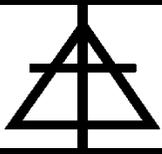


Taber Christian Reformed Church



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*"It is the Purpose of the Taber CRC: to learn about God's love in Jesus Christ,
to celebrate this love and to communicate this love to all people."*

March 18, 2018

10:00 AM - Morning Worship

Pastor Brian Kuyper

We Begin Our Worship

Call to Worship

*Opening Song – "10,000 Reasons" (LUYH 559)

God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise – "Wonderful, Merciful Saviour";

"The River";

"It Is Well"

We Celebrate God's Call to Service

SERVE trip Presentation

Song of Service – "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (LUYH 309)

God's Will for Our Lives – Q & A 86

Song of Proclamation – "What a Beautiful Name"

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

We Listen to God's Word

*Song of Preparation – "Make Me A Servant"

Scripture – 1 Samuel 12:20-25; John 13:1-17; Galatians 5:13

Sermon – **Living a Life of Service**

Prayer

Song of Response – "Here I Am, Lord" (LUYH 869)

We Depart to Serve

Offering

Benediction

Doxology –

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (LUYH 928, to the tune of LUYH 351)

6:00 PM – Evening Worship

Pastor Ken Vanderploeg

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song:

This is My Father's World #436

Causes for Thanksgiving: Prayer

Causes for Concern: Prayer

Text: Luke 19:12-27

Three Servants and Their Talent

1 Corinthians 16:12-3

5 Principles of Christian Giving

Closing Prayer

Song of Response:

Have Thine Own Way, Lord #287

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10:00 am

Ellicia Little –

E-mail: tabercrc@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Taber Christian Reformed Church this Sunday as we gather to praise our God.

We invite you for coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall after the service this morning.

Morning Service: This morning we continue our series looking at the Spiritual Disciplines, and we look at the discipline of Service. Throughout Scripture we have been called to serve the Lord, Jesus himself modeled a life of service and Paul calls us to serve each other. We will trace this theme through the scriptures this morning and we will look at practical ways in which we can serve the Lord by serving each other and our community.

Evening Service: On Sunday evenings we have been looking at Jesus' instructions to his Disciples from the "Sermon on the Mount." Now we turn to one of the chief disciplines of the faithful disciple: Stewardship of Resources. The first aspect of Stewardship we will look at this evening concerns generous giving of that which we have been given. Come and See the 5 Principles of Christian Giving.

WILLING HELPERS	THIS WEEK – March 18th	March 30th Good Friday Communion Service
Ushers:	Jenna Jonker Lexi Wojtowicz	Martin Kamper Cody Jonker
Serving Elder:	Scott Wojtowicz	Jan Bennen
Serving Deacons:	Albert DeBoer Bernie Vloo	Bernie Vloo Kevin Wind
PowerPoint:	Annalise Ypma	Brunette Boes
Sound:	Keith Ypma	Connor Tams
Time of Praise:		
Pianist:	Kristi Mitchell	Miriam Bekkering
Nursery:	AM- Lindsey Bennen, Janny DeVlegier, Wilma Bekkering, Jenna Jonker, Tyler Bekkering PM- Dianne Pastink	Danielle Visser, Lyndsay Smith, Candace VanGeest
Offering:	First Bag: Friendship Ministries Second Bag: Church Budget	
Greeters:	Jason and Ellicia Little Arnold and Matilda Van Huizen	
Coffee Servers:	Jan and Ida Bennen Jeff and Lindsay Smith	

March Offering Schedule

March 18th –
Friendship Ministries
March 25th –
Back to the Bible
at the Civic Centre

Youth Group:

Tonight at 7:30 at TCS,
please join us for some
fun and a good
discussion!

Calendar of Events

Mar 18	Sunday School for all Grades Clearview Lodge Service – 2:30pm
Mar 19	
Mar 20	Catechism – 7:30pm/Kyle Adult Bible Study – 7:30pm
Mar 21	
Mar 22	Morning Ladies Bible Study – 9:30am
Mar 23	Back to the Bible – 7pm/Taber CRC
Mar 24	Back to the Bible – 7pm/Taber CRC
Mar 25	Back to the Bible – 10am/Civic Centre

BIRTHDAYS!

Mar 18	Yvonne Dykstra	Mar 26	
Mar 19		Mar 27	Corry VanderWekken Margie Visser
Mar 20	Neil Glas	Mar 28	Klaas Hoekstra Savannah Hood
Mar 21	Andrew Glas	Mar 29	
Mar 22	Giselle Ypma	Mar 30	Rev. Jake Corvers Pam Wind Clayton Jonker Luke Van Haarst Dylan Tams
Mar 23	Vena deJong Cole Pastink	Mar 31	Samantha Tams
Mar 24	Justin Varekamp	April 01	John Kemper
Mar 25	Wilma Bekkering		

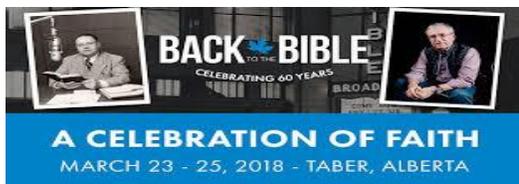
Church Family

**Please remember our brothers and sisters in your daily prayers at mealtimes and during your personal devotions.
Continue to remember those young and old with ongoing physical, spiritual and emotional struggles.**

Please continue to pray for those with ongoing health concerns: John Bos, Corry Vanderwekken,
Andrea DeLeeuw, Siebe Ypma.

We pray for God's comfort for Betty Stasiuk as her mother passed away on Wednesday evening.

Church Events



This year, we celebrate 60 years of Bible teaching ministry in Canada.

Founding Back to the Bible teacher, Theodore Epp, conceived a great vision to share the truth of God's Word around the world using every possible medium at his disposal.

Established now for 60 years, Back to the Bible Canada reaches coast to coast through radio, web, mobile apps and podcasts, utilizing both audio and video. Back to the Bible Canada is committed to providing trustworthy Bible teaching to Canadians and people around the world.

Free Admission

Friday, March 23 Host of Laugh Again – Phil Callaway Musical Guests – The Wiebes 7pm at Taber CRC	Saturday, March 24 Bible Teacher – Dr. John Neufeld Musical Guests – The Wiebes 7pm at Taber CRC	Sunday, March 25 Bible Teacher – Dr. John Neufeld Musical Geusts – The Wiebes 10am at Taber Community Centre
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Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Compassion Associates: Please be informed that the nomination process for Elders, Deacons and Compassion Associates will be held on Sunday April 8, 2018. Nomination forms will be handed out at the beginning of the church service and collected at the end of the service. If you will not be in church on Sunday April 8, your nominations can be submitted by proxy. In order to submit your nominations by proxy, ballots will be available in the foyer from March 18 through April 8. Please fill out the ballot, sign it (ballots submitted by proxy MUST be signed) and submit to Scott Wojtowicz (Clerk of Council).



9 Host Families Needed for the Watoto Tour: April 19 may seem far off, but it will soon be here: and the Watoto Children's Choir will be here to perform for the Taber Community. We need 9 families to host two children and a chaperone: They will arrive at church around 2pm on Thursday to set up and practice. We will provide them a meal, here at church at 5pm. The concert will begin at 7pm and then the host families will be asked to take two children and the chaperone home for the night. They will need their sleep. The hosts are expected to provide a nutritious breakfast, and a lunch to take for the next part of their trip. They will spend some time in the morning doing their homework. You will be advised as to the hour they are to be brought back to church Friday Morning to continue their tour.

If you are willing to host members of the choir, please let Pastor Ken know via e-mail, text a message, respond by Facebook use the signup sheet in the foyer. It has been brought to our attention that the children on tour with Watoto are frightened by cats and dogs and would prefer to be with families without these pets, or at least that these animals be secluded from their presence for the time they are there. Thank you for exercising your gift of Hospitality.

***** SAVE THE DATE: *****
Vacation Bible Camp will be
the second full week of July (9th-13th)!!!



This coming summer, Pastor Ken will be riding in the "Ride for a Reason" fund raiser event for SABC: They are looking to raise \$150,000.00 for scholarship funds to send 400 children to camp this year. So, if you would like to sponsor Pastor Ken on this two-day trip from Banff to Alderside this June, please go to "rideforareason.ca" website, click on Sponsor a Rider, and follow the instructions. If you do not have internet, look for a Sponsorship form on the counter in the Narthex, fill it in and send it to the address indicated at the bottom of the form.



Mark your calendars!! The GEMS Rally April 21st: This is always a highlight for the girls! Please let a leader know if your daughters will or will not be attending, so we have a rough idea of how many girls will be there (Please note that it will be up to the parents to arrange rides to and from the rally)

Have you been heard? As a Christian Reformed Church denomination, we are on a journey of God's work together. As with any journey, it is essential that as we travel we listen to each other and map our progress. With this in mind, our congregation is participating in the 2018 CRC denominational survey. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/645 and answer the survey questions by March 31. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance accessing the online survey, please contact our church's survey coordinator: Pastor Ken Vanderploeg



Youth Group Fundraiser Church Birthday Calendars

The Youth Group is selling Church Birthday Calendars for \$20. It features pictures of our Youth in various activities and each month shows Congregation birthdays. Help by showing your support to our Youth for another exciting year.

School News

Taber Christian School had to reschedule their annual Celebration Dinner/AGM. The new date is this THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND starting at 6 PM with the AGM to follow. Please RSVP to the school office @403-223-4550. Or you can email Shelley @ shelley.kooiker@horizon.ab.ca

It's that time of year again for our **annual GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE.** It will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 830 am to 12 noon in the TCS gym. We ask that you please save any items that you no longer need for this event. Items may be dropped off at the school beginning Monday, April 30. If you need anything picked up, just give us a call to arrange a time. We are in need of baking for the bake sale as well. Baking can be brought to the school on Friday, during school hours or from 7 till 9 Friday evening. We are needing volunteers to help set up on Friday evening from 7 till 9, sell on Saturday morning at 830 and clean up afterwards. Everyone is welcome and your help is greatly appreciated. For more info please call Shelley Kooiker @ 403-894-9187.

Taber Christian School is now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Our mission statement at Taber Christian School is to provide a Christian educational environment in the community of Taber, which uses Biblical teaching to prepare all students to reach their full potential, so they can serve others with a Christ-like attitude. If you have any question's please feel free to come visit the school anytime or call the office at 403-223- 4550.

Community / Regional / National News

Rehoboth Christian Ministries would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 2017 Membership Drive. Rehoboth raised \$59,665 in the Coaldale, Lethbridge & surrounding area. We couldn't have done it without your support, and for this we are grateful. We would also like to acknowledge Pat Kempe, as our contact person, for her time and effort and helping make this campaign a successful one!

Taber Pro-Life

Dear supporters of Taber Pro-Life,
Please renew your membership with Taber Pro-life. Your membership form is in your mailbox, simply fill out the membership form and make your cheque payable to Lethbridge Pro-Life (with Taber membership on the memo line) and you can put it in my mailbox in the envelope provided.

If anyone is interested to become a new member, please contact me and I'll provide you with a membership form. As a Pro-Life board we are committed to educating people and bringing awareness about life issues, promoting life from conception to natural death.

We are always looking for new board members so if you are interested in serving in this area, please contact me.

Thank you for your support. Janny DeVlieger 403-634-1214 or e-mail jannydevl@hotmail.com

Invitation to a Youth Night

Taber Pro-Life is hosting a youth night. The evening will begin with pizza at 6 pm, followed by a time of worship and praise. Than JoJo Ruba, from "Faith Beyond Belief" will be presenting Pro-Life 101. The question of abortion is complicated in many ways. Morally speaking however, it boils down to just one question: What is the pre-born? In this session, we'll learn how to answer that question so that both Christians and non-Christians can understand that abortion is an inhumane violation of human rights. Afterwards there will be a time for Q & A and ice cream will be served!

When; Friday April 20, 2018, at 6 pm.

Where; Life Church, 5120 47 Ave, Taber

The evening is free of charge.

For information call or text

Marian 403-382-8793 or Janny 403-634-1214

Evening of fellowship and singing of beloved Hymns accompanied by an organ. On April 5th at 7pm all are welcomed to join the Grace Reform Church, 1402 – 8th Ave. Lethbridge. For more information call 403 329-3155.

Friends of Immanuel Dinner: The Immanuel Christian School Board invites you to a fundraising dinner in support of the ICSS Middle Years Outdoor Space on Wednesday, March 21; doors open at 5:30 pm with the dinner to begin at 6pm in the large gym, 802 -6 Avenue North, Lethbridge. Dinner is by donation. The keynote speaker Barb Marchuk of His Song Ministries (Coaldale, AB) is a Christian wife, mother, grandmother, singer, songwriter and speaker. Her ability to share her story and the experiences God has brought her through continues to help others that find themselves on similar paths. Her deep love for the Lord is obvious as she brings glory to God through her ministry. We will also have the opportunity to listen to the Senior High Choir and *new* take part in a Silent Auction for gift baskets graciously donated by ICES staff and students! Come join us for the evening! Please RSVP to the Society Office by Wednesday, March 14, at 403-327-4223 or email business@immanuelcs.ca or online at www.societyforchristianeducation.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Voice of the Martyrs – Dieny Donkersgoed: GHANA

At least four churches have been banned from holding services at the Aliu Mahama Stadium. Authorities have refused to renew their licences to operate. In mid-February, the four churches, comprising of more than 700 congregants, were given ten days' notice to evict. More than 70 percent of Ghana's inhabitants claim to follow Christianity, and the country is generally seen as a model of stability. However, there has been a recent upsurge of Islamic proselytism in the northern areas, particularly aimed at youth. May the churches reach out to remind them of the saving message of Christ love

Fundraising Concert: Pete & the Re-Petes will be playing a concert with Andre Knevel and Liselotte Rokyta on April 6 at 7:30 in the Southminster United Church (1011 – 4th Ave S. Lethbridge, AB). This concert is in support of missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Tickets are \$10 at the door, 16 and under are free; a freewill offering will be taken for Papua New Guinea Missions.

ELIM SOCIETY – Annual General membership meeting:

Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Elim Village, 275 Lettice Perry Road N.

You may look forward to hearing the progress of the society over the past year, to electing of new board members and to pay your \$25.00 annual membership fee. "You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the aged, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:32. As a society, we are actively seeking new board members in this kingdom work of caring for our seniors. If you may be interested, please contact a board member or the administration at Elim Village – 403-715-1929. The board takes this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and financial support throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Elim Village is hiring a part time cook. Some weekend work is necessary. Approx. 32 hours monthly. Qualifications: cooking experience, food prep, clean up. Ability to work alone or as part of a team. Please forward resume to elimsocietylethbridge@gmail.com

Food Bank Membership Drive

Why Buy a \$5 Membership?

1. Help with food purchases
2. Support the Food Bank
3. Get details on volunteering opportunities & fundraising
4. Receive emails on Food Bank Activities & Meeting Minutes
5. Vote at the Annual General Meeting
6. Eligible to run for a Member at-Large Director position

Memberships are available at the Food Bank or from Board Members & Church Representatives. You may also mail your membership to the Food Bank. Please include your name, address, phone # and email. Taber Food Bank Society 5512 48 Avenue Taber, Alberta T1G 1S4
Church Representative: Til VanHuizen



Taber Food Bank

AGM: Wednesday, March 21 7pm – Food Bank

Everyone is Welcome

Election of 2 Board Members at Large

Most needed items: Diaper (size 2 – 6),
shampoo, laundry soap and toilet paper

**Thank you for your prompt attention
to this important reminder!**

Payment must be received by **March 30, 2018.**

DUTCH CANADIAN BURIAL SOCIETY

2018 Membership NOTICE

Single membership dues (for those 18 to 25 years of age) are **\$30.00** a year.

Family membership dues are **\$60.00** a year.

- This covers husband/wife and children to the age of 18 (or up to the age of 21, only if your child is a full-time student).
- The phrase "Family" membership also refers to our members who are widowed, OR single and 25 years of age and over.

The Funeral benefit coverage is \$2,250.00.

- REMEMBER you have to inform the local funeral home of your choice that you are members of the Dutch Canadian Burial Society.
- **PLUS, double check** with the local Southern Alberta funeral homes to see **IF they honour** our D.C.B.S. Basic Funeral Package contract, **as some of them provide our members with a significant discount!** Or check with your Board Member.

Keep your membership up-to-date! Include any changes such as:

- a new family member,
- an address change,
- a marriage, or divorce, OR
- IF your child has turned 18 (or up to 21 as a full-time student). They are no longer a member under your "family membership" and require their own single membership.

Please give your dues to your NEW local Board Member – Karen Hamilton! If you have questions please call: 403.634.1213. Thank you!

2017 Statistics: Total Memberships = 744

56 Single & 688 Family Memberships = 1692 individuals

Funeral Benefits were paid out for 22 members

PLEASE NOTE:

If your membership fees have not been received in time, you and your family will not qualify for a benefit payment if required, during this calendar year.

KEEP this information with your other important documents so your family members will KNOW you are a member and entitled to funeral benefit coverage!

The D.C.B.S. welcomes new members up to the age of 40.



George and Bev VanderGaast invite you to celebrate with them their 40th Wedding Anniversary after Service with cake and fellowship.

OUR HEARTFELT JOURNEY

Today, Sunday, March 18 marks a special day for George and I, as we celebrate 40 years together. We are so blessed and so thankful for each day that God has given us. Little did we know on our wedding day what would lie before us. What we were sure of was that our Lord was beside us, as our Savior and our guide.

After almost 20 years of marriage, raising 4 children and enjoying a fairly normal life, everything abruptly changed. As most of you know, George's heart ceased to function normally and was in need of a heart transplant. This brought us to our knees, humbling us before Him, realizing that we needed to put our whole lives in His hands, not just part of our lives as before. We felt His love and peace surround us as we waited for the possibility of a new heart becoming available. What a wonderful day August 16, 1999 was when we received the call that they had a match for George. With our joy came a sadness for another family that lost their loved one on that day. What a marvelous gift they gave to us despite their grief that they were suffering as a family. We continued to pray for them and others who do these wonderful acts of love.

We are so thankful for you, our wonderful congregation, who have been with us, many of you right from the start. Your support and prayers have helped us so much that no words can truly express our gratitude. These past years we have experienced some shortcomings in our life and struggles with George's health but we continue to see God's hand at work over and over again. He is so faithful and awesome, He supports and provides so much for us when we do not deserve any of it. Without His precious gift of peace that He gave us, we would not know where we would be today. What comfort we have knowing that we are in His hands, giving us strength when we are so weak, a song in our heart when we are in despair, guidance when we can't see the road before us but most of all, His saving grace so that when this life is over, we have the beautiful assurance we will be in glory with Him forever.

Yours in Christ, George and Bev Vander Gaast