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October 9

Building Faith at Home: In lieu of the recent end of the daily devotionals, we will provide a Scripture from the sermon for you to meditate on, discussion or reflection questions, a resource or two that the pastor found helpful, and a prayer for you to take with you through your week. If you would like daily devotional resources, you may find them on our website.

Building Faith at Home

Sunday, October 12

ONE service @ 10:30 am

The service is livestreamed.

Programming for Grade 8 and under dismissed from the service. Nursery provided.

Scripture: John 2:13-25

Read John 1:1-12.

Discuss with others:

- What is something that you see Jesus doing in this moment right now?
- What does this moment say about him?

Activity: Secret Message

Materials:

- Paper
- Lemon juice
- Q-tip or paintbrush
- Iron

Write an invisible message in lemon juice. Place the iron on the message and let it turn brown.

Talk about how we can see God at work every day. What kind of things is God doing? Write down one thing that you see God doing today.



"This Month's Worship" on Spotify

Listen to the music we've been singing at Church this month! This playlist has the Songs from today and our past few It is updated mid-week with the music

services. It is updated mid-week with the music we'll sing next Sunday.

October Connections:

Saturday, October 18 Corn Maze Sunday, October 26 Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday October 30 Pumpkin Carving

Watch for more information in the coming days.

HAPPENINGS

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am West WingBook of Mark. Led by Gord Hunt

Online Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

"Listening to the Voices of Jeremiah."

Contact Mark for the Zoom link

Handbells: Mondays (On break for Thanksgiving Monday)

Bridge City Bells @ 1 pm FirstB Bells @ 5:15 pm.

Tuesday Women's Morning Bible Study 10 am West wing.

Drop-In Wednesday 10:00 - 11:30 am.

Join us for coffee, conversation, puzzles and games.

Wednesday Bible Study

Exodus

Alternate Wednesdays next one: **Oct 15** West Wing 6:30-8:00 pm

ABIDE: Living the Word Together

Alternate Wednesdays, **Oct 22** West Wing at 6:30 pm

Thursday Morning Men's Book Study

8:00 - 9:00 am

Art Class

Every Thursday 9:30 am

Fall Book Club, Thursdays 1:30 pm

Oven Needed

A family connected to First B is in need of an oven. If you know of someone replacing their stove, please contact the church at 403-327-2082 or info@firstb.net.

Around the City

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for events happening around the city - from volunteer opportunities to concerts to fundraisers to opportunities at Martha's Retreat Center.

Please remember that due to some people's sensitivity to scents that the sanctuary is fragrance free.

Financial Update

In September our deficit grew again by \$5,373 to \$49,725 for the year.

Total income \$403,788 Total expenses \$453,513 Current Deficit \$49,725

This is a large amount to reduce before year end.

More important are the budget implications. At the end of September, we are 75% through our year, but have received only 59% of budgeted income. At the end of September there was a \$86,768 shortfall in what we expected to have to meet the actual 2025 budget number.

This is more than one full time staff equivalent. To be realistic and fiscally responsible, the finance committee will be preparing a budget based on income received. It will be up to the congregation to determine the level of support at the annual congregational meeting in November.

Handbell Discovery2025 at St. Andrew's October 17 to 18 Handbell Concert at 7pm. Free admission—donations accepted at the door.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner—with Lisa Ratzlaff October 26 5-7 pm

Childcare is available during the presentation.

Last names starting with:

A-N: Bring a salad, veggie, or side to share O-Z: Bring a dessert

Ham will be provided.

Bring your own dishes and cutlery.

Craft and Bake Sale November 15 & 16

Information Sheet and vendor application are available at the Welcome Desk



Prayer Requests

Need prayer? Contact any of our staff: mark@firstb.net, troy@firstb.net, katelyn@firstb.net, angela@firstb.net, hannah@firstb.net