



## EVERY WORD OF GOD PROVES TRUE

When I was a kid, growing up in the 80's, there was no Internet. If you wanted to learn something and there was no skateboarding to do, you would go to a library and take out a book, read the newspaper, watch the news or listen to the radio. Not all of this content was good content, of course, but at least there was a certain level of scholarship, research, cost, critique, fact-checking, etc. that was needed to publish the media.

Today, with the Internet, it is quite different. Anyone can weigh-in on anything and reach everyone at any time. Now there are some huge benefits to the Internet with freedom of speech, accountability, fact checking with the general public, etc., for information to not be controlled by the people in power, but there for sure are some disadvantages! The playing field is levelled and those who have the most influence are not necessarily the most qualified or trustworthy.

There are some bizarre outcomes of the Internet that have deeply shaped us that I think we should be aware of. Have you ever thought of how weird it is that when you want to know the answer to a question that we just "google it", ask Siri or Alexa? I think this is stranger than we realize.

I wonder if the effects of information overload or "infobesity" are going to have a lasting impact on us in ways we can't imagine. The volume of information is coming at us non-stop. I find myself really struggling to know who to listen to. I doubt we are better off with all of these options, with on-demand access, with the perpetual noise of opinions and information.

Do you feel this way? Are you also tired of the noise?

Why is the Internet so successful at what it does? I don't know exactly, but here's one thought. I believe the Internet scratches the itch we have to know everything because "knowledge is power." I'm using "knowledge is power" negatively here, of course knowledge is a good thing. But our sinful, ceaseless striving for knowledge can be a bad thing in at least a few ways. For example, you have the upper hand if you are "in the know," you can stay in control if you know what's happening, you can ignore authority and be your own boss if you have the right information, etc. If you know everything, there is no need to depend on our All-Knowing God.

This human behaviour has existed from

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the beginning. I believe since the "Fall" (Genesis 3), humans have not been content with God's word being enough. "Did God really say..." this was Satan's attack on the trustworthiness and goodness of God's word, and the humans fell for it. Somehow God's word was lacking or missing important details.

Do we fall for that same lie now? As Christians, do we look to the Bible to give us the direction we need? Or do we search for signs, miracles, hidden insights, or gnostic mysticism because we secretly think the Bible is not enough? Do we spend just a few minutes in the Bible but hours online, taking in information? I hope not. If so, we are in for some cloudy vision, noisy thinking, anxious feeling, selfish serving, lustful wishing, and crooked walking.

Today, the mind of God, by his providence and goodness, has been revealed to us in his word. Let us build our life on his word, be content with his word, test all other words according to his word. May his word guard our minds and hearts! May we know from experience that "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." *Proverbs 30:5 (ESV)*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sign up to attend a Sunday morning worship service at 9 am or 11 am online at [www.rowandale.ca](http://www.rowandale.ca), or call **204-338-1174**. For planning purposes, please sign up by Thursday before the Sunday you plan to attend. All October services are open for advance registration.

### Praise & Prayer

**PRAISE GOD** that he is at work building his church, even in these strange and challenging times. Give thanks for the blessing of being a part of a local church of brothers and sisters in Christ.

**PRAY** for our Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer beginning Oct. 7th, and our Wednesday Kids Program starting Oct. 14th. Pray that these would be opportunities to strengthen relationships and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

**PRAY** for those who are in care homes, or sick in hospital. A list of Rowandale's care home residents is posted on the bulletin board near the mailboxes.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in our neighbourhood, we ask that anyone visiting the church **please make an appointment** in advance, so that we can manage the traffic flow in our entrance and office area. Please call our office: 204-338-1174, or Pastor Jon 204-997-1977. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Church Library** You are welcome to visit our church library again as of October 4, before and after the 11 am church service. We can only accommodate one parent with child(ren) or two adults in the library at a time. We will be happy to see you again.

**Church Business Meeting**, Sunday, Sept. 27th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Register to attend at [www.rowandale.ca](http://www.rowandale.ca) or call **204-338-1174**

**Attention all children and youth ministry volunteers:** our protection plan training sessions will be postponed until the new year. If you are serving, beginning fall 2020, and need to register or have your paperwork updated, you will be contacted.

**Seniors' Bible Study & Missions Prayer Meetings** Join us as we discover *The Adventure of Prayer!* Thursdays at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room. September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19, December 3. Register to attend with Jule Serger so safe spacing can be set up in advance.

**Small Groups** Interested in getting to know others and growing as a follower of Christ? Join a small group at Rowandale! Contact Jason Unrau for more info: **204.461.5547** or [jason\\_unrau@hotmail.ca](mailto:jason_unrau@hotmail.ca)



We request that masks be worn during all gatherings in our church building, including Sunday services, until further notice.  
Thank You.

### October birthdays

4	Lorelei Nickel
4	Nathan Truderung
5	Enge Wababili
6	Siegfried Steinhilber
6	Lucille Wels
8	Jason Unrau
9	Lukas Daraska
10	Justin Owzarek
11	Sharon Fehr
12	Hazel King
15	Janice Armstrong
15	Werner Tiede
16	Martin Kahler
16	Ethan Pauls
18	Rick Pedde
18	John Winkler
20	Ness Dalling
20	Leah Nachtigall
21	Aaron Pauls
22	Frank Ulrich
23	Edgar Olney
24	Haddon Kroeker
25	Lori Nachtigall
25	Gary Thiessen
26	Lincoln Nickel
30	Jessica Pedde
31	Helga Schuster

### October anniversaries

3	Donald & Susan Lepp
6	Rudy & Sonja Paas
7	Cliff & Anne Davie
12	Murray & Louise Braun
13	Brian & Doreen Szydluk
16	Martin & Linda Kahler
21	David & Marilyn Scott
23	Fred & Cheryl Liessens
27	Leo & Donna Jansens

**WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** starting on October 14th from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm for grades K-5. Teaching, activities and games. We are starting "The Gospel Project" curriculum. It will take us all the way through the Bible in 4 years. Contact Rachel Pedde, Jessica Pedde, or Simone Gerl if you have pre-school children you want to have attend.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER** starting October 7th, from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be teaching a series on the Exile of Israel to Babylon and the subsequent returns from exile under Ezra and Nehemiah. Those were difficult times, but God loved His people and faithfully brought them through and restored them. Following the study time each week (approx 45 minutes), we will have a time of prayer (approx 30 minutes). This series will run until December 16th.

It is not necessary to register in advance at this time.

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### ALTERNATIVES TO IN-PERSON GIVING

1. Mail a cheque to the church or drop it off in the mail slot at the Rowandale Avenue entrance. 162 Rowandale Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2K 0A5
2. Contact our treasurer, Jason Nickel to get set up for regular withdrawals from your bank account (use this option only for regular, ongoing donations)



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