

THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY



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UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Schedule—I plan to be in the District until April 4, then back in Smithers to pack up our house, as it has sold and completes at the end of April.

Benevolence Fund—to give to EFCCM work in Ukraine and elsewhere: www.efccm.ca/wordpress/donate/benevolence-fund/

EFCC Lay Leader Training—March 18-19, 2022 @ Taber EFC. Info and registration: www.efccm.ca/wordpress/lay-leader-training-taber/

Ladies' Retreat @ Southern Alberta Bible Camp, hosted by Cornerstone Community EFC. Guest Speaker is Mandy Santana. April 1-3, 2022. Registration deadline: March 17 efcladiesretreat.wixsite.com/sabc

Oxygen Youth Leaders Conference—April 4-5, 2022 in Banff, AB. Contact josiah@brooksefc.ca for more information.

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During my morning devotions, I've been spending time in Luke. In Luke 12, Jesus is teaching about life and body, money and possessions, and He calls us to not be worried about such things. In verse 32, Jesus reveals the remedy to worry and fear: **"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."**

God our Father loves us, and it gives Him "great happiness" (NLT) to give us the kingdom. Jesus teaches us in the Sermon on the Mount that our Father knows what we need, even before we ask (Matthew 6:8). He gives us what we truly, deeply need and what we desire more than anything (though we often don't realize it). He adopts us as children; we are made new creations in Christ; we are made ambassadors for Jesus; we're given citizenship in Heaven. And what brings me joy—and humbles me to my knees—is that God our Father gives us Himself.

Our Father is pleased to give us, His little flock, the kingdom. And so in light of this truth, Jesus calls us to generously give and share our stuff with others, storing up our treasure in Heaven. Freely we have received, and so freely we give.

CHURCH OF THE WEEK—EFC OF LETHBRIDGE



Here are the Board members of the EFC of Lethbridge. Please pray that the congregation, staff and board will walk through their current transitional phase well.

The church is praising the Lord for a current preaching series on I Corinthians, the outcome of which has been a renewed desire to unify around Christ alone.

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QUESTION CORNER

If someone new came to one of your services, would they be invited by someone for lunch or a coffee?