



AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.

Sunday March 24, 2019

Good morning! We're moving through the book of Exodus and through the season of Lent. It's a time for preparation - for Israel as they moved toward the Promised Land and for us as we move toward Good Friday and Easter. Transitions are not easy, but as the text today, Exodus 17, reminds us, God is among us.

Tonight the combined worship service is at 6:00pm at Community Life Church, 6211 Cherry Creek Road (the First Baptist church building). Pastor Curtis will preach.

Welcome and Greeting

Songs: "Your Name"; "I Exalt Thee"; "He is Exalted"

Children's Story

Song: "Were You There"

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 71)

"God is Among Us"

Song: "The River"

Prayer

Offering (Budget); **Song:** "The Solid Rock" by Mote/ Bradbury

Blessing; Song: "The River is Here" by Andy Park

Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:

- Remember the C family and all who grieve the passing of Alice. We give thanks for her life and for God's assurance of eternal life!
- Pray that the Gathering of Voices event held in our city last week will encourage and support young Indigenous people.
- Pray that the church council will process all the information received yesterday at the Tapestry; pray for wisdom and discernment as we plan for the future.

New Elders and Deacons: Each spring we replace roughly one third of the Elders and Deacons (we serve three year terms). Pray that God will raise up the right people and listen closely for his call to you.

Spilled Ink

Here is a thought that didn't make it into the message this morning. *Exodus 17:1* reports that Israel was on the move. Don't make too much of the name "Desert of Sin." It's a Hebrew name that is not linked to the English word. More important is the note that Israel was on the move. That's a theological statement as much as a statement about travel. God was moving his people. Progress might seem slow (40 years passed before they entered the land of Canaan) but God was leading them, teaching them, preparing them. Israel surely wanted out of the desert and into a proper home but they would get there. God would make sure of that. Until then, they had to be patient. They would do well to watch, listen, learn. In the instability of life on the move, they could ask, "What is God teaching me in this?"

That just might be the most important question a human being can ask: "What is God teaching me?" Other versions of the same question are, "What is God growing in me? What is he calling me to do? Things are changing all around me; where is God in all of this?"

Pastor Curtis

Faith Walking 101 is a challenging and deeply rewarding five session discipleship course. Participants learn to recognize and step away from old and deeply ingrained habits we acquire in a lifetime, habits we hoped would keep us safe but really don't. We learn to embrace freedom with Jesus.

**Another session will start after Easter; exact dates are to be determined. *Talk to Joanne K, Alsie S, Patty P or Willem C for more information.*

All Committees and Ministries are asked to submit their Annual Report to: bulletin@avcrc.ca The deadline is midnight tonight.

Weekly calendar: (**Check the website for updates**)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:45 - 8:00pm Youth Group Bible Study

Next Sunday: 6:00pm ~ Lent Service at Elim, 3946 Wallace

From Erin K:

All Nursery Helpers - YOU ARE ALL AMAZING! *Thank you so very much for your volunteer contribution. The new schedule is up in the nursery and in everyone's mailbox. (I've got a computer glitch on my word program at the moment). Also, if there is anyone who would like to spend the occasional morning caring for our littlest ones, please let me know. Thanks!*

Receipts! *I am still collecting Quality Foods, Save on Foods, and Buy Low grocery receipts. Turn your paper into \$ for the kids. Thanks!*

February Giving

Budget	\$15763.05
Young Life	1280.00
Free a Family	230.00
Social Justice	465.00
Umrans	25.00
Benevolent	200.00
<u>Seafarers (classis)</u>	<u>2400.00</u>
<i>Year to Date Budget Giving</i>	<i>\$30,577.55</i>
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$38,687.50</i>
<i>Year to Date (shortfall)</i>	<i>(\$8109.95)</i>



**Is this your first time
Worshipping with us?**

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you ☺

There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.

Do you have Children?

Sunday School ... Pastor Curtis will let you know during the Service when the children can leave.

All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

Nursery ... is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

March 24 – Budget
March 31 – Guatemala

COUNTER

John R
Patty T

HELPERS

Bert & Pat B
Renger D & Margrit D

GREETERS

March 24 Alice & Theo V
March 31 Alice & Theo V

NURSERY

Carol D, Anita B, Sarah V
Jessica O, Erin K, Curtis G

COFFEE MAKERS

March 24 Colin & Aliza B
March 31 Izak & Ezit N

LIBRARIAN

Alice V
Margrit D

SECURITY

Pete B
Pete B

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