

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a **Visitor** we ask you to sign a Guest Card and drop it in the offering plate so we can acknowledge your visit. Join us to Worship at 11:00 am.

A **staffed nursery** is provided for children from 6 months to age two. During the offering, children from ages Preschool to Kindergarten are dismissed for Junior Church in the Board Room.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Advent Reading & Lighting Candle  
Worship in Song  
Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Offering  
Worship in Song  
Message  
Closing Song  
Prayer & Benediction

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### **WORSHIP TEAM:**

Lilly R  
Bev S  
Joel U  
Leona O  
Jason U  
Rick P

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Mark Woods  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Kroeker  
**Youth Pastor:** Ben Clouston  
**Office Administrator:** Bev Sheridan

## **WORSHIP FULLY** ISAIAH 9:1-7

God remembers those who are forgotten – *Isaiah 9:1*

God lights the way for those who are lost – *Isaiah 9:2*

God  fights for those who are oppressed – *Isaiah 9:3-4*

God  blesses those who  trust in him – *Isaiah 9:6*

God  promises a better  future – *Isaiah 9:7*

### **PRAISE & PRAYER**

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: Lise D and Lynda D
- **Pray for** Joseph Nagombe who is the Field Pastor for the Ndola churches in Nigeria that we sponsor and support as they reach out to various Ndola villages in their church planting efforts.
- **Pray for** Anita P as Helene G, who was her step-mother for 42 years, gone to be with the Lord. The funeral will be held at Mission Baptist Church on Monday at 11:00 am.

## **FIRST ADVENT** **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

### **THIS MORNING:**

Hope is the most powerful motivator in the human experience. It energizes everything that we do. We work in hopes of getting a paycheque; we travel in hopes of arriving at our destination; we wage war in hopes of defeating an enemy and making peace; we enter into a courtship in hopes of getting married. Everything hinges on hope. Hope also energizes our Christian life as well. The Bible says that our blessed hope is the second coming to earth of our Lord Jesus Christ. At that time, all wars will cease, all poverty and want will be eradicated, all broken relationships will be restored and we will experience a glorious, eternal life on the new earth.

The reason we have hope for a second coming of Christ to this earth is because there was, many years ago, a first coming. It is the first coming of Jesus to earth that we remember during this season of Advent. From the days of Adam and Eve, God promised a Saviour who would come and free men and women from the tyranny and oppression of sin. All through the pages of Scripture, we read of Abraham and Moses and Joshua and David and Samuel and Isaiah and Malachi who spoke of a future day when the Saviour would come. And then – one day – he came. As a baby born in Bethlehem. Who lived and died to bring us salvation. He is the one we worship today.

**1<sup>ST</sup> ADVENT  
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday School Breakfast 9:30 am  
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Coffee Time 10:30 am  
 Worship 11:00 am  
 Bethsaida Fellowship 1:30 pm

**COMING UP**

Dec 1 - Church Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm  
 Dec 2 - BOOST in-house @ 7:00 pm  
 Dec 4 - Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
 - Coffee Time @ 10:30 am  
 - Worship & Communion @ 11:00 am  
 - Bethsaida Fellowship @ 1:30 pm  
 - Sunday School Christmas Practice @ 3:00-5:00 pm  
 - Young Adults Christmas Party at the Ps' @ 5:30 pm

**ROWANDALE CONNECT**

Rowandale Connect is a class for new people who have been attending Rowandale and would like to know more about what we believe and how we operate. You are welcome to attend these classes on DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> during the 9:30 am Sunday School. If you are interested, please see Pastor Mark.

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING**

NEXT WEEK A BENEVOLENT

OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE  
 END OF THE COMMUNION SERVICE

**ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH**

STATS FOR NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

ATTENDANCE .....	245
GENERAL OFFERING.....	\$8,230
WEEKLY GOAL .....	\$9,760
GIVING TO DATE .....	\$415,760
BUDGET TO DATE .....	\$429,440



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

This Friday we will have an in-house evening with devotions, games and snack (devotions and games will be split Sr. High/Jr. High). Come for 7:00 pm - pick up at 9:30 pm.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Next Friday we will be doing our secret stocking. Come for 7:00 pm - pick up at 9:30 pm. See flyer sent home Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> for full details.

**YOUTH QUAKE 2017**

From February 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Youth Quake at Briercrest, Caronport, Saskatchewan. Early Bird registration ends December 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> as the church will be paying for everyone on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup>. To register online please refer to the email from PASTOR BEN sent Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> which has full instructions.

**FRI/SAT, DEC 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Jr. High Christmas Party at Aaron & Laura Ps' on Friday. Sr. High Christmas Party at Doug & Bev S's on Saturday. Bring \$10 value gift for gift exchange.

**Young Adults**

**YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are continuing our study on Advent this Sunday at 9:30 am in Room 10. Please join us!

**YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We are having a Potluck Christmas Party on Sunday, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30 pm at Art & Karin Ps' loft/barn. Please bring a dish of food to share.

**2017  
DEVOTIONAL  
DAY PLANNERS**



These inspirational practical daily agendas put out by the Bible League are now available for purchase on the table in the lobby. Planners are \$3.00 each and payment can be placed in the little money jar beside the planners.



When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they aren't forgotten. Give the child of a prisoner the joy of Christmas this year. Through this program, every child receives an age-appropriate presentation of the Gospel message - the true meaning of Christmas.

This year we will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Project - a Program of Prison Fellowship. Stay tuned for more details or talk to ANDREA K.

Give Joy to a Prisoner's child this Christmas!

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Helpers are needed to serve breakfast to children at Princess Margaret School. Can you join us on Fridays from approx. 8:00 to 9:15 am every 3 to 4 weeks? If so, please see ANDREA K.



**ADVENT CORNER**

As we enter the season of Advent, it is a time to think about the coming of Jesus into this world. Try to resist the busyness that the season inevitably forces upon us. Find time to think about what God has done for us in sending his son. Isaac Watt wrote "Joy to the World" based on Psalm 98. Take time this week to read Psalm 98 and consider in what ways it connects with Watt's song.

**"STAR LIGHT CHRISTMAS"**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

The Sunday School is busy preparing for their Christmas Program to share with everyone on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, so mark your calendars now! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to share in the celebration of Christ's birth. After the program we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments downstairs (baking gladly accepted!)

**STAMPS FOR BIBLES**

Please help the Canadian Bible Society provide Bibles by collecting used stamps.

1 pound of stamps = 1 Bible  
 Leave ¼" border of paper around the entire stamp. Do not remove the paper from the stamp. Please place your used stamps in MARTIN K's mailbox (#55). Thank you!

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**



**LACI & ESZTER DAROCZI-CSHUHAI  
NATIONAL MISSIONARIES  
HUNGARY**

Laci is a master trainer with the Misszió az Egészséges Közösségéért (MEK) Team in Hungary. He is responsible to teach advanced Community Health Evangelism to CHE leaders and workers in Hungarian-speaking areas through vision conferences, training seminars, and development courses. Eszter—with her background in physical education, children, youth work, and theology—specializes in wholistic outreach and discipleship ministries with poor women and children, primarily in Gypsy communities. She is responsible for setting up and leading MEK's Women's Cycle of Life and children's training programs. Their son, Simeon (Simi), is now one. Pray for their continued work with MEK. For more information visit [www.nabonmission.org/missionaries/laszlo-daroczi](http://www.nabonmission.org/missionaries/laszlo-daroczi).

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

**FT. RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
WINNIPEG, MB  
JIM (TARA) MATHEW  
LEAD PASTOR**