that we would practice trusting Him, practice reflecting on His goodness and grace, on His ability to care for and provide what we needed, but not always what we wanted. The question is, what is it that we really

need? In the midst of this busy world filled with all kinds of good things to do, let's remember that God didn't just create time for work. He also created time for rest, a rest that's found in Him. Be diligent in practicing a Sabbath rest—it will deepen your trust in God, remind you that God is and always will be in control, and that—at the end of the day—you need Him more than He needs you.

Conference Highlights

Our 2016 District Conference was encouraging as we reconnected with ministry leaders, pastors, old friends and new; inspiring as we heard how God has been working in our churches; and challenging as Dan Nicholson focused our thoughts on Ephesians 3 and God's plan to bring us together, united under the mercy of Christ, so that we might serve the cause of Christ in the world.

A big thank you to Brooks EFC who hosted us so well! Seventy-six registrants from 25 (out of 38) churches attended and enjoyed great hospitality!

God is moving in the lives of

people:

- Glenn Gerbrandt told story after story of young men and women in Lashburn giving their lives to Christ and being baptized.
- Ian Lawson and Jeremy Light from Lethbridge spoke of God changing

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DISTRICT NEWS

Crowsnest Pass

Jason and Amy Easterbrook have resigned after 6 years of service and will be praying for God's leading in the days ahead.

Osler

Following 15 years of ministry, Nick and Elaine Kimpinski have resigned. Pray for their family as they seek God's direction for the future.

Lethbridge



Myron Krause is the new director of community engagement. He has served as managing director at the Mustard Seed and chaplain at Lethbridge Correctional Centre. Myron and his wife, Polly, have three teen children.

Levi Fraser began in August as director of youth ministry. Both Levi and his wife, Jordana, are graduates of Briercrest College, where Levi served as residence director for the past two years.



Pam Ukrainetz is the director of care ministries at the EFC of Lethbridge. She holds a BSc in nursing, is married to Owen, and they have three older children.

Glenda Postman is the new director of women's discipleship, providing leadership to Bible studies, mother's groups and women's events. She and her husband, Keanan, have two adult children.



Champion

Ralph and Glenda Light are serving in an interim capacity at the EFC of Champion.

Three Hills



Murray Horton began August 9 as community life pastor. He and his wife, Maureen, served with Christar in Albania for seven years. They have three daughters, a son-in-law and one grandson.

Vauxhall

Richard and Janet Friedt are the new pastoral couple at Bethel EFC. Originally from Saskatchewan, they most recently served at College Heights Baptist Church in Prince George, BC. They have three married children.



Big River

Kevin and Karla Roberts have announced their resignation effective October 31, following 6 years of ministry in Big River. They have accepted a call to Fort Macleod Alliance Church in Alberta.

Enchant

Thirty-one years ago, Jeff and Sandra Frostad accepted the role of pastor in Enchant. In mid-November, they will conclude their ministry. Pray for the church and the Frostads as they transition and seek God's will going forward.

Bow Island

George Mills has been called as lead pastor of Bow Island EFC, beginning in December. For the past 11 years, George and his wife, Tara, have served the EFC congregations of Orion and Etzikom. Pray for the Mills family and the churches involved in this transition.



Thank you to the Prairie District board and churches for the gracious gift of travel to the Maritimes on the occasion of our retirement. We completed our trip in September and it was a great time to discover the history of Canada. The picture is on day one in Peggy's Cove as we began our trip through the Atlantic Provinces. Thank you for the privilege of serving the Lord with you, and thanks for your kindness to us now and over the years.

Tim and Lynn Seim

Conference Highlights...continued

- the hearts of people and bringing them to faith in Christ – people from very different religious backgrounds.
- Dean Eisner shared the nuts and bolts of transitional ministry and how that ministry can be a huge benefit for churches in-between pastors.
- Jaime Cisterna told the story of how God brought together First Free in Calgary and the Brazilian church he pastors and how God gave them a unified vision to dream of how they can reach more people in the city of Calgary for Christ.

Praise God for the continued growth of the Prairie District Trust Foundation, allowing us to assist churches in building facilities and making needed renovations. Your investment in the Trust Foundation is also assisting new church starts in the district, as a percentage of interest coming back from mortgage payments is being used to build new ministry works through church planting.

We thank God for the leaders on the District Board who have served you and Christ well through another year:

- Dave Acree (chair) EFC of Lethbridge
- Harry Unger (vice chair) Taber EFC
- Kevin Roberts (secretary) EFC of Big River
- Doug Munton (treasurer) EFC of Lethbridge
- Tony Wong, South Calgary Chinese EFC
- Dave Bustin, Okotoks EFC
- Matt Round, EFC of Medicine Hat
- Wayne Josefson, EFC of Regina
- Nick Kimpinski, Osler EFC
- Chad Graham, GraceLife EFC, Calgary
- Larry Walker, Lashburn EFC

Thank you to Nick, Chad and Kevin who have stepped off the board and to Tony who will wrap up at the end of December in order to continue doctoral studies. Welcome to new members of the Board: George Mills (Orion EFC) and Bill Klumpenhower (Mont Nebo EFC).

A special thank you to Tracy Morris who administrates so many of the details that allow pastors and ministry leaders in the district to maintain their focus on ministry; to our financial secretary, Rachel Hawthorn, for her work to help keep our finances orderly; and to Doug Munton and his team in Lethbridge who do so much behind the scenes.