



Evangelical Free Church of Canada

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strengthening pastors encouraging leaders developing churches



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investing

In Matthew 25:14, Jesus begins telling His followers a story about a man who went on a journey. Before the man left, he gave three of his servants significant portions of his wealth to invest. The first received five talents, the second two and the third servant received one talent. A talent was worth approximately 20 years wages. The man was very wealthy.

The servant who received the five talents invested it well, and it doubled in value. The second servant, likewise, doubled the value of his master's income. The third, however, buried what he had been given because he knew the master to be a hard man, reaping where he did not sow and gathering where he scattered no seed. He was afraid and hid what had been given him in the ground. When the master returned, the servant simply gave back what had been given him. There was no increase to offer the master—no further investment—no additional value or benefit.

The master's evaluation of the third servant's investment strategy was "You wicked and slothful servant!"

The parable reveals a gracious master who gives his servants opportunities to invest what he has given them. What they have isn't theirs, it's his—granted to them for a time for the purpose of investment, so that the return yields an increase. Those who invest his resources, granted to them, will be granted greater responsibility and the joy of their master.

What has God granted you to use for His glory and the advancement and growth of His Kingdom? What is your investment strategy? Is it a shovel? Have you buried what He has given you? Have you been afraid to step out and risk investing what He has invested in you? Have you used it for your purposes? How much increased Kingdom growth and responsibility and joy do we leave on the table simply because we're afraid or lazy? 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (or fear, or cowardice), but of power and love and discipline."

Who's going to do what God wants done? If it's not you, then who?

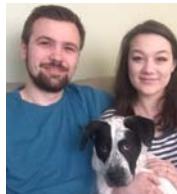
coming up

May 24-26 Prairie District Board meeting at EFC of Meadow Lake
 August 9-11 EFCC Conference at EFC of Lethbridge
 October 12-13 Prairie District Conference at First Free, Calgary

pastoral searches

Saskatchewan	Buffalo Narrows Good Shepherd (Cut Knife) Manitou (Neilburg)
Alberta	Delta Christian Fellowship Lethbridge Mount Olive (Three Hills) -worship pastor-

district news



Big River

Landon Schubert began his role as pastor at Big River EFC in early February. He studied at Briercrest and graduated from Nipawin Bible College. Last year he was a student pastor at Crossroads Bible Church in Spalding, SK. Landon has been married to Rachel since June 2017!



Calgary Chinese

Lorne Trudgian is excited to give leadership to a young, growing English-speaking Chinese congregation as the new English ministry pastor. Educated at London Baptist Bible College & Seminary (now Heritage), Lorne and his wife, Cindy, have served in various Baptist churches in Ontario and Alberta since 1978. They have three daughters and six grandchildren, and they love to hike and travel.



Cut Knife

Scott and Shannon Crawford have faithfully served Good Shepherd Community Church since 2015. They are preparing to move to Ukraine as full-time missionaries with EFCCM to work with Hope For Each.

Enchant

Wes Duerksen is the new pastor at the EFC of Enchant. He and his wife, Gayle, most recently served at a rural church in the county of Leduc. They have three young adult children.



Meadow Lake

Curtis Klassen began as senior pastor on May 1. He graduated from Millar College of the Bible, served at two AGC churches (in MB and SK) and is happy to return to ministry after six years owning an appliance repair business. Curtis and his wife, Carrie, have three children.



Osler

Michael White began as pastor of Osler Community Church on January 1. A graduate of Millar College of the Bible, Michael has pastored a rural church in southeast SK for over five years. Michael and his wife, Criston, have three children, and Michael enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle.



Taber

Keith and Lisa Boschman moved from Vancouver, BC to begin as Taber's new lead pastor on April 1. Keith has degrees from Briercrest College and Taylor Seminary and has served in full-time ministry for more than 15 years. The Boschman family includes five children between six and 17 years old. They all look forward to joining the Taber community in life and ministry.

Prairie District Staff/Spouse Retreat

Two dozen people gathered for two days in early March to be encouraged and recharged for ministry at the beautiful and relaxing Resort at Cypress Hills.



finances

August 2017—April 2018

Equal Shares Budget \$92,475.00
 Equal Shares Giving \$93,876.94
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