

The Church of Christ



MESSENGER

Journeying together through the trials of life,

with no less than our very most, to eternity!

Bring on the Wait!

by Glen Elliott

Just sitting at my desk this morning, waiting for the remnants of hurricane Gordon to bring us rain. It's like watching a tea pot on the stove and waiting for it to blow off steam. The sky is still much too bright for any serious participation. But, I am assured that rain is on its way. Waiting has never been a strong-suit of mine. But, I have never known anyone who enjoyed waiting—at least waiting in line at the grocery store. However, changing perspective about the wait can make a lot of difference. What if I try to be pleasant, think about others, engage in conversation, and think happy thoughts while I wait? I think I will give it a try and see how things work out. God's people must learn how to wait for the fulfillment of His promises. James draws a practical example from everyday life, saying, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains" (Jas. 5:7). The farmer has learned to wait—to trust that rain is coming and his crop will produce its fruit. In the same way, James exhorts us to be patient and strengthen our hearts in knowing that the coming of the Lord is certain (vs. 8). The inspired writer of the book of Hebrews says that while "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment", He "will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him" (Heb. 9:27-28). All who truly trust in God wait for the fulfillment of His promises. "Eagerly awaiting" is an expression of our love and trust in the Lord. Our hearts are strengthened by these words of the prophet: "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary" (Isa. 40:31). With the assurance of such promises, we can both endure the wait and find strength while we wait.

Answered Prayers

Last Tuesday evening we met to meet and visit with Larry Boswell. The vote was unanimous and we have invited Larry and Karen Boswell to come and join our congregation. Larry brings years of experience with teaching and preaching. "Early in my preaching experience, I worked on a 5-man debate team preparing to defend the reliability and consistency of the Bible. In addition, I was introduced to a study of Romans 12 that has given me insight into my own spiritual gifts and how to identify the gifts of those I am teaching. I have found that these two events have shaped my purpose in many ways. I have developed a preaching style that is primarily expository, digging into the full context to reap the lessons found therein. I believe my God-given gifts as encourager and teacher have opened up opportunities that I couldn't have imagined. My ability to listen non-judgmentally has helped me to be effective in leadership roles as well as in study and counseling relationships. My purpose in this life is to serve the God of Heaven, and to encourage and teach many others to do that as well. Karen has travelled everywhere with Larry from the States to Canada to China and back again. We look forward to welcoming her to our family. They have returned to their current home and are making arrangements to come back soon. Paperwork will be need to be done and all the necessary arrangements. Continue praying as things are finalized and we begin a new chapter at the Lloydminster Church of Christ.



Prayers & Praise

- Do you have someone to remember in our prayers?
- Or something you are rejoicing about? Please share
- Prayers for each other that we continue to encourage and support God's plans for us
- Freda for her health and well-being and her family
- Bob as he settles in to his new home and his health concerns
- Beth—continued prayers for her sister and family
- Heney's as they deal with outcomes from the RM's decisions
- Fran and continued health concerns for her and her family
- Thanksgiving for our many blessings



News/Announcements

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Sunday meeting times

10:00AM-Sunday School
 11AM-Worship service
 4702 56 Ave, Lloydminster, AB

Midweek

Tuesday 7PM
 www.lloydchurch.org

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer/ announcements	Closing prayer
Today	Sean	Brian & Kevin		Sean	Kevin
Next week	Sean	Kevin & Brian	Damion Martin	Kevin	Sean

Psalm 33:8

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!



The Prayer of Faith



Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

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trouble	songs	church	confess	prayer
anyone	praise	anoint	sins	righteous
happy	sick	faith	forgiven	powerful
sing	elders	raise	healed	effective

News & Notes

- **Renovations:** projected completion for the basement the end of October. There will be painting to do coming up.
- there is accessibility grants and info and we need someone to look more into it
- **October 12-14:** Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children.. see poster on back bulletin board
- **October 14th:** potluck
- **November 5th:** our next congregational meeting
- **November 10th:** fall community clean up date - more info to come
- **December 9th:** family and friends Christmas dinner - more info to come
- **Blessing bags outreach:** project starting now until December 9th. our goal is to put together 20 blessing bags 10 for men and 10 for women to be shared with the interval home and men's shelters. items should fit in a ziplock bag. talk to winona for more information
- **Tuesday evenings:** 7pm at the church building. Bible study. Everyone welcome!
- **Sunday school:** starting at 10 am. this is a 13 week bible study that can involve everyone from the oldest to the youngest. please join us
- **Hey Ladies!** Would you be interested in a woman's day? Paige Freser and Dawn Mitchell offer a ladies workshop. See back bulletin board for brochure.

October readings

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| 07 | Jeremiah 8:8-9:26 | 10 | Jeremiah 14:11-16:15 |
| • Jeremiah 8:8-9:26 | • Colossians 3:1-17 | • Psalm 80:1-19 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13 |
| • Psalm 78:32-55 | • Proverbs 24:27 | • Proverbs 25:1-5 | |
| 08 | Jeremiah 10:1-11:23 | 11 | Jeremiah 16:16-18:23 |
| • Jeremiah 10:1-11:23 | • Colossians 3:18-4:18 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3 | Psalm 81:1-16 |
| • Psalm 78:56-72 | • Proverbs 24:28-29 | Proverbs 25:6-8 | |
| 09 | Jeremiah 12:1-14:10 | 12 | Jeremiah 19:1-21:14 |
| • Jeremiah 12:1-14:10 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8 | 1 Thessalonians 5:4-28 | Psalm 82:1-8 |
| • Psalm 79:1-13 | • Proverbs 24:30-34 | Proverbs 25:9-10 | |
| 13 | Jeremiah 22:1-23:20 | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 | Psalm 83:1-8 |
| Jeremiah 22:1-23:20 | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 | Psalm 83:1-8 | Proverbs 25:11-14 |