

The Church of Christ



MESSENGER

Journeying together through the trials of life, with no less than our very most, to eternity!

Responsibilities of friendship

by Glen Elliott

Aristotle described friendship as “A single soul in two bodies.” Robert Louis Stevenson added: “A friend is a gift you give yourself.” The American Heritage Dictionary defines a friend as “A person whom one knows, likes, and trusts.” We all need friends. David, whom the Bible describes as “a man after God’s heart” (Acts 13:22), was a man who valued friendship. We are most familiar with his relationship with Jonathan, the son of King Saul. The Bible says that “the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself” (1 Sam. 18:1). Later, we read that “he loved him as he loved his own life” (20:17). David had other close friends, including Hushai (2 Sam. 15:37), Hiram (1 Kgs. 5:1), and the elders of Judah (1 Sam. 30:26). He was a man who valued friendship. Daniel was also a man with friends. We teach our children about Daniel’s three friends: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan. 2:13, 17-18). Similarly, judging from comments made in the epistles, we conclude that the apostle Paul was a man with many friends (Rm. 16:5, 9, 12; Phile. 1; Acts 15:25; 19:31). Even our Lord counted friendship as a dear possession. Peter, James, and John seemed especially close to the heart of our Lord during His earthly ministry. In his gospel, John repeatedly refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved. Jesus also had a very special relationship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (Jn. 11:11).

Good friends are very important to the quality of our lives. They enhance our feeling of self-worth and provide a much-needed sense of belonging. In the body of Christ, friendship is another way of feeling accepted. We all need to learn how to build friendship. But, before we can build friendship, we need to understand something about its

responsibilities.

Prayers & Praise

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about?

Thank you! To everyone who helped with clean up— many hands make light work.

Beth’s sister Anne as she battles with cancer

Freda’s sister Judy and brother Jim who are battling with cancer

Charles & Trayci as they begin to make decisions on the move to Red Deer

Happy Birthday!
Sean June 4th



The first responsibility of friendship involves giving what needs to be given. When Job went through his difficulties, his friends showed up to help. The second chapter of Job says that when they “heard of all the adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place...and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him” (vs. 11). They saw him in his pitiful state and “raised their voices and wept...they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great” (vss. 12-13). Up to this point, they proved themselves to be good friends. It was only when they began to speak that they became “miserable comforters” (Job 16:2). “For the despairing man,” Job said, “there should be kindness from his friend...” (6:11). Instead, they gave him the added burden of guilt (19:21-22).

Someone has said that “A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.” Solomon said it this way: “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity” (Prov. 17:17). If you consider yourself to be a true friend, then you have the responsibility to help in time of need. Solomon identifies the friend as the one who is there to lift you up when you have fallen (Eccl. 4:10). A true friend gives what needs to be given. May God help us to be true friends.

News/Announcements

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Sunday meeting times

10AM– Fellowship/Bible study
11AM-Worship service
Lloydminster, AB

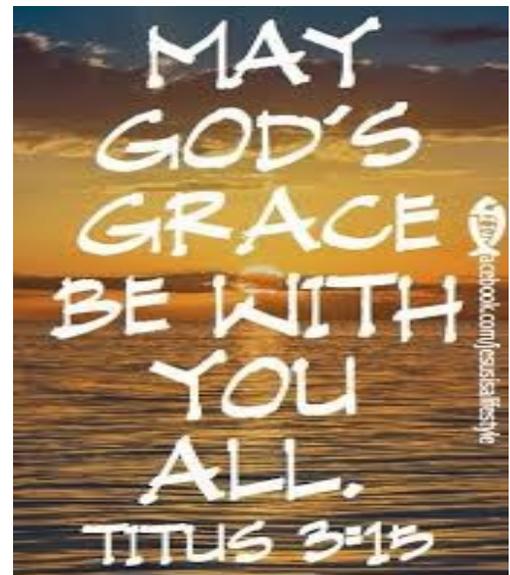
Midweek

Tuesday Bible study
7PM

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer	Closing prayer
TODAY	Sean	Kevin & Brian	Stan Helton	Sean	Charles
NEXT WEEK	Kevin	Brian & Charles	Sean	Kevin	Sean

News & Notes

- TODAY : Welcome Stan Helton! Please join us for potluck following the service
- The St. Albert church of Christ ladies would like to invite all ladies to join us for a “Destination” weekend June 15-17! Lesson topics are: “Getting Ready”, “All Aboard!”, “Attention! This is your captain speaking!”, “Fasten Your Seatbelts”, “Are We There Yet?”, and “Rejoice! We Made It!”. We’ve booked the Strathcona Wilderness Centre just east of Sherwood Park. You can come for the entire weekend or for just Saturday – we would love to see you there. For more information/to register, contact Joyce Aulenback at jaulenback@shaw.ca or call/text 780-782-7049.
- Heritage camp (Saskatoon Church of Christ) Kids camp July 29 –Aug. 3 family camp Aug 3-5
- The basement and roof repairs will begin in June
- There will be a meeting to move forward with minister selection on June 10th. If you would like to join Sean, Kevin and Brian in this work please come.
- Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, October 12-14
Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children..see poster on back bulletin board



Calendar

JUNE

- Tuesday 5th: 7pm– Max Lucado - Have You Prayed About It? Part 4
- Sunday 10th: 10am fellowship– Eph 5:22-6:9
11pm worship
- Tuesday 12th: 7pm- Max Lucado - Have You Prayed About It? Part 5
- Sunday 17th: 10am fellowship
11pm worship
- Tuesday 19th: songs, scriptures and prayers
- Sunday 24th: 10am fellowship
11pm worship
- Tuesday 26th: wind up BBQ at the Morlands



Names for Jesus

Start at the letter listed at the beginning of each line. Then move in the direction shown by each arrow to end up at the correct letter. Write that letter in the blank.

Puzzle #2

1. B ↑ ↑ ← = ____
2. F → → ↑ = ____
3. Q ↓ → → = ____
4. L → ↑ ↑ = ____
5. A → → → → = ____
6. N ↓ ← ↓ ← = ____
7. J ← ↑ ← ← = ____
8. Y ↓ ← ← = ____
9. W ← ← ↓ = ____
10. M ↓ ← ← = ____
11. T ↑ ↑ ← = ____
12. C ← ← ← = ____

P	X	E	M	S	O
R	G	I	Q	Z	J
D	T	Y	E	L	H
O	F	S	N	V	C
A	B	Z	P	D	W
I	H	K	R	U	X

Write the letters from each numbered answer on the left into the blank with the matching number here.

" I am the _____ "

Do you know one place where this verse is located?

Community

Lloydminster Concerned Citizens for Seniors Care

Tuesday June 5, 2018 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Legacy Centre, 5101 - 46 Street
Lunch available for \$8
Please reserve before Tues. am
call 780 8754584