

Crestview Park Free Methodist Church

January 2018



Welcome and God Bless!
 Here at Crestview Park Free Methodist Church, we strive to be:

Christ Centered
Pulling Together
Family Oriented
Maturing
Calling all to the Gospel

We invite all to join us on our walk with the Lord. Please join us for any upcoming events or a house fellowship! Feel free to contact us at any time!

Birthdays

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| Jan 1 st Samuel Armah | Jan 18 th Kevin Yeboah |
| Jan 1 st Jessica Armah | Jan 20 th Winnifred Matich |
| Jan 1 st Keeshan Gbeve | Jan 21 st Dennis Kankam |
| Jan 9 th Wilf Tanner | Jan 26 th Hannah Fearn |
| Jan 9 th Mathieu Indome | Jan 27 th Debbie Tanner |
| Jan 16 th Nancy Anderson | |

Anniversaries

- Jan 5th Kofi & Jemima Amoah-Gyampoh
 Jan 24th Samuel & Bertha Tackie

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Prayer Needs

- Please pray for the health and wellbeing of Debbie, Kofi & Florence
- Please Pray for Sylvia's Kids Rachel & Ronnie
- Please pray for the nominating committee as they prayerfully seek nominees for upcoming Board Chair & Treasury position
- Please Pray for the students as their workload increases for upcoming tests and exams.
- Pray for the world this upcoming New Year
- Pray for those who are ill and unable to make it to church

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you, “ says the Lord. “ They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope”.

Rev Dustin Schellenberg's Message

I don't like the Jedi order. I think they are pretentious, obnoxious, controlling and have their own idea of how the galaxy should be run. They pretend like they are the good guys, but I don't buy it. It was on the Jedi Order's watch that Darth Sidious became emperor, that Darth Vader terrorized the galaxy and the millions of souls on Alderaan are no more (not to mention the bothans, all the bothans!). So, I went into The Last Jedi with hopes to see the Jedi Order finally fall and something more balanced replace it. I was hoping to see them gloriously destroyed and my disgust for them vindicated. Then Rose Tico uttered a phrase that broke my heart “[we won't win] by fighting what we hate, but saving what we love”. And all of a sudden, I'm feeling bad that I want to see the Jedi Order burn when I should be asking what should be saved instead.

There is a tremendous fundamental shift to the way we approach opposition in this statement and it is perhaps the most beautiful thing I've ever heard. So often when we oppose someone we do it antagonistically and with the intent to reduce our opponent to bits. The propaganda of one side makes sure to demonize the other before anything else: Liberals are SJW, snowflake, cucks and Conservatives are homophobic, racist bigots. It's all hate meant to destroy the other side and it maintains a toxic environment that tears people apart, foments anger and drives a wedge between people. This hatred polarizes every conversation.

Suddenly if you say that it isn't okay to use racial slurs, have derogatory humour or racial stereotypes you are the enemy of fun. There's no room to consider how racial inequality has deeply impacted our country; you're a tree hugging liberal. Likewise, if you oppose swearing, premarital sex or pornography you are a close-minded prude that is the enemy of fun. Each side sees the other as the destroyer of fun, a sort of hatred used to destroy your enemy, the one who opposes your worldview. But what if we took Rose's advice to heart and focus more on saving the things we love?

Rev Dustin Schellenberg's Message Cont'd

What if we promoted alternative film because it explored strange ideas or unusual situations. Even though a subject was uncomfortable or shone light on a part of society we don't want revealed, it could still be valuable because it is worth facing our fears and striving for change. We could stand for equality because everyone should have a fair chance and media should reflect the world we live in, meaning there are people of colour and sexual orientations other than my own. What if we loved smart writing with clever jokes and thought-provoking dialogue so stood for nothing less. We could praise writers who think through dialogue and make the story genuinely engaging, and then distance ourselves from those who do not.

But the hardest place to apply this idea of "saving what we love" would be in our politics. Imagine thinking about the issues that really matter, the stuff you really love, and then voting that way. We might stop voting by colour or animal and start voting based on the actual stance of a particular person or party. We would have to look at platforms, listen to debates and then vote based on the integrity and value of an individual rather than habit. It would be very hard at first, because society has conditioned our politicians to tell us why the opponent is a worse person rather than the value they are going to bring. We would have to dramatically change the way we accept information and that would take time.

Consider the recent special senate election in Alabama. For the first time in 25 years Alabama elected a Democrat and in no small part because the Republican representative Roy Moore was vilified in the media as a homophobic, slavery supporting, child molester. Now any or all of those might be true, but as a Canadian watching I have no idea what democratic candidate Doug Jones stood for, or the good things that Roy Moore intended, just that one guy stood for everything everyone hates and so had to be destroyed, and that is the problem. What if the media had actually covered what the two candidates found important and were supporting? What if all we heard was what they were fighting to save. We might have heard that one was fighting to save racism, slavery, anti-gay legislation and a host of other things that probably shouldn't be saved. It would not change the outcome, but at least the rest of us would know what the other person was fighting for and approach electing officials by what they champion rather than at least he isn't as bad as the other guy.

As a Christian it can be very tempting to fight against what I hate too, be it secular policy or other denomination or religion. But I think this is the worst way to approach disagreement. I agree with Rose that all people, but particularly Christians, should be approaching disagreement from a radically different way. I believe that as a Christian I am called to love and care for others. Instead of forcing them to conform to my moral structures though I could do that by making a place for theirs. I'd be fighting to save love and freedom, which are extremely important. Instead of fighting against other ideologies I could fight for safety, security, peace and love. I'd be demonstrating that I loved people rather than rules. It would mean fighting for people I don't know or don't believe what I do, but the Bible says I should love even my enemies and most of the people I disagree with also long for love, freedom, hope, justice and peace so it should be easy.

Rev Dustin Schellenberg's Message Cont'd

I'm looking forward now to seeing where the new Jedi who are governed by the idea of saving what we love rather than fighting what we hate. Luke shows us a glimpse of it when he buys time for the people he loves to escape rather than trying to kill Kylo. Finn and Poe get it almost too late, but save the people they love rather than go back into the fray to "blow stuff up". Leia lives it out right from the beginning and demonstrates what it means to be a leader, always saving what you love even if it means letting your enemy live. I'm looking forward to following her example and continuing to seek the things that unite us and make us better in society rather than polarizing in hate. I hope to be a person who saves what I love more often than I fight against what I hate. Maybe if I can do it, others will follow.

Responsive Lesson Schedule January/February 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Responsive Reading</u>	<u>Congregational Member</u>
January 7	#650 The Lord's Prayer	Sam Armah
January 14	#668 Justification Through Faith	Josephine Armah
January 21	#672 Assurance	Susan Bandola
January 28	#689 Fellowship	Nancy Anderson
February 4	#651 Discipleship	Monique Burke
February 11	#655 Prayer	Bailey Russel
February 18	#654 The New Birth	Joshua Yeboah
February 25	#656 Giving	Scott Larson

Broccoli & Bacon Salad

Ingredients

- 4 cups of Broccoli florets
- ½ cups real bacon bits/pieces
- ½ cup shredded carrots
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onions
- ½ cup favorite Vinaigrette salad dressing (such as balsamic or red wine vinaigrette)
- ¼ cup sliced almonds

Directions

- In large saucepan, bring 2 quarts (2L) of water to a boil. Add broccoli florets to boiling water and cook for 1-2 mins. Remove broccoli and place in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. Drain Broccoli well and pat dry with a paper towel. In bowl, combine broccoli, bacon carrots and red onions. Toss gently with vinaigrette salad dressing. Chill salad for 1 hour. Just before serving, stir in almonds.

Heart Spirit & Soul Concert

Heart Spirit & Soul Concert

@ Wide World of Faith (465 Alexander Ave)

Sat Feb 3, 2018 @ 6:30 - 8:30.

Tickets \$10

bhmwinnipeg@gmail.com for information

Featuring the Ghanaian Singers

Worship Night at CPFMC

Worship Night at CPFMC.

Sat Feb 17, 2018 7-9pm.

Free Admission.

See Akos for more information

Come join the walk Group



COME JOIN THE WALK:

Light aerobics with weights and stretch bands!

Every Monday & Wednesday @6:30 pm & Saturdays @10am

Let us fellowship -and workout- together!

For more information please contact: Samuel Tackie at 204-832-2771 or Ida Pilgrim at 204- 832-2453

Newsletter Submissions

We would like to invite any member of our congregation interested in writing an article, sharing a story, writing an update for your committee, volunteer opportunities and many more topics to please email or speak with Kavitha. After you have written your article please email it to Kavitha at kavithaandlesie@hotmail.com. The deadline for Submissions is the 20th of every month.

House Fellowships

St. James/ Headingley

Contact: Samuel Tackie (204-832-2771)
Or Kofi Amoah-Gyampoh (204-831-0591)

Garden City

Contact: Maggie & Sam Yeboah (204-694-8868)

Men's Fellowship

The First Saturday of Every Month
Contact: Ed Grant (204-253-0669)
Or Samuel Tackie (204-832-2771)
Or Charles Kankam (204-632-6777)

Ladies Fellowship

the Last Saturday of Every Month
Contact: Stella Kankam (204-632-6777)

Young Women's Taboo Topics

Contact: Nancy Anderson (204-998 5056)

C & C (College & Career)

Contact: Angie Tackie (204-297-2846)

CAPBWC (Couples and Parents Blessed With Children)

Contact: Scott & Abby Larson (204-997-4864)



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day!!!! Union Gospel 9am Christmas dinner	2	3 The Walk (6:30pm)	4 St. James /Headingly bible study (7:15 pm) Garden City bible study (8 pm)	5	6 The Walk (10 am) Men's fellowship @ 11am
7 Sunday School: 9:30 am Service: 10:45 am Prayer Meeting 7pm	8 The Walk (6:30 pm)	9	10 The Walk (6:30 pm)	11 St. James /Headingly bible study (7:15 pm) Garden City bible study (8 pm)	12	13 The Walk (10 am) C&C Bible studies @4pm @Josephine's
14 Sunday School: 9:30 am Service: 10:45 am	15 The Walk (6:30 pm)	16	17 The Walk (6:30 pm)	18 St. James /Headingly bible study (7:15 pm) Garden City bible study (8 pm)	19	20 The Walk (10 am)
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28 Sunday School: 9:30 am Service: 10:45 am	29 The Walk (6:30 pm)	30	31 The Walk (6:30 pm)	C & C Bible studies Save the date: Feb 18th @ 3pm @ Akos's place with JB to lead		

* "The Walk" is an exercise group that meets in the church basement.
 * All bible study dates are subject to change and contact people should be phoned in order to find The location for the bible study. Contact info is located in the "House Fellowships" section.

QR Code!

You may be asking yourself – “What is a QR Code?”

A QR Code is short for “Quick Response Code”. It is basically a unique bar code that can be scanned by a smart phone that will direct it to a designated website.

Crestview Park Free Methodist Church now has QR codes that will direct you to the following places:



If you do not have a QR scanner on your phone, you can install one of the following free scanners from the iPhone App Store or the Google Play Store:



QR Scanner (available on the iPhone APP Store)



QR Droid (Available for Android Devices at the Google Playstore)

To utilize these applications simply open the program, and point your phone camera at the QR Symbol of your choice. Your phone will do the rest!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Scott, Nancy or Akos. We will be happy to help you out! Stay tuned to your bulletin for more QR code links to our Facebook Account and upcoming events!