

SERMON NOTES

MESSAGE: WHO ARE WE? LIFE-GIVING SPEAKERS



Sunday, June 9th, 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

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.

GOSPEL CHAPEL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE CALENDAR

- ✦ **June 9th** – Baptism and Membership Class / 11am-12pm/ Fireside Room
- ✦ **June 12th** – Next Family Gathering / 7:00pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ **June 21st-23rd** – Gospel Chapel Family Camp
- ✦ **June 23rd** – Sunday Service at Pines with baptisms to follow / 9:30am

WEEKLY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

- ✦ SUNDAY / **Pre-Service Prayer Time** / 8:30-9:20am / Fireside Rm
- ✦ SUNDAY / **Lodge Ministry** / Boundary Lodge 1pm / Silver Kettle 2pm / 2nd Sunday of the month / No masking required
- ✦ MONDAY / **Weekly Ladies DBS** / 9:30-11:30am / Childcare room behind balcony / Contact Lindsay Hiebert-Edwards at edwardsmain@protonmail.com
- ✦ MONDAY & THURSDAY / **Men's Basketball** / 7-9pm
- ✦ TUESDAY / **Freedom Session** / 6:30-9:00pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ TUESDAY / **Men's Floor Hockey** / Season ended
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am
Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **55+** / Season ended
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **CSB** / Grades 7-12 / Season ended
- ✦ THURSDAY / **L.I.F.T.** / Grades 3-7 / Season ended
- ✦ FRIDAY / **Men's Group** / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)
- ✦ MON, FRI, SAT / **Prayer for Israel-Hamas War** / 1-2pm / 1536 Donaldson Drive / Hosted by Sarah Kirchhevel

REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP

- ✦ Gospel Chapel Family Camp is just weeks away! Please don't forget to register at <https://pinesbiblecamp.com/family-camp/>. Cost to attend is as follows: Adult (18+) \$90, Youth (13-17) \$75, Children (3-12) \$60, Infants (0-2) Free! The costs include all activities and meals from Friday supper through Sunday lunch!

FAMILY GATHERING

- ✦ Please join us for our next Family Gathering meeting on Wednesday, June 12th at 7pm in the Fireside Room. Your prayers, presence and feedback is valued!

2024 GRADS

- ✦ Congratulations to our 2024 high school graduates: Kate DeVries, Makenna DeVries, Cadence Dunbar, Ilie Martens, and Brennan Zorn! Lord, we ask for Your protection over these young adults as they embark on a new chapter of their lives! May You cover them in their comings and goings, guarding them from evil, and may no weapon formed against them prosper. We ask that You would help them to overcome all of life's temptations, to be bold in standing for Your truth, to always seek shelter under Your wings, to confess sin quickly, to walk in forgiveness, and to seek You first all the days of their lives.

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 gcfincanetteam@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
Steve Birdsall (Kristy Benson's brother)
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
Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother)
Paula Savin
Doug Sinclair
Barb Smuland
The Stone, Holte, and Semenoff Families

OUR PRAYER ACTION PLAN #1

FOLLOW-UP FROM JUNE 2, 2024.

WE RENOUNCE PASSIVITY SHOWN IN...

1. Fear of rejection or judgement for speaking truth, so we let things slide.
2. Avoiding difficult conversations or confrontation, a lack of courage and the fear of man.
3. Working to keep people happy at the expense of truth, a false peace.
4. Passive aggressive attitudes and actions, harboring resentment or bitterness toward others in silence or gossip and slander.

WE ANNOUNCE THAT...

...when we are involved in one another's lives as the Body of Christ, truth spoken in love makes hope, healing, and holiness possible. An active and responsive community recognizes the reality of conflict as a path to hope, healing, and holiness because we are all recovering "sin-addicts," and we're messy.

WE AFFIRM THAT...

1. We are committed to one another's spiritual, emotional, and relational health and wholeness as crucial to discipleship (Gal 2:11-21; Phil 2:12-18).
2. Withdrawing from or avoiding conflict is unhealthy and sinful (contrast Judas and Peter's response to failure).
3. Biblical leadership is required and responsible for the promotion of healthy community (Eze 33:1-9; 1 Tim 4:6-16; Heb 13:17).

THEREFORE, WE WILL...

1. Listen deeply – to understand before being understood (James 1:19-20; 3)
2. Speak truth gracefully and in love (Eph 4:15-16)
3. Gently and firmly address sin (Gal 6:1)
4. Actively seek restoration (Rom 12:17-18)
5. Seek avenues of joyful service in obscurity (Matt 6:1-4; 1 Pet 4:8-9)
6. Be patient with one another – we will all fail – grace must abound (Col 3:13_14)

The preceding came from our Elders, Team Leaders, Staff and Pastor and spouses during the "Setting Your Church Free" workshop, May 24-25, 2024. Pastor Doug preached through this on June 2, 2024, available online on YouTube and our podcast. Please Pray this daily and the following prayer.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND COMMITMENT

Heavenly Father,

Thank You, Lord, that we can call You our heavenly Father. Thank You for Your love and acceptance of us. Thank You for all You have done for us today. Thank You for hearing our prayers, forgiving our corporate sins and setting us free from the damaging influence of Satan's schemes against our church.

Thank You for opening our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Give us a heart to obey. We commit ourselves to pray and apply this plan as You have directed.

We praise You for uniting us with the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise You that the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. We ask for Your protection for our marriages, our families, our ministries and our church. Keep us from scandal. We love You and commit ourselves to become the people You have called us to be. Empower us to walk in the light and to speak the truth in love.

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim 1:17).

Pray both sides of this Prayer Action Plan daily for our church community (plural "we"), and personally (singular "I"). Consider the scripture passages listed above and pray them over our community that seeks to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. There will be five of these by the end of July 2024.

"Prayer of Response and Commitment" from Neil T. Anderson and Charles Mylander, *Setting Your Church Free: A Biblical Plan for Corporate Conflict Resolution*, 2nd Edition, (Bethany House, 1994, 2005), 260-261.

Markus and Anja Kappers Reach Across – England



Markus and Anja Kappers serve with Reach Across in Birmingham, England. They served in the Middle East for 13 years before moving to England in 2012. They have three children who have grown up in the mission field, Matthias (24), Elena (22) and Nathanael (20).



Left to right: Matthias, Kate (Matthias' wife), Nathanael, Elena, Anja and Markus

The Kappers' Ministry has a threefold purpose:

1. To engage with Muslims in the community, helping them to follow Jesus.
2. To educate new recruits and workers to minister to Muslims both in the UK and around the world.
3. To empower churches in the UK to reach out to the Muslims in their area.

Markus, Anja, Elena and Nathanael will be here at Gospel Chapel on Sunday, July 14th to share their ministry with us.

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Kappers Prayer Requests

1. For Markus and Anja as they assist the International Office of ReachAcross in:
 - Member care for ReachAcross workers in the many and diverse parts of the Islamic world.
 - Spiritual development and coaching of their ReachAcross workers.
 - Working through the organizational development of ReachAcross to provide more capacity for the International Office and new countries that have opened up for opportunities to both serve Muslims and workers to send.
2. For Markus and Anja as they continue to oversee and lead the work of helping Muslims follow Jesus in Birmingham and the rest of the UK. Currently they have 12 ReachAcross members serving in different parts of England. There have been some exciting new opportunities in the realms of outreach and discipleship amongst different Muslim people groups in England. Pray for a movement of God's Spirit amongst them.
3. For Markus, Anja, Elena and Nathanael as they prepare for their trip to Canada in July and August. Pray for their provision and protection on this journey.
4. For their son Matthias who is now a firefighter in Birmingham and sees some pretty unsettling things on the job. Pray for his mental health and a real sense of peace as he attends to some of the tragic situations he is called out to with his team.
5. For their daughter Elena as she completes her final year at the University of Glasgow. She has now applied to join the OM ship Doulos Hope in January. Pray for her as she seeks to raise support and for the year she will spend ministering on the ship.
6. For their son Nathanael as he completes his exams for his second year at Glasgow University. He's been very involved in leading outreach to international student through the Christian Union at the university and would appreciate prayer in knowing how to balance his time with his studies.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 10

Zechariah 1:1-17
Matthew 23:37-24:14
Ephesians 4

Tuesday, June 11

Zechariah 1:18-2:13
Matthew 24:15-31
Ephesians 5

Wednesday, June 12

Zechariah 3
Matthew 24:32-51
Ephesians 6

Thursday, June 13

Zechariah 4:1-5:4
Matthew 25:1-13
Ephesians 4:1-5:14

Friday, June 14

Zechariah 5:5-6:15
Matthew 25:14-30
Ephesians 5:15-6:24

In this second quarter of 2024, we are going to read through the Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi), and the Gospel of Matthew.

The focus on Ephesians will vary from reading the whole book twice in a week, to once a week, or three chapters per week.

A change from the first quarter is that the reading plan will be divided Monday – Friday (five days), instead of six. Take time on Saturday to reflect on what you read during the week