

## SERMON NOTES

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### WHO AM I: A STEWARD OF GIFTS

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**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Welcome to Worship!**

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If you are new to Gospel Chapel, please fill out a GUEST CARD, located at the info desk, and drop it into the offering box! To update your contact information, please fill out a CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE CARD, also located at the info desk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### GENERAL NOTICE

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Our building is a fragrance-free facility to honour those with health conditions and allergies. This includes all perfumes, scented products, and essential oils. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note that those seated nearest the stage may be captured on our live-stream, which is available for public viewing.

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## GOSPEL CHAPEL

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARCH CALENDAR

- ✦ **March 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – No Battalion or L.I.F.T. (Spring Break)
- ✦ **March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Family Discipleship Night / 6:00pm / Pines Bible Camp
- ✦ **March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday service / 9:30am
- ✦ **March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Sunday service / 9:30am

### WEEKLY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

- ✦ **SUNDAY / Pre-Service Prayer Time** / 8:30am-9:20am / Fireside Room
- ✦ **SUNDAY / Lodge Ministry** / See our Church Community Bulletin Board for times
- ✦ **MONDAY / Ladies DBS** / 9:30-11:30am / Childcare room behind balcony / Contact Lindsay Hiebert-Edwards at [edwardsmain@protonmail.com](mailto:edwardsmain@protonmail.com) / Next meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ **MONDAY / Men's Basketball** / 7-9pm
- ✦ **TUESDAY / Freedom Session** / 6:30-9:00pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ **TUESDAY / Men's Floor Hockey** / 8:00pm
- ✦ **WEDNESDAY / Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am  
Contact Evelyn Brown at [evbaca@juno.com](mailto:evbaca@juno.com) for link
- ✦ **WEDNESDAY / 55+** / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ **WEDNESDAY / CSB** / Grades 7-12 / Resumes April 3<sup>d</sup>
- ✦ **THURSDAY / L.I.F.T.** / Grades 3-7 / Resumes April 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ **FRIDAY / Men's Group** / 6am / MW Electric (222 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave)
- ✦ **MON, WED, FRI, SAT / Prayer for Israel-Hamas War** / 1-2pm / 1536 Donaldson Drive / Hosted by Sarah Kirchhevel

### AUTHENTIC LIVING

- ✦ This program begins April 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs for a total of 8 weeks! Please see this week's insert for more details and reach out to Pastor Doug at [ddunbar@gospelchapelgf.com](mailto:ddunbar@gospelchapelgf.com) if you'd like to participate. If you purchased a book last time but did not complete the program, please consider participating this time!

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

- ✦ Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm will be a time to connect and share how we're doing with our discipleship, personally and within our families. We'll share a meal together and there will also be a time of prayer, to speak to the Lord from our hearts and hear from the Holy Spirit. Bring a side dish or dessert. Main dishes and beverages will be provided! Hosted at Pines Bible Camp.

### 2024 GOSPEL CHAPEL FAMILY CAMP

- ✦ Registration for the Gospel Chapel Family Camp is now open! Camp runs June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by Pines Bible Camp. To register, visit <https://pinesbiblecamp.com/family-camp/>. We are excited to announce that Sam Dick with Multiply will be sharing with us this weekend on how to be a missionary exactly where God has planted you in troubled times!

## GIVING

- ✦ Please use the offering box located at the info desk for your donations during Sunday service times!
- ✦ To give to the ministry of Gospel Chapel: e-transfer to [gcfincanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:gcfincanceteam@gmail.com), drop-off envelopes at the church office Tuesday through Thursday, or deposit them into the offering box during Sunday services.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Oksana Betancurt*  
*Tony Bosch & Ann Flynn (Coby Postma's brother-in-law & sister)*  
*Trincy Buwalda & Luke Postma (Steve Postma's sister & brother)*  
*Jim Goertzen*  
*Jack Hooge*  
*Norm Marian*  
*Ruth Martens*  
*Maxim & Anya Oliferovski / Multiply Pastors – Zaporozhye, Ukraine*  
*Paula Savin*  
*Doug Sinclair*  
*Barb Smuland*  
*The Stone, Holte, and Semenoff Families*

# Daily Bible Readings

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## **Monday, March 25**

Psalm 119:113-176  
Mark 14:32-42  
Galatians 5:1-15

## **Tuesday, March 26**

Psalm 120-121  
Mark 14:43-50  
Galatians 5:16-26

## **Wednesday, March 27**

Psalm 122-125  
Mark 14:51-52  
Galatians 6:1-10

## **Thursday, March 28**

Psalm 126-130  
Mark 14:53-65  
Galatians 6:11-18

## **Friday, March 29**

Psalm 131-133  
Mark 14:66-72  
Galatians 1 – 3

## **Saturday, March 30**

Psalm 134-135  
Mark 15:1-5  
Galatians 4 – 6

# Confession of Faith

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## Article Fifteen: Stewardship

### **God's Creation Mandate**

We believe the universe and everything in it belong to God the Creator. God has entrusted the care of the earth to all people, who are responsible for managing its resources. Good stewardship uses the earth's abundance to meet human need, but resists the unjust exploitation of the earth and its peoples. All God's gifts are to be received with thanksgiving and used responsibly.

### **Responsible Living**

To confess Jesus as Lord transforms values. Jesus warns that we cannot serve both God and wealth. Preoccupation with money and possessions, self-indulgent living, and eagerness to accumulate wealth for personal advantage are not in keeping with the teaching of Scripture.

### **Generous Giving**

The Bible teaches cheerful, sacrificial, and proportional giving through the church in grateful response to God's goodness. Christians do not claim any of their possessions as their own, but manage all their resources, including money, time, abilities, and influence, in generous ways that give glory to God. They do not despise the poor but practice mutual aid within the church and share what they have with others in need. God's people seek to embrace a lifestyle of simplicity and contentment.

Genesis 1:28; Leviticus 25; Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Psalm 24:1; 115:16; Proverbs 14:31; Amos 6:4-7; Malachi 3:6-10; Matthew 6:19-34; 25:14-30; Luke 6:38; 12:13-21; Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 6:7; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; James 2:1-7, 15-16; 5:1-6; 1 John 3:16-18; Jude 11

<https://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/the-mb-confession-of-faith-full-text/>



## A MINISTRY OF FREEDOM SESSION

STARTING TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, 6:30 – 8:30PM

There's lots of talk about being authentic in the Church, but not so much on HOW to develop it. Authenticity is a character issue and character qualities are developed indirectly. We don't set out to be humble, for example. Rather we learn to be honest about our strengths and weaknesses, shortcomings, etc. and we discipline ourselves to consider others as important as we are. Over time, humility develops. The same is true with authenticity.

Authentic Living will provide you with teaching, discussions, and "training exercises" that will produce an authentic life.

Authentic Living is an eight-week course that will take some effort – more than simply attending – that can change your life. A deeply formed spiritual life, a life of freedom and wholeness, takes both the miracle of God's grace and forgiveness and deliberate and focussed participation on our part.

Each week we will be spending time in Large Group worship and teaching, Small Group interactions, and On Your Own "lifework" assignments. Each Tuesday evening will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude around 8:30. Your "lifework" will take an investment of 1-2 hours per week on your own.

## Course Topics:

WORKBOOKS are required for this course: \$25.  
Please Pre-Register by contacting the Church Office.

1. Learning to Hear God's Voice & Respond: engaging with Scripture with a listening heart and mind.
2. Establishing Priorities: discerning how God has created me in light of His purposes and ordering my life around that reality.
3. Traveling Light: living a repentant life, being honest with myself about my character defects, putting on the character of Christ.
4. Creating and Authentic Life Plan: mapping out how I will live out my calling and values with integrity.
5. Life Through Your Eyes and My Heart: learning to communicate well what is going on inside us, and how to process difficult relational events in our daily life.
6. Resolving Conflicts and Setting Boundaries: biblical conflict-resolution, a model for resolving conflict; setting and maintaining relational boundaries. 7. Gratitude and Giving Back: sharing our stories of God's grace and transformation and thanking others for their contribution to our lives.

Each Tuesday evening you will spend about an hour in Small Group discussion. In week five, we take a break from the Large Group gathering, and enjoy an evening in Small Groups (assigned the first two weeks of the course).

Authentic Living is one way in which we will fulfill our vision:

We will pursue SPIRITUAL FORMATION that results in God-centred living, heart-level faith, and relational authenticity with God and others.