

THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY

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UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Ministerial Dates—

- Calgary and area
Nov 24 at First EFC
- Southern Alberta
Dec 1 at Taber EFC
- Saskatchewan
Dec 5 at Saskatoon EFC

Prairie District Staff (& Spouse) Retreat—March 5-7, 2023 at the Resort at Cypress Hills (SK). More information coming soon...make note of the dates and plan to attend!

WHAT I'M LEARNING...

A number of years ago I spent two months living at Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver while my daughter was a patient at Children's Hospital. During this season I had a lot of time to read, and so I worked through many books that deep-dive into seeing and understanding Christ in the Old Testament. This was a formative time for me which created a commitment to always preach Jesus Christ, no matter which passage of Scripture I may be speaking from.

An older song goes like this:

**"People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize, people need the Lord?"**

People in our churches—and those who are not—need Jesus Christ! At our Prairie District Conference in Medicine Hat, guest speaker Gordon Smith reminded us as pastors that what our people need from us is Jesus.

We may be preaching from the OT Law, or Old Covenant stories, or OT Poetry. And if we are, we need to make sure we're showing our people Jesus Christ in these passages. These days, we need to be preaching Jesus in the Gospels. Our people need to know how to live out the ethics of Jesus' Kingdom. Our people need to know how the lordship of Jesus Christ invades every aspect and every relationship in our life. We need to be preaching passages like the Sermon on the Mount and Galatians 5—The Fruit of the Spirit—and showing how following Jesus requires that we obey Jesus in how we relate to people in everyday life, in every situation.

In 1 Corinthians we read Paul's practice: "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23). And then we see in Acts 17 in Athens that Paul also preaches Christ resurrected. And then in Acts 24 we see that Paul preaches about Christ, and

"reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the judgment to come" (Acts 24:25). Paul preached Jesus Christ. This is what the people needed to hear. And our people today are the same: they need Jesus!

Pastor, are you preaching Christ?

CHURCH OF THE WEEK CALGARY CHINESE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



Board Chair Helen Woo writes:
Praise "The past year was a challenging and discouraging time for our church, in particular the church leadership, but we experienced how God hears our prayers, comforts us, and leads us to go through the difficulties."

Prayer "We are seeking for new vision and direction to develop our church. May all of our three congregations continue to follow God's will, to expand God's Kingdom together, to glorify our Lord's name."

QUESTION CORNER

If someone came to your church service with questions about Jesus, how would they find answers?