

THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY



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UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Ministerial Dates—

- Saskatchewan Sept 12 at Saskatoon EFC
- Southern Alberta Sept 21 at Taber EFC
- Calgary and area Sept 22 at First EFC

Church Plant Assessment &

Discernment Team—Contact me or Clinton César (First EFC-Calgary) if you would like to be on our District Church Plant Assessment & Discernment team

Prairie District Conference—*Faithfully Following Jesus* will be the focus for our time together, October 14-15 in Medicine Hat. Gordon T. Smith, president of Ambrose University in Calgary, is the guest speaker.

Photo Contest—Let your church family know that the Prairie District is holding a Photo Contest! We are looking for photos of “prairie” scenes taken in Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta (fields, fences, forests, lakes, rivers, animals, mountains, barns, sheds or churches). Email photos to tmorris@pdefcc.ca by September 30. Any or all photos may be used on our district website or publications without further permission. **Prize winner** for the best photo will be announced at the District Conference in Medicine Hat (\$50).

WHAT I'M LEARNING...

Do you remember those old TV commercials from the 90's for ESQ watches? Celebrities would flash their wrist, show off their watch, and then say their name, followed by “Esquire.” Well, I have my own take on that: *“Trevor Brawdy, Hypocrite.”*

I say that because when I write these pieces, I don't want to give the impression that I've arrived or that I've successfully mastered what I'm learning. I sometimes write what I fall short in practicing. Much of my learning is two steps forward, one step back. Learning is a journey, a process, and I am very much in the middle of the story. If you closely examined my life, you'd see that I don't measure up to the level that I seem to describe in my writing.

And so what I share this time around is something I need improvement in; I don't practice it as well as I wish I did.

Reading in Ezekiel this week, I was struck by God's instructions to His prophet Ezekiel in 3:10 **“Son of man, let all My words sink deep into your own heart first. Listen to them carefully for yourself.”** And only after Ezekiel has done this is he to speak God's words to His people.

Too often I approach God's Word looking for something to share or to give to others. A verse for a devotional; a passage for a sermon. I'm convicted and I'm reminded here that I need to immerse myself in God's Word. I need His words to sink deep into my own heart first. I need the Holy Spirit to apply God's Word to my heart and soul and submit to it before I proclaim it to others.

QUESTION CORNER

What are YOU learning in the Word these days?

CHURCH OF THE WEEK BIG RIVER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



Pastor Landon (Rachel) Schubert writes:

Praise the Lord for all the young children of our church. We have been blessed to welcome several newborns into our church family this year with a few still on their way. We get to celebrate this blessing of new life in our church family with a child dedication service at the end of the month for eight young children. What a joy to see parents committing to raise their children in the Church and for the glory of God!

Pray that as our church continues to grow, we would be bold in our community in declaring the gospel. We trust that God will give us courage and open new opportunities to witness to the many people of our own area who do not yet know the Lord.”