

the Connection

25 SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU

WRITTEN BY KEVIN WILLIAMS

Most people that know me very well know that I'm a football fan. They probably even know my favourite team: The Kansas City Chiefs. If you see me outside of church, there is a good chance that I'm wearing something bearing the Chiefs' logo—even a bright red and gold jacket that I've owned for 25 years!

What do people know about you? What do your classmates and coworkers observe? What do your family members see and hear?

Although there are many things to know about us, the apostle Paul tells of one characteristic that everyone should know about Christ's followers. To the Philippians he wrote, "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand." (Phil 4:5) What should your neighbors, classmates, colleagues, family, and church know about you? According to Paul, everyone should know that you are gentle.

How will everyone know your gentleness? They will watch how you respond when you don't get your way. They will observe how you handle mistreatment. They will read your comments toward those with whom you disagree on social media. They will listen to what you say and the tone in which you say it. This is how your gentleness will be known to all.

Paul not only gives a command, but he focuses our attention on the motivation: "The Lord is at hand." The truth that Christ is coming soon helps us to put things into proper perspective. Much of our impatience and frustration with people comes from a mind set on the earth instead of above (Col 3:2). We react to unfavourable situations without a thought of eternal realities. We try to control our circumstances instead of resting in God's sovereignty.

What does everyone know about you? Well, they know a lot about what you believe by observing how you react toward others. I pray that our gentle spirit will give many opportunities to share our faith in Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"
- "GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN"
- PRAYER
- "HIS MERCY IS MORE"
- PSALM 4
- "ABIDE WITH ME"
- MESSAGE: "CONTRASTING VALUES" JOHN 11:55-12:8 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"

Sunday Adult Fellowship Groups Available:

9:30 AM

Pastor Jerry Church History: Forerunners of the Faith (Room 207)
Sandi Stephens Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God (Room 312)

11:00 AM

Will Breckenridge Young Couples' Fellowship Group (Room 207)
(for married couples in their 20s-30s)
Manuele Russo The Epistles of John (Room 312)
Bob Cook Acts: The Birth of the Church (Room 306)
Jeff McConnell College & Career Group (Room 221)

Teen Fellowship Group 11 am:

Anthony Neumann (Room 308)

Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:

Ages 4-5 Room 209
Grades 1-2 Room 212
Grades 3-4 Room 211
Grades 5-6 Room 309

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE 6 PM

Discipleship Training

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

Lesson 7b "The Local Church"

Workbooks are available at the information desk for \$10

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 11:55-12:8

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

This service will be held in-person or available live stream in your home.

This Sunday:
Drop-in Baby Shower

Natalie & Baby Lauren Haines
This Sunday, 4-6 pm
Fireplace Room (207)

Gift Registry:



Deacon nominations end this Sunday. A ballot box is located in the church foyer.

Coming Up!



Thanksgiving Service
October 11 | 9:30 or 11 am
The Lord's Supper will be observed

Need to contact us?

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GIVING

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Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

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MBC MISSIONARY UPDATE:

in March, we were under strict quarantine and were only allowed to walk, one morning a week, to get groceries. No driving or any other activity was permitted outside our home. In July those restrictions were lifted so that we could leave the home until 4 pm on weekdays only. In September the restrictions were lifted a little more and we are now allowed to leave on weekends until 4 pm. We are now allowed to hold church services for one hour with 30% capacity and a lot of biosecurity requirements. All of our seminary classes are being taught via internet. We are also doing church services via internet on Sunday evenings. Many people have lost their jobs and are still without work.

Due to the pandemic we have had the opportunity to minister to people that have great needs. We want to thank all who have sent us love offerings and financial help to meet the needs of many. We have helped with around 3000 meals and hundreds of bags of food for the most needy. We have also been given thousands of John and Romans and some New Testaments that we are handing out with all the meals and food.

Last year's fraudulent elections were annulled after the country stopped for 21 days. After just a few months the pandemic came and now we have new elections in October. We would appreciate your prayers so that this time they will be legitimate.



Jake, Sharon and Hannah Wiebe serve the Lord in Bolivia. MBC has supported them since 1996.

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who *rules his spirit* than he who takes a city.
Proverbs 16:32

Youth Kick-Off
Grades 7-12
Friday, October 2
7-9:30 pm

- Meet at church
- Games and sports in Meadows Fields
- Dress warm, bring a mask and flashlight



Block Course: Church History
October 5-10



This class traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England, examining the three primary theories of Baptist history and tracing the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world.

- Professor: Dr. Michael Miller, Pastor of Foundation Baptist in Calgary
- Audit or credit
- In-Person or Zoom