

district news

Installations

Pastor Scott and Shannon Crawford (right) were installed at Bethel EFC in Vauxhall on April 23.



Pastor Brett and Rebecca Robertson (above) were installed at the EFC of Medicine Hat on April 30.

Ray Hardiansyah (right), youth pastor at New Life EFC in Calgary, was installed on May 28.



Farewells

Myron Krause has served well for almost seven years as the minister of community engagement and outreach at EFC of Lethbridge. Pray for him and his family as they move into a new stage of life.

Kenton Barkman has resigned after nearly eight years of faithful service with youth ministry at Mount Olive EFC in Three Hills. All the best to the Barkman family as they continue to seek God in the next season.

Bill Watson is concluding six years as a volunteer pastor to seniors at Mount Olive. Many blessings to Bill and Joanne for their dedication to the Lord both vocationally and personally.

Positions Available

Pray for Calgary Chinese, South Calgary Chinese, Foremost, Lethbridge, Mount Olive (Three Hills), Meadow Lake and Regina as they search for new ministry staff. More information at <https://pdefcc.ca/churches-seeking-pastoral-staff/>

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Budgeting for 2023

Just a reminder for your church board and treasurer to note the suggested giving amounts to the Prairie District and EFCC Home Office. Thank you for your support!

- District (Equal Shares) \$5 per member per month or \$60 per member per year (payable to EFCC-Prairie District, sent to Rachel Hawthorn, Box 807, Nobleford AB T0L 1S0).
- EFCC (Fair Share) \$32.50 per attendee per year, or 2.5% of annual church budget (sent to Box 850 Langley Stn LCD 1, Langley BC V3A 8S6).

financial update

August 1, 2022—May 31, 2023

Equal Shares Budget \$104,000
 Equal Shares Giving \$ 83,945
Below budget \$ -20,055
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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Box 807 Nobleford AB T0L 1S0

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Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

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District Superintendent

The Prairie District...

PURPOSE: to nurture the establishment and health of Evangelical Free churches in Saskatchewan and southern Alberta.

MISSION: to cultivate authentic relationships, discern healthy direction, and resource churches and leaders.

VISION: to see a healthy, gospel-sharing church reaching every community in our district.

Thoughts from the district guy...

In my devotions this morning I was reading and praying through Psalm 96. Verses one and two caught my eye and attention: **“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.”**

Later, I was meditating on Zechariah’s song and words to his son, who was to grow up to be John the Baptist: **“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins”** (Luke 1:76-77).

Both the psalmist and the priest proclaim God’s salvation – our God is a God who saves! And He has saved us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the good news; this is the gospel!

In the Evangelical Free Church of Canada, we are gospel people. Our Statement of Faith begins with this declaration: **“The Evangelical Free Church of Canada is an association of autonomous churches united in a common commitment to God’s evangel –the gospel of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to give us eternal life. To God’s glory, the gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Our essential theological convictions are vitally connected to this gospel.”**

And in our Prairie District of the EFCC, one of our Core Values is **“Outward Mission: seeing each church being sent to serve their broader communities and to proclaim the gospel.”**

As I travel across the district, I am thankful for the stories I hear! Many churches have had a number of baptisms in recent weeks, with more planned in the coming weeks. Many of our churches are gearing up for summer Vacation Bible School, where the gospel of Jesus will be taught to children. So many of our churches are serving together in local Bible camps, in order to help proclaim the gospel to campers. And a number of our churches are seeing new people each week, many of whom are hearing and beginning to understand the Good News of Jesus for the first time.

In this edition of the *Prairie Profile*, we hear stories of how district churches are proclaiming the gospel in word and deed, as well as how we’re seeing gospel fruit being harvested. As gospel people in the EFCC, may we continue to **“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples”** (Psalm 96:3).

Do you have a gospel story to share? I would love to hear it! Send me an email at trevor.brawdy@pdefcc.ca.