

## Fellowship Prairies

**FALL  
QUARTER**



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# NEWSLETTER



## The start of a new Ministry Season

Welcome to the Fall Quarter edition of our Fellowship Prairies newsletter. I am excited about this new format of reaching out to you.

I trust that you've had an amazing summer, and are coming into the fall season refreshed and excited about what God has for you in the next chapter of your "church life".

Whatever the Lord has in store for us, I hope that *Psalm 19* would be our prayer, and a great reminder to us as we offer ourselves to Him in the ministry year ahead. And may we, too, declare *vs. 14*, as a personal commitment to the Lord:

*“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”*

- *Psalm 19:14*

If we offer ourselves to God in this way, we'll benefit, our churches will benefit, and the Region will benefit, which of course, will be our collective offering of being “beneficial” to the Lord. May He be pleased with us in the year ahead.

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## Leadership / Discipleship Sailing Retreat

Upcoming dates  
are already slotted  
for 2019 - June 3-  
7, and June 8-12.

and would highly recommend it to any of our churches. It is an incredible time with the Lord in His amazing creation, out among the Gulf Islands south of Nanaimo, B.C.

Beyond the connection with the Lord through His creation, comes the interaction time in sessions together. Phil does a great job of leading you closer towards God, and one another as a team. In addition to this, teamwork naturally takes place as you learn how to sail together on a 50 foot vessel. It is truly remarkable, and creates a bond with those you're with that has to be experienced to be appreciated.

This past June, we had the awesome privilege of partnering with our NorthLife Church in Fort McMurray in a new initiative they've developed. It involves two separate trips, each one five days in length. During that time, Phil Webb leads a church team through some leadership and discipleship material. Mark was on the second trip this past year,



Upcoming dates are already slotted (June 3-7, & June 8-12, 2019). If this is something that may be of interest to you, I'd encourage you to reach out to Mark Usher at Northlife: [pastormark@fbcfm.ca](mailto:pastormark@fbcfm.ca). He will be able to let you know of more details.



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*Encounter God, Equip God's People, Engage God's World*



## Fellowship National Conference 2018

This upcoming National Conference is out west for 2019! We hope that you will take advantage of the closer proximity, and join us for what is sure to be another amazing year. There will be two speakers at this year's Conference: Jeff Vanderstelt, who is the Executive Director of [SaturateTheWorld.com](http://SaturateTheWorld.com), and Paul Watson - the co-author of Contagious Disciple-Making.


**Go to our website,  
and click on the  
National banner for  
a quick way to go  
about registration.**

You can go to our website, and click on the National banner for registration details, and other information. related to the Conference.

Some quick and handy details - the hotel is close to the Vancouver airport. There is a shuttle from the airport to the hotel that you can take.

The dates are November 12-14, in Richmond, B.C.

Registering early would be a great idea. There is a special group rate until October 11 for the rooms. Take advantage of this.

And of course, it is always a great time for us to connect with one another, and see what God is up to across our Nation. 

## Good News to share - Churches joining our Region

We are so excited about the addition of two new churches to our Region! What likely excites us most, is the fact that they are great churches coming our way, and partnering with us. A close second is that they are additions in the provinces of our Region that do not have as many churches! God has seen fit to add one in Transcona (a community just outside of Winnipeg), and one in Saskatoon (in a new

community development there). So Manitoba and Saskatchewan, respectively, each gained an amazing church in their wonderful provinces!

**Transcona** - this church is called Park City Gospel Church. It is a vibrant and solid body of believers who are really excited to be partnering with us as a Fellowship. They have a couple Pastors on staff, who are an amazing compliment to our FP team. Pastor Derek deVries is the Lead Pastor, and Pastor



Jordan Vetro is the Associate Pastor. This is a church that is up and running, and sensed the Lord leading them to partner with us in what we're all about. In getting to know them a bit

over this past year, we have been excited to see Jesus lived out through them as a church community. We can't wait for the chances you'll have to meet with them in this upcoming year! Welcome to the Fellowship Prairies Region, Park City! May God bless you in this new season you're entering into!

**Evergreen** - this is the new community in Saskatoon for this new church plant. This church will be a branch off of Grace Fellowship, which has been meeting in downtown Saskatoon (at the Scotiabank Theatre) since 2011. Their dream is to plant four churches (north, south, east and west) from their main campus, and then branch out to the outlying communities around those plants, into other parts of Saskatchewan. This new plant in Evergreen is the second instalment from Grace Fellowship, and is planning a launch date in 2019. They've asked to be a part of Fellowship Prairies.

Pastors Sam Whitehawk and Jeff Froese are in place, and in preparation now for the smooth transition into this launch. Pastor Murray McLellan (Grace Fellowship) has led them well, and we're excited to see what the Lord has in store in the days ahead through this vibrant church He's blessed us with.

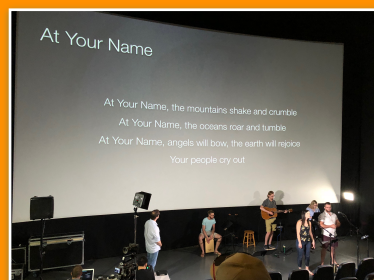
To the right are some pictures of their service that Mark was at on July 29.

This is also an amazing church partnership, and we can't wait for you to meet these Pastors as well!



## Wonderful times in Westlock

So this past summer, our church in Westlock had four baptisms,



(top) sermon series in 1 & 2 Samuel

(middle) Pastor Sam Whitehawk making all feel welcome and updated

(bottom) an amazing time of worshipping our God





the new  
furnaces  
in the  
church



Pastor Lyle alongside  
intern, Carson Cole -  
both baptizing at the  
Pembina River.



A part of the party  
down by the riverside!



and eight new people come into membership.

It has been an incredible journey of what the Lord has been doing there over the last couple of years.

In August, our get together of Pastors in the N. AB meeting went out to Westlock. We celebrated together. The time was one that was pretty emotional. One of the Board members reflected back on the Region helping them purchase two new furnaces. At that time, the church was financially unable to do so, and he said that had the Region not stepped in, they would've closed their doors. We as a Region were able to provide that help in correlation to a fund that National had set up at the time. As I reflected on that, I was totally blown away by God's goodness. Yet another miraculous story involving furnaces! I did not realize the severity of it being "furnaces vs. closed church" - that was never shared at the time. But it felt wonderful to help out, and to see the results of that today make that an even richer experience.

Needless to say, there's so much more to this experience than space will allow. So allow me to say this - things may look bleak. But if you offer yourself up to the Lord, and cry out for help - it's there. He wants you to make it. And as is the Lord's way, quite often you and I have the honour of being a part of helping others. We get a front row seat to God showing up in ways that are beyond our wildest dreams.

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God has been good. May you sense and know that in the upcoming year that is before us! May this fall quarter be filled with God's richest blessing as you love Him and one another.



Reminder: October is Pastor Appreciation month.

We meet together  
throughout the Region to  
encourage one another.  
Come out to these times  
of sharing what God is up  
to among us, and to  
support each other in  
prayer and fellowship.

Here is a list of the next  
few that are slotted:

S. AB - September 4

N. AB - September 6

SK - October 17

MB - October 12