

# THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY

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## UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### My Schedule—

I am back in the District on May 7.

### New Ministerial Gatherings— contact me for more information!

- Youth Pastors/Workers  
May 25 at Brooks EFC (10AM)
- Children's Ministry Pastors/Workers  
May 25 at Brooks EFC (1PM)
- Pastors of Chinese Churches  
May 26 at South Calgary CEFC  
(10:30AM)

### 2022 Evangelical Free Church of Canada AGM—June 4 (online)

Register soon: <https://www.efccm.ca/wordpress/efcc-virtual-agm-2022/>

**Benevolence Fund**—to give to EFCCM work in Ukraine and elsewhere: [www.efccm.ca/wordpress/donate/benevolence-fund/](http://www.efccm.ca/wordpress/donate/benevolence-fund/)

## WHAT I'M LEARNING...

We've all heard clichés like, "You can't take it with you," and "You never see a U-Haul following the hearse." I know the truth behind these statements, but sometimes the reality becomes more personal.

This last week we finished packing our possessions into boxes and then into a 20ft steel box. Over the last few months, we diligently sold items on Facebook, took multiple trips to the landfill, and gave away a lot to our local hospital thrift store. In many ways, it was so refreshing to reduce and downsize! In the process, I've thought about Jesus' words in Luke 12:15, **"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."**

After the bin was taken away, Bonita and I contemplated what would happen if this box containing over 95% of our possessions happened to be destroyed or stolen. And we concluded, we really don't need those things. Yes, it would be difficult, even heart-breaking, to lose photo albums and other sentimental objects. But in the end, life is so much more than our stuff.

And then I thought about the multitudes of people around the world with so little, so much less. I thought about refugees fleeing home, leaving everything behind them in a race to escape with their lives. I was reminded just how wealthy we are, living where we live and how we live. We are the wealthy in this world, and Paul's words in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 are words for us: **"Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their**

**money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."**

As churches, as families, as individuals, may we be obedient to these words.

## CHURCH OF THE WEEK ORION EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



Here is the stained glass window above the entrance to the sanctuary.

Orion EFC Board Chair, Lee Finstad, shares:

**Praise** Matt Howard has accepted our call as pastor of our church.

He and his family will be joining us in June!

**Prayer** We have a young mother and wife starting treatment for colon cancer, Julie is her name. Pray for healing and quick recovery.

## QUESTION CORNER

What are the needs in your community that the Lord may be calling **you** to help meet?