

Announcements

Bible Studies - Tuesday (at Pastor Shawn's) at 7pm and Thursday (Church library) at 7pm. We are studying "When God's People Pray" by Jim Cymbala.

Club DJ is at 6:30 on Wednesday. Please pray for the children & leaders.

Men's Breakfast is next Saturday at 8:30.

Offer to Purchase from the Town of Balgonie needs to be ratified. Please stay for a short meeting after the service next week (December 9).

Children's Christmas Program is on December 16th.

Christmas Eve Service! Mark your calendar for 6:30 on Monday the 24th.

The Christmas Banquet was held last night and it was a full house. A special thank you to all those involved with organizing, inviting guests, set up, music, sound set up, hampers, devotional, serving beverages, decorating, master of ceremony, caterers, take down and clean up. An extra thanks to those who moved the heavy pews! Everyone's help and participation was very much appreciated. The evening could not have happened without your help. Thank you! May God's richest blessing be yours and your family's this Christmas Season.

At the **Business Meeting**, we decided to hire a Custodian to clean bi-weekly with preference to those affiliated with BBC, wages to be negotiated. If you are interested, contact the church office or one of the Facility Care members.

Also at the **Business Meeting** we decided to give December 30th (fifth Sunday) designated offering to Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund through the NAB conference office. This fund will be used to assist in alleviating some of the suffering by paying medical bills of the wounded, education for displaced children and food for prisoners.

Year end gifts to the Pastor are not receiptable but are given in addition to his regular salary. Feel free to give anonymously by designating to Pastor.

Contacts

Board of Deacons: Ted, Ivan, Kurtis & Bob
Children's Church: Meghan & Angela
Congregational Care: Ina & Ellen
Facility: Dave M. & Tim
Kitchen: Judy
Treasurer: Denise
Vacant: Library, Music
WiFi: BBC7712545
Pastor Shawn (306) 537-8694

Schedule

Music: Daphne/Ray/Jesse/Dion
A/V: Ted
Host: Kurtis
Children's C: Angela/Tim/Sarah

Next Sunday

Music: Denise/Ray/Jesse/Dion
A/V: David
Host: Dave
Children's C: Angela/Sarah/Brenda

Prayer & Praise

Prayer:

- Pastor Roy (Phillip) recovering from surgery.
- Luella (Dave's sister) recovering from surgery.
- Lyle (Daphne's brother) recovering from surgery.
- Myrna (Denise's sister) as she recovers from surgery.
- Patricia (Michael's Cousin) for salvation & healing from drugs.
- Darren (Ina's cousin's husband) on his cancer diagnosis.
- Cindy (Stacey's mother in law) with stage 3 cancer.
- Garry as he mourns.
- Patty (Judy's cousin) as she and her family mourn.

Praise:

- Lois (Denise's sister) is wrapping up her cancer treatment.
- Mavis is recovering very well.

Our NAB missionaries: Paul & Tanya Gericke (rootsromania@gmail.com) and Elsie Lewandowski (elsielew55@gmail.com).

Our SBA missionaries: Grant & Nettie Pattimore (gpattimore@sasktel.net) at Carry the Kettle reserve.

SBA Church of the week: **Carry-The Kettle Ministries** *Grant & Nettie Pattimore* Praise the Lord for the three girls that trusted Jesus. They need our prayers as they begin their walk with the Lord. We are experiencing some opposition from the Mormon group on the reserve. Pray that God's will, will be worked out in this. We are planning to visit the parents of the kids who have come to Kids Club. We need to be able to meet with them, so we need God's direction to catch the parents at home. Pray for wisdom and guidance as I (Grant) answer the calls on the spiritual help line for the Tribal Trails TV program. Pray for a couple to come along-side us so we can be effective in outreach.

Text **Prayer Requests** to (306) 540-5412

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Helplessness is the real secret and the impelling power of prayer ...For it is only when we are helpless that we open our hearts to Jesus and let Him help us in our distress, according to His grace and mercy.
O. H. Hallesby.

Sermon Notes

Merry Christmas or Maranatha (Part 1)

Matthew 24

Pastor Shawn Cavers

Balgonie Baptist Church

First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time to reflect and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth!



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