

Prairie District PROFILE

Spring 2014

When I was a young pastor in the work of the church, I remember sharing my woes one day with a mentor. I will never forget his over-simplification of the church. "Tim," he said, "when it comes to the church there are *helpers* and there are *hinderers*." Can it truly be that simple?

The aged Apostle John wrote a similar message in the epistle of III John. In fact, John names names! Take time to read and meditate over his words.



*Superintendent
Tim & Lynn Seim*

Gaius the helper (vv 1-8)

- He was faithful to Paul
- He was faithful to the truth and lived it
- He was faithful to others and practiced hospitality
- He was loving
- He was a good fellow worker

Diotrephes the hinderer (vv 9-11)

- He loved pre-eminence, to be first
- He was exclusive
- He was disrespectful of others
- He was not loving
- He was a gossip
- He was aggressive in opposition
- He was a controlling worker

Demetrius the helper (vv 11-15)

- He was well-spoken of by others; respected
- He knew the truth and lived it out
- He was a respected worker in the church

John's third epistle is worth another read. Where do you see yourself in God's work we call the church? Are you a helper or a hinderer? Where do others see you in the church? May the tribe of helpers increase!

Tim Seim

"We are only too busy for that which is unimportant to us."
- Doug Koop

Resurrection Sunday is Coming—Don't Miss It!

John and Peter run to the tomb on Easter morning to find it empty. John says, "Jesus is gone!" But Peter replies, "No, He's back!" Back indeed! (from *Son of God* movie)

Search Committee Update

Continue to pray for the Search Committee as they seek God's replacement for Superintendent Tim. The committee has asked for names of possible candidates from several sources and have sought out the interest level of those candidates. They are now in the process of receiving and considering resumes. Pray for God's wisdom and leading.

*Dave Acree
Chair, Search Committee*

DISTRICT NEWS

Northeast Calgary Chinese EFC

Summy Cheng has accepted the call to pastor. Originally from Hong Kong, he came to Canada in 1972 to study mechanical engineering. He worked in the oil and gas industry for 35 years. In April, he will receive a Master's Degree in Leadership & Ministries from Ambrose Seminary. Summy is married to Ivy Wong and they have three adult children.



New Location for Grace (Calgary)

Pray for Grace EFC as they walk through their five year re-visioning of ministry resulting in a move to a new community centre (Auburn Bay in SE Calgary).

District Retreat

Our annual Staff/Spouse Retreat at Cypress Hills was a time of great fellowship, networking and encouragement. Dave and Julie Acree from Lethbridge spent time sharing their lives and God's Word around the theme of *Resilient Living*.



DATES TO NOTE

- April 6** EFCC Home Office Sunday. Pray and give. www.efcc.ca
- May 3-7** E4H (Equip For Harvest) EFCC training for starting new churches and for preparing churches for next generation leadership. Register today: www.efcc.ca
- May 29-30** Prairie District Board meeting @ Saskatoon EFC
- June 2** Saskatchewan Ministerial in Saskatoon
- August 7-10** EFCC Conference in Winnipeg. Registration available soon.

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