

# THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY

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## UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Schedule**—I am back in Smithers now, as we pack up our house and prepare to hand over the keys to the new owners on April 28. We have purchased a home in Okotoks that we plan to move into at the end of June. After EFCC meetings in Langley in early May, I hope to be back in the District on May 7.

**New Ministerials**—stay tuned for upcoming information about special ministerial meetings for youth pastors, children's ministry pastors, and pastors in our Chinese churches!

**Benevolence Fund**—to give to EFCCM work in Ukraine and elsewhere:  
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## WHAT I'M LEARNING...

Our youngest son recently started a new job, working at the McDonald's in Smithers. Last night, after his shift, we were doing our family devotions and we were talking about prayer. We talked about how so often I—and we—treat prayer like we're ordering at a drive-through window. I give my requests (my orders) to God, and then wait for the answers I'm looking for. In fact, I'm guilty of bringing my requests to God and even having the audacity to tell Him **what** to do and **how** to do it!

I'm being convicted and challenged that prayer is less about asking for what I want and more about aligning myself with God's will. Prayer is becoming less "God please do this for me" and more, "Father, what do You want me to learn through this...how do I need to change to become more like Jesus?"

Jesus tells us that we are to pray to our Father, who knows what we need even before we ask. We are His dearly, deeply loved children. Yes, He invites us to bring our requests to Him. But I'm learning that the more I learn about my Father, the more I understand His Word and His heart, the more my prayers change: I want to know Him more and be ever transformed into Christ's likeness.

**"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."**

## CHURCH OF THE WEEK —ELIM EFC, FOSSTON, SK



Here is Pastor Bill Dyck beside the front doors of Elim EFC.

- Please pray for several members of the church who are dealing with long-term health issues.
- Pray that their camp ministry will be positive this post-COVID season.
- Pray for the need for extra staff and a training program for younger camp leadership.
- Bill shares a personal praise item: "My granddaughter graduates with a Christian Ministries degree at Nipawin Bible College this coming Sunday and will be in camp ministry this summer at Torch Trail Bible Camp."

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## QUESTION CORNER

Is your church a  
praying church?