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where is your fire?

In Exodus 3 God starts a fire burning in the wilderness. It's the smallest, most insignificant bush fire in history, except for this one thing. It refuses to go out. It burns and burns and burns. The intention of the fire is to get Moses' attention. For years, Moses had spent the best of his days attending to sheep. That's what he did—he was a shepherd. It wasn't an unimportant job, but it wasn't everything God had in mind for Moses.

When God wants something done in the world, He builds a fire that captivates our attention so that we'll give ourselves to the pursuit of that which is already a passion of His.

The burning bush was God's invitation to Moses to be moved by what moved Him. God was aware of the suffering of His people. He wanted Moses to share in His desire—to see His people set free from their suffering and oppression (Exodus 3:7-8).

The sad truth isn't that God has stopped building fires of passion and desire within His people—passion and desire to express the heart of Jesus in this world, to serve the poor and to proclaim hope and healing to the broken. The sad truth is that many followers of Jesus have turned away from the fire of God that He birthed in them, to be about His work while living in the world.

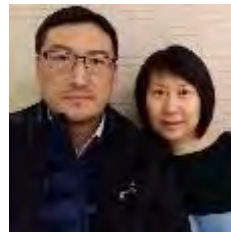
God commanded Moses to remove his sandals when he approached the fire. Why? Because

God is a consuming, holy fire—and where the fire of God is, the consuming, holy presence of God is. The fire that God has birthed in you is an indication of His holy, consuming nature. That fire is unlike any other fire. It burns continually. It is God's desire to see His world be what He created it to be. It is His desire to see His people be who He created them to be—His ambassadors in the world. And even if you haven't acknowledged the fire He planted in you—to be who He created you to be—even if you've turned away from it, it hasn't gone out; it still burns.

Maybe it's time for you to lift your eyes off of the everyday activities that require your time and energy and attend again to that which is burning in the heart of our God: a desire to set people He created free from the sin that so easily entangles; free from the shame, guilt and condemnation that erodes the hope, faith and joy that is always available to those who know and love and serve a resurrected Saviour.

Where is your fire—the fire God started in you to be who He created you to be? That burning invitation to join Him in fulfilling His purposes in the world is still on the table. How can you join Him in accomplishing His desires in this world, to see the darkness of sin, despair, guilt and shame extinguished?

district news



South Calgary Chinese EFC
Following an internship at SCCEFC, Ken Chan was hired as an assistant pastor (Cantonese) in December. Ken and his wife, Olivia, served with Wycliffe in East Asia for 15 years, and he recently taught at Ambrose University.



Okotoks
The church held a retirement banquet and appreciation in January to celebrate George and Lyn Budd's 26 years of ministry at Okotoks EFC. Through the years George also served on the district and national boards. We wish them God's best in their future endeavours!

Calgary—Korean Open Church

Kwonho Kim and his wife, Sera, and their two children moved to Calgary last July to work as assistant pastor. Kwonho has a Master of Divinity degree from Torch Trinity Graduate University in South Korea, and they served at Global Mission Church in Korea for 10 years.



Saskatoon

Chris Wettstein began as pastor in January, previously serving churches in Winnipeg since 2002. Chris and his wife, Nancy, and their two children (11 and 15), are looking forward to a new baby due in March!



dates to note

2020

- EFCC Conference July 23—25 Coast Hotel, Edmonton AB
- District Conference Oct 16—17 Mt Olive EFC, Three Hills AB

2021

- Staff/Spouse Retreat Feb 28—Mar 2 Resort at Cypress Hills (SK)
- EFCC Theology Conference May 13-14 Okotoks EFC (AB)



Cut Knife
Matthieu Howard began his first pastorate at Good Shepherd Community Church in January. Matt and his wife, Mary, have been married 13 years and have four children (ages 11,

10, 8 and 2). They recently moved from Parksville, BC and Matt has a degree from Peace River Bible Institute.

Meadow Lake

Shane Schiele resigned last summer after ten years as the associate pastor. His faithful service to the church and to the Prairie District Board is appreciated!

Ryan Martin (right) began as the new associate pastor in February. Ryan was a youth pastor for seven years, and he and his wife, Caylyn, have one son.



finances

August 1, 2019—February 29, 2020	
Equal Shares Budget	\$ 72,800.00
Equal Shares Giving	\$ 56,858.39
	<i>Under budget -15,941.61</i>

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

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