

Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

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Thoughts from the district guy...

Many pastors and spouses, several individuals, one family and district office staff made their way to the Resort at Cypress Hills for our Prairie District Retreat, March 6-8. For quite a number, this was their first PD Retreat, while for others it was a good time to re-connect!

Interspersed with food, fellowship and free time, we had four sessions together. Sunday night was a time to **Laugh & Learn** as we got to know each other better and cheer on our team competing in Bible Trivia Basketball! Steve Morris was the sharpshooter with the clutch, game-winning shot for his team!

Monday morning we shared in a time of **Lament** as we considered parts of Lamentations and the invitation God gives us to ask the hard questions and pray to Him out of our difficult emotions. Daryl Porter updated us on the situation in Ukraine, and we spent time in prayer for Ukraine and our EFCC missionaries there.

Monday evening we each shared a book or a song that has impacted us this past year. The session's focus was **Listen**, and a highlight was to share together in a time of Communion.

Finally, Tuesday morning we took time to **Look Ahead**, considering how God is leading us and our churches in the days to come.

It was a blessing for me to have my wife, Bonita, able to travel

from BC to join me for the retreat. We also appreciated the times of sharing and small group prayer. We are thankful to the Lord for the godly people who make up this district!

I want to express a deep "thank you" to Tracy and Steve Morris for all their work in making the retreat happen and for making it a real blessing to many! And another "thank you" to Dwight Forseth from Okotoks EFC for leading us in songs of worship!

Another recent event in the district was the Lay Leadership Training that took place at Taber EFC March 18-19. Bill Taylor, Neil Bassingthwaite, and Terry Kaufman from the EFCC Home Office spoke on EFCC History and Ethos, Disciple-Making in our changing culture, and Growing Leaders.

This training is available for your church! Please let me know if you'd like more information or want to host this event in your area.

district finances

August 1, 2021—February 28, 2022

Equal Shares Budget \$72,800
Equal Shares Giving \$70,295
Below budget \$2,505

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

Send all gifts to our financial secretary:

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new address

district news

Cut Knife

Good Shepherd EFC held its final worship service on February 27. The church has items to donate if you know of a church that could use them: wood pulpit, communion table, cross, and offering plates; metal communion plates. Contact gsccl@sasktel.net for more info. Please be in prayer for Pastor Matthieu and Mary Howard as they seek God's direction for future ministry.

First Free—Calgary

Mauricio Rosa received an EFCC ordination certificate on February 6 (pictured with Trevor Brawdy).



Welcome to new staff

Julius Peters grew up attending Saskatoon EFC and began as youth pastor there on September 1, 2021. The EFC of Lethbridge has called Preston Busch as transitional pastor, beginning on April 1, 2022.

Transitions

We are grateful to each of these people for their service to our district churches and wish them God's best in their future endeavours!

- Rosie Fraser, Jared Friesen and Todd De Haan are completing their ministries at EFC of Lethbridge.
- Richard Friedt is retiring this spring as pastor of Bethel EFC in Vauxhall.
- Evans Hundermark is concluding his ministry at Foremost EFC and moving to BC to be the new superintendent for the Lower Pacific District.

District Retreat

For the first time since 2019, the district retreat was held in early March in Saskatchewan. Thirty-four people gathered for a relaxing time to connect, encourage one another, and be refreshed in their personal and ministry lives. Here are some of their comments:

- It was wonderful. I liked the format. Thank you!
- It was a good time in many ways. People meeting people was number one.
- Liked hearing from everyone in the group, questions for everyone to share. Small group prayer was a favourite.
- It was a great time for leaders to connect, listen, encourage, and pray together. Thanks for all your efforts in putting together a wonderful retreat with excellent devotionals and reflections. I'd definitely consider coming again!
- Thank you, we needed this time!
- Thought it was good; would have enjoyed sessions being more "hang out time" connecting with others and a bit more light-hearted; just needed down time.
- I had some reservation about coming because from the past I know this is very much a "couples" retreat. But it was certainly good to interact with fellow pastors and friends.
- It was an excellent time away - really appreciated the fellowship and the encouragement to share personal things. Thank you so much for this refreshing time.
- I would have loved more time together to connect with each other.



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