

# Prairie District PROFILE

Summer 2014

I have had the privilege of being redeemed into Christ's church for 52 years. I have had the privilege to serve Christ's church in vocational ministry with the EFCC for 44 years. No wonder I feel tired some days!

The church is founded on the Lord Jesus Christ and is called into being by the Spirit of Christ. The church must, therefore, be like Christ, possessing at least some of His characteristics and desires for the church.

Last summer I read Michael Cassidy's book, *The Church Jesus Prayed For*. Cassidy walks through Jesus' prayer in John 17 as He prays for us and His church. Cassidy identifies 10 marks of the church that are worth your contemplation.

1. **Truth** (John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.") Coherence with the relational and factual realities of God and His Word.
2. **Holiness** (John 17:17 "Sanctify (set apart for holiness) them.") Our human character conforming in measure to the divine.
3. **Joy** (John 17:13; John 15:11 "So that they may have the full measure of My joy within them.") Joy as being Jesus Himself and given from His heart to those who love Him.
4. **Protection** (John 17:15 "Protect them from the evil one.") Deliverance from both the power of evil and the ways of the world.
5. **Mission** (John 17:15 "As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world.") Carrying out our labour in the manner in which Jesus fulfilled His own.
6. **Prayerfulness** (John 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone; I pray also for those who will believe in Me...") A constant communication with and dependence on the Father as modeled by Jesus.
7. **Unity** (John 17:11 "so that they may be one as We are one.") Unity as exists within the Trinity and to be striven for and maintained by Jesus' disciples.
8. **Love** (John 17:26 "in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.") The active bonding between the persons of the Trinity will be the supreme requirement of His disciples.
9. **Power** (John 17:26 "and that I Myself may be in them.") Power as released in us by the Son through the Holy Spirit.
10. **Glorify** (John 17:1, 5 "Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son might glorify You.") Glory as reflective of the radiant character and multi-coloured dimensions of God shining through.



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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Quill Lake, SK

Ernie and Priscilla Budd have announced their resignation and will retire to Regina later this summer. The Budds have served in Quill Lake for nearly 14 years and previously in Meeting Creek, AB and Castlegar, BC with the EFCC. Ernie and Priscilla have served well over their lifetime and have finished well. God's blessings to these friends. Pray for the Quill Lake church as they seek God's direction for the ministry.

### Buffalo Narrows, SK

Steve and Cheryl Flippin have resigned as pastor in Buffalo Narrows. They have served faithfully in the church and community for seven years. They will take a pastorate in Saskatoon with the Fellowship Baptist. We wish God's continued blessing on the Flippin family in their move and praise the Lord for their work with the church in Buffalo Narrows.



Tony and Jeanne Kusch have been called by the Buffalo Narrows church to serve as bi-vocational pastor. Tony came to Christ under Steve Flippin's ministry and has been discipled for this role. The Kusch family includes three children.

### Okotoks, AB

Lori Hafermehl has resigned after serving as director of children's ministries for four years. Lori has done a good and faithful ministry with children and parents at Okotoks EFC and we wish Lori God's best in her new paths of service.

## DATES TO NOTE

- August 7-9** EFCC Conference in Winnipeg "Amplify" [www.efcc.ca](http://www.efcc.ca)
- September 26-28** Identity X Youth Conference "Who Am I?" A ministry of the Lethbridge EFC youth team, with Michael Larson, Jared Hall, Andy Harrington, R2DJ and Refined/Undignified [www.identityyouthconference.ca](http://www.identityyouthconference.ca)
- October 17-19** Prairie District Conference in Osler, SK "Following Jesus: Walking into Risk and Anxiety" with Dr. Ken Thiessen

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## Call to Prayer

Our EFCC school, Trinity Western University, has been again drawn into a legal battle over the right to hold biblical standards and be able to start a program to prepare lawyers for the marketplace. Will you secure the three-minute video from TWU President Dr. Bob Kuhn and answer his call to pray? Show the video in a service, hold a special prayer time, then let Dr. Kuhn know you are praying.

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