

From the Pastor:

The Hope of the Gospel

Ministry is about all I know. I have been involved in it for well over half of my life, and all of my adult life. I often wonder what I would be qualified to do if I could not do ministry. I sometimes think it would be nice to do something else, but then I realize that I love what I get to do.

I do not feel that I am any better than anyone else as a disciple because I am in ministry. I simply know that I have followed the Lord's leading in the call I have received to vocational ministry. In all actuality, I know without a doubt that some of the "best work" I have done in ministry was done while a fledgling youth volunteer in my late teens and early 20s.

It is in those years that the guiding hand of the Lord was most evident in my life. I was a recipient of God's grace, I knew it full well, and I so desired to pass that joy on to others. It was the driving force of my daily existence to know Christ better, to follow Him with my whole heart and to help others discover the joy of knowing Him in a personal way.

I regret that over the years of ministry this passion has, at times, diminished from the original fire that burned in my heart. There have been seasons of ministry that have been more about programs, titles, details, policies and many other things rather than the gospel.

Over the last number of years, God has been rebuilding my heart for the Gospel and for the people that need to hear and embrace the grace of God. I can honestly say that the words the Apostle Paul spoke to the Ephesian elders resonate in my heart:

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24

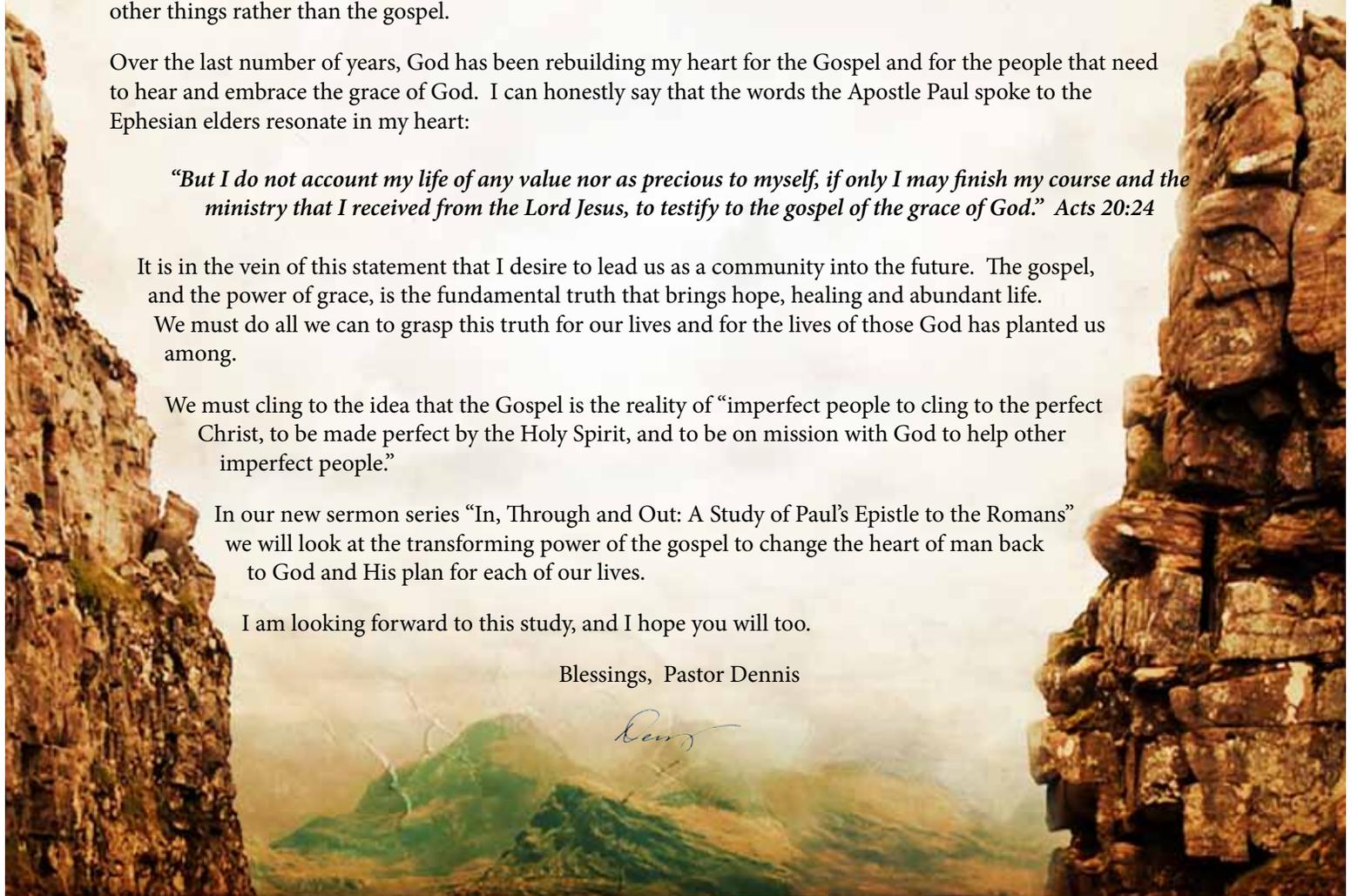
It is in the vein of this statement that I desire to lead us as a community into the future. The gospel, and the power of grace, is the fundamental truth that brings hope, healing and abundant life. We must do all we can to grasp this truth for our lives and for the lives of those God has planted us among.

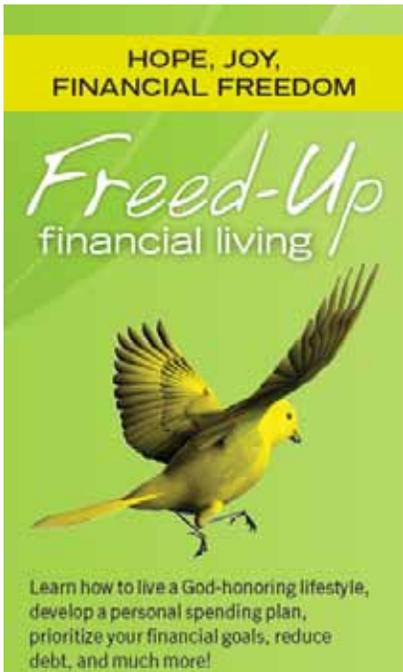
We must cling to the idea that the Gospel is the reality of "imperfect people to cling to the perfect Christ, to be made perfect by the Holy Spirit, and to be on mission with God to help other imperfect people."

In our new sermon series "In, Through and Out: A Study of Paul's Epistle to the Romans" we will look at the transforming power of the gospel to change the heart of man back to God and His plan for each of our lives.

I am looking forward to this study, and I hope you will too.

Blessings, Pastor Dennis





The Freed-Up Financial Living Course - Beginning Feb 21 @ 6:30PM

Learn how to live a God-honoring lifestyle, develop a personal spending plan, prioritize your financial goals, reduce debt, and much more!

When dealing with financial matters, most of us have a natural tendency to push away from the table and avoid engaging the issues. This is true for those who are in the midst of significant financial challenges, as well as those who are financially secure. Wherever you are, Freed-Up Financial Living offers you a clear, biblical understanding of money management that can bring about peace and joy in this critical area.

Freed-Up Financial Living is an opportunity for people from all sorts of financial contexts to come together, find hope and encouragement for the unique challenges that they face, and develop into more biblically-rooted, confident stewards of their resources.

In the Freed-Up course, you'll discover effective tools and develop skills that will help you control your finances— so your finances don't wind up controlling you! After completing the course, you'll walk away with:

- A clear understanding of biblical financial principles
- Simple steps to apply those principles in day-to-day decision making
- A personalized spending plan in your hand, knowledge in your head to implement it, and the motivation in your heart to follow through.

Featuring the practical and grace-filled biblical principles of the nationally known and respected Good \$ense Budget Course.

This study will be held Sunday evenings, at the church, **beginning February 21 at 6:30PM**

You must register by Feb 7 - brochures are on the back board

Cost: \$20 per household to be paid with registration.

There is a bit of prework to do. The information will be given to you after you register.

The sooner you register, the more time you will have to prepare the needed work.



SISTERlife (Women's Ministry) announcements:

Thankyou to everyone who attended the potluck and movie on Sunday. With your donations we were able to send \$465.50 to Chicks-4-Orphans. Thank You!!!

A.B.A. LADIES RETREAT - Camp Caroline March 18-20, 2016

Stressed? Overwhelmed? Needing Rest? Like to Laugh? Join us for the 2016 Ladies' Retreat! Come find sweet renewal as we soak in the presence of Christ and find the needed rest that only His presence can bring. Hilary Price's utmost desire is to be wholly surrendered and dependent on Christ. She has been serving in ministry alongside her husband Charles for over 30 years. They have three grown up children and 2 grandchildren.

REGISTER online at www.campcaroline.ca/events OR pick up registration forms on bulletin board at back of sanctuary and mail in. **Early Bird Discount \$20 applied if you register online by January 31, 2016.** Registration Deadline February 29, 2016. Hosted by Steele Heights Baptist Church

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY on Prayer based on the movie the War Room will begin on **Monday, April 4, 2016 from 12:45 - 3PM.** This is a 5 week study. ***Paid registrations required.*** You must indicate if you need childcare. **Registration deadline is March 20th** and is available on the Hub, Facebook, or email office@leducfellowship.ca



LFC Kids Newsletter:

As 2016 begins, we have our usual programs going full force! Here are the opportunities for your children ages birth to Grade 6 along with contact information that you might need.

Moms & Tots: **NEW TIME:** Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30.
Contact Adrienne Braithwaite - litldods@shaw.ca

Jujubes (Grade 5-6 Ministry): Meets every other Wednesday, 6:45-8:15.

Contact Darrell Ohlmann - darrellohmann@yahoo.ca or by text/calling: 780-970-8245

LFC Kids: Sunday mornings from 10:15-12:00
Nursery for ages birth to 18 months and Toddler Room for ages 18-36 months. Contact Heather Feldbusch - feldbusch@shaw.ca or by text/calling: 780-906-3516

3-K class and Grades 1-4 class. Contact Joanne Gulley - joanne@leducfellowship.ca or by text/calling: 780-441-1671

CAVE QUEST VBS! Mark your calendars NOW for August 22-26! VBS will be available for kids going into Kindergarten through Grade 5. Our theme is Following Jesus - The Light of the World! If you are interested in helping in any capacity, talk to Joanne. We will again be offering nursery and a program for Preschoolers for the children of VBS workers. Don't miss out!

RE-IMAGINE BUILDING PROJECT COLLECTION BANKS!!
Back in April of 2014, LFC Kids had the opportunity to take home small collection banks to fill up with coins to then give towards the Re-Imagine Building Campaign. We are now asking kids to bring back their banks during the month of February and put the money collected in the large water cooler containers marked and located at either Check In Station. We will then pray over the funds with the kids on the March 7 morning church service. Banks are also still available if any children are still interested in taking one home. Thanks to the kids for their hard work and participation with this!

Any questions concerning LFC Kids Ministries can be directed to Joanne Gulley at joanne@leducfellowship.ca or by text/calling: 780-441-1671.

What is the Gospel?

An imperfect people
Clinging to the perfect Christ,
Being made perfect by the Holy Spirit
And helping other imperfect people.



Youth

Come hang out with us every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm.

For the most current news and info, join our Facebook group LFC Youth, and follow us on twitter @LFCYouth



Wednesday, Feb 10
1:00-4:00pm

We meet every month to do some White Cross work cutting and rolling bandages to send to missions.
Everyone is welcome!

February 21 ~ Hymn Sing

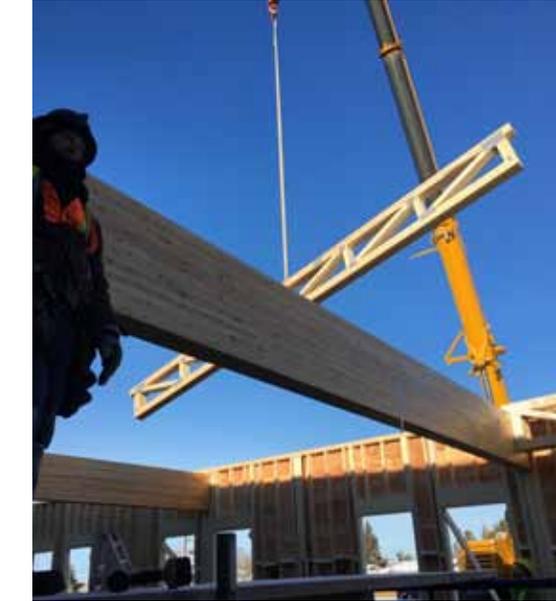
6:00 p.m. at Greenfield Baptist, Edmonton.
For more info call Gladys at 780.986.8920.

Jubilee's Event

Friday, February 26, 11:00am

Speaker: Keith Froese - What in the world is God doing in Calmar?
Tickets are \$15 and available from Gladys (780.986.8920) by Feb 22.

white cross ministry updates...



Re-Imagine Update

Greetings from the Building Committee.

As we can all see, progress is being made on our addition! It has taken a long time to get to this point, but it is great to be at this point now! We are now busy getting windows, doors, interior details and exterior suppliers organized.

The roof is now being put on and a roofing contractor will soon begin to seal the roof.

Heating units will be installed next and the wiring will begin.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please talk to Ron, myself, or anyone on the building committee.

Keep on praying and giving!

Warren Bender, Chair of building committee

grow together...



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