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Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

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Superintendent Rob & Cherise Cave

Revitalize – it’s our theme for this year. Individually and collectively, we in the Evangelical Free Church recognize our need for the Lord to renew our hearts so that we become a gospel-sharing people again. Our coming to faith hinged on someone, at some point in time, sharing the good news of Jesus with us.

In the book *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community*, we are told that “the gospel is a word; so the church must be word-centered.” The gospel is the most amazing, life-transforming message that this world has ever and will ever encounter. Jesus’ death paid for our sin-debt against a holy God. And when we confess our sins, repent and accept His death as payment for our sins, we are able to enter into relationship with God – free from the condemning power and penalty of sin. Jesus gives us His righteousness and takes our sins – what an amazing, God-ordained transaction! We are free to enjoy God and one another in ways that we never could have before!

Our North American culture needs that message. We are blind to our soul-sickness and to the reality of God’s provision, granted to us in the person of Jesus. But the message is not all our culture needs.

Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, authors of *Total Church*, go on to add that the gospel is also “a missionary word; so the church must be mission-

centered”(p.32). And again, we know this! But the challenge is that it’s easier for us to be recipients of the good news than proclaimers of it. We are gospel gluttons, forever receiving more of that good news, longing for greater and greater blessings to flow into us, but seemingly unwilling to release that message to a Jesus-starved culture.

Chester and Timmis tell this story: “A woman once told me about the difficulties she faced as a Brit fitting into American culture. One of her struggles was with people who said, ‘let’s do lunch.’ She expected them to phone and arrange a date. They never did. ‘Let’s do lunch’ was just an idiomatic way of saying farewell. We all say, ‘let’s do mission’ but does it carry any more intent than ‘let’s do lunch?’”

If we truly want to experience revitalization and become who God, through Christ, enables us to be, then the gospel message and gospel mission need to become one again. If we take up the call of Christ to go into all the world *with* the gospel, where would we be willing to go? To work? To the gym? To lunch?

Let’s pray together that the Holy Spirit would refresh us all with His strength, His courage and His resolve to make known the good news of Jesus, wherever we are and wherever we go – for God’s glory, our good and the world’s need.

Celebrating 100 years!

June 24-25, 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.

Saturday, June 24
Roast Beef Dinner @ 5:30pm
Register by calling Abbey
403-792-3908

Sunday, June 25
Pancake Breakfast, Worship Service, and Lunch

Pray for Pastoral Searches

Saskatchewan

Buffalo Narrows; Meadow Lake; Osler

Alberta

Delia Christian Fellowship; Enchant

Financial Update

October 1, 2016—May 30, 2017

Equal Shares Budget \$82,200.00

Equal Shares Giving **\$78,271.27**

Below budget -\$ 3,928.73

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

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DISTRICT NEWS

Calgary Chinese EFC

Eileen Wu-Wong worked for four years in full-time ministry before studying at Ambrose Seminary in Calgary. Upon graduating in 2016, she became an interim pastor at Calgary Chinese EFC. Her role as Mandarin pastor became permanent in April 2017. Eileen and her husband, Howard, have two daughters.



Lethbridge

Rosie Fraser began on April 17 as director of pre-school ministries. Rosie grew up in Enchant and spent many summers at Southern Alberta Bible Camp. She studied at Prairie Bible



College and Lethbridge College. Rosie and her husband, Sheldon, have a two-year-old son.

Pastor’s Orientation

Twenty-six pastors and ministry staff from Prairie District churches attended a pastor’s orientation at the EFC of Lethbridge on May 15. This one-day seminar is a requirement for EFCC credentialing and is presented by EFCC Home Office personnel and district staff.

Prairie District Conference
October 13-15, 2017
EFC of Medicine Hat
Guest Speaker: Bill Taylor,
EFCC Executive Director

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