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NEWSLETTER



Summer is here.

An interesting exercise for me in one of my Bible College classes, was to read through the Gospels, and underline how many times Jesus was nurtured himself. Spoiler alert: it was far more than I'd ever noticed. If you read through the Gospels, you'll find that Jesus was intentional about finding down time. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

- Mark 6:31

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You need to know - it's O.K. to recharge - to find some rest. To refuel after a ministry season of pouring out. Of course, you and I know that there is never really a 9-5; a start / finish to your calling, or ministry in the month, etc.

But there are some natural seasons that do have allowances built into them for us to "hop in a boat, kick away from the shore, and push away from the crowds", as it were.

Please do that. Know you have permission and our blessing as a Region to do that.

If Jesus needed time to replenish, you and I do, too. Summer is a natural time to take some time. Summer is here. Do this! Take some time to nurture yourself. May God bless you as you do.

MB

An addition to the Fellowship Prairies Team.

Although it was already announced formally at our Equip Conference, we are excited to mention again in this format: Pastor Arden Boville has joined us as an Assistant Regional Director, serving us in the Manitoba part of our Region. He will be (and already has been) a great extension of our "hands, feet, voice, and heart", and serve our churches well in this manner. This is a volunteer position, and his primary role is still that of being the Lead Pastor at Bethel in Winnipeg. So for those within our Manitoba churches; we see this strategically as a way we can stay connected more significantly and quickly. Arden's "provincial presence" provides some help to the natural challenges that are presented, simply due to the scope of the size of our Region. Pray for Pastor Arden, and for our Manitoba churches as they continue

to do significant things for God's glory!



Equip 2018



Glendyne Gerrard, Director of Defend Dignity, presenting to us.

Our Equip Conference took place at West Edmonton Baptist Church, from May 3,4.

A general overarching theme had us hearing from groups dealing with sexual exploitation, and how to process dealing with pornography.

Having updates and time together with our National representation was a great time, once again.

Another highlight came by way of our new pastors from our Saskatoon startup being with us.



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Staying Connected through various forms.

The newsletter is another avenue for us to stay in touch. It's a tweak from the monthly newsletter that used to be sent out. With this now being quarterly, it's obviously more concise, and will give a broader reflection through each issue. We will keep archived

copies of the newsletter on our website. It will also serve as a great place to direct people who are wanting to see what God is up to from quarter to quarter among us all. Related to that - keep storytelling! It is

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great to hear what God is doing across our entire Region. On that note - we are encouraged by what the Lord has done as we reflected on His goodness this past year at Equip 2018 (our Regional year-end). As we hear of what He's up to, we'll compile some stories that will serve as a collective encouragement for all of our churches. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him faithfully. There are also some other social media platforms that will keep you connected to all things Fellowship Prairies (left). Feel free to follow, and spread the word to any who may benefit from connecting in this way.

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