

SERMON NOTES

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Sunday, September 22nd, 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 CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE FORM, 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

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR

- ✦ **Sept 26th** – Sensible Shoes Study begins / 1-3pm / Fireside Rm
- ✦ **Sept 29th** – 7 Mile Story / GC Sanctuary / Doors open at 6:00pm / Event starts at 6:30pm
- ✦ **October 2nd** – 55+ begins / 10am-12pm / Fireside Rm
- ✦ **October 3rd** – L.I.F.T. begins / 6:30-8:00pm
- ✦ **October 4th** – Youth Large Group Event / More info to follow
- ✦ **October 12th** – Celebration of Life for Alice Semenov / 12-2pm

WEEKLY MINISTRY

- ✦ SUNDAY / **Pre-Service Prayer Time** / 8:30-9:20am / Fireside Room
- ✦ 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
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am
Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- ✦ FRIDAY / **Men's Group** / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)
- ✦ SATURDAY / **Prayer for Israel-Hamas War** / 1-2pm / 1536 Donaldson Drive / Hosted by Sarah Kirchhevel

7 MILE STORY

- ✦ Join Ross Breitzkreuz on a journey through time & faith. Discover and experience the Bible as one seamless story that will inspire, entertain, and engage the whole family.
- ✦ Consider inviting someone (maybe one of your 'My Five') who doesn't know Jesus to this event and purchase them a ticket! It's a gift that they may never forget. Tickets are available at: <https://www.rossbreitzkreuz.com/events/seven-mile-story-grand-forks-b-c>. They will also be available for purchase after Sunday service on Sept. 22nd, or at the door! Tickets are \$7.50 each for adults (\$10 at the door) and free for those 18 and under! Visit the office after service to purchase a ticket!

ELDER SELECTION 2025

- ✦ Please join us in a time of prayer and discernment as we consider the selection of our Elders for 2025. Please read through the brochure contained within your bulletin and devote some time in prayer over the next two weeks before submitting your nominations.

SENSIBLE SHOES STUDY

- ✦ Starting September 26th (Thursdays, 1-3pm in the Fireside room) and working from the book *Sensible Shoes*, Carolynne Friesen will host a 12-week study of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection. Cost is \$31 for all study materials. Reach out to Carolynne at carolynnef55@gmail.com if interested.

COATS FOR KIDS

- ✦ Donate new or gently used children's or adult winter clothing. Donations will be accepted until Oct. 8th. Drop off items at Discover Border Country Realty, Farmers Market (Tues & Fri), GF Library (Tues-Sat), CIBC (Mon-Fri), or Fields (4th St. Location, Mon-Sat). Free distribution will take place Oct. 11th and 12th, 10am-2pm at YWAM.

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)
Luke Postma (Steve Postma's brother)
Georgia Campeau / Jim Goertzen / Bruce & Laurie Hawley
Jack Hooge / Norm Marian / Ruth Martens
Maxim & Anya Olijerovski / Multiply Pastors – Zaporozhye, Ukraine
Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother)
Paula Savin / Doug Sinclair / Barb Smuland

Qualifications for Elders

“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore, an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.”

(1 Timothy 3:1–7, ESV)

“This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”

(Titus 1:5–9, ESV)

Core Tasks of Elders

“If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

(1 Timothy 4:6–16, ESV)

ELDER SELECTION

2025



Gospel Chapel

Helping People Follow Jesus

A CALL TO PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT

A CALL TO PARTICIPATION

A CALL TO GROWTH

A Call to Prayer

The selection and appointing of leaders in the church is a call to prayer for the congregation. The first appointment of a leader in the book of Acts comes in a season of devoted prayer (Acts 1:14-15). Clear qualifications were determined (1:21-22). Two men met the qualifications, and then the congregation again prayed (1:24-25). And then a choice was made.

While the word “elder” or “deacon” is not used in Acts 6:1-7, we find a similar process in the selection of seven men to serve the needs of the congregation to free up the apostles to fulfill their calling of “prayer and the ministry of the word” (6:4). Again, the congregation was gathered, the need was presented, qualifications were clarified, and choices were made (6:2-5). The selection ends with the apostles praying for and commissioning the seven for their roles in leading and serving.

Prayer is needed from beginning to end.

A Time of Discernment

Success in the business world, being well liked, good in front of people, age, or even being a ministry leader does not necessarily mean someone should serve as an Elder. We must discern from the biblical qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-7, 4:6-16, and Titus 1:5-9) and the leading of the Holy Spirit, who among us should serve in this season.

A Call to Participate

There is no one way to navigate the process of Elder Selection. Acts 6 has the Apostles handing the responsibility completely to the congregation. 1 Tim 3:1 indicates individual aspirations to Eldership. Paul instructs Titus to “appoint Elders”, a rather top-down approach.

Gospel Chapel’s process is between these three. We invite you, the congregation, to submit nominations. Then the Elders compile and consider submitted names. We contact nominees and invite them to consider the role. We publish the results allowing for a week for congregational concerns. At our February AGM, the congregation affirms the nominations and discerns final group brought forward by the current Council of Elders.

A Call to Growth

For those who are nominated or willing to consider the role of Elder, we are calling men to a process of growth, discipleship, and discernment through a time of study, reflection, and mentorship for all potential Elders.

Guided by one of our current Elders, small groups of 3-4 will gather to examine their lives in relation to the qualifications and tasks of Elders.

Training on Board Functioning (biblically and legally as a Society Director) will also be required.

Elders must be Members of Gospel Chapel, in agreement with the CCMB Confession of Faith, and committed to the mission and vision of Gospel Chapel.

A Process of Engagement

Elder Selection requires sufficient time for discernment, mentoring, and discipleship. This is a process of learning in relationship.

In September we will receive nominations from the congregation. From this we will invite many to join us from October-April to study the call, the role, and the responsibilities of Elders, and prayerfully consider the possibility of serving.

Participating in this process does **NOT** mean acceptance of the call, or that one’s name will stand for Eldership.

In this process, the individuals and the current Council of Elders must come to agreement on the future role one may take. The process will be thorough and, at times, “invasive” – we will be asking hard questions.

Our goal is to build into the lives of all current and potential Elders at Gospel Chapel so they can thrive as spiritual leaders in the church, at home, and at work.

Three Key Resources will be used as we pray, discern, and learn together:

1. *The CCMB Confession of Faith with Commentary and Pastoral Application*
2. *Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons* (Crossway, 2012).
3. *A One Day Seminar: Serving as a Board Member: Practical Guidance for Directors of Christian Ministries* by John Pellowe (Canadian Council of Christian Charities, 2012).

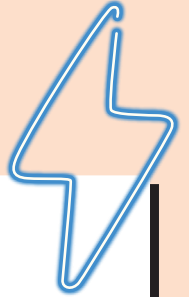
In March 2025, a final list of candidates will be considered by the Council of Elders and presented to the congregation in early April. Affirmation will be done at the AGM.

Through this whole process we ask you to pray for our Elders and those who are considering this call to serve. This is a serious and joyful matter.

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

(Hebrews 13:17, ESV)

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.



DAY 1

Read Proverbs 3:27

Have you ever missed out on something? Maybe you lost your spot in line or didn't hear your name when it was called. Maybe you missed your turn in a game and someone else took your spot. It doesn't feel good to be left out.

When it comes to showing compassion, we shouldn't leave anyone out! If you have a chance to do good to others, don't hold back. When you see a need that you can do something about, the best thing to do is to get busy helping and show compassion.

Crack the Code

Fill in the letters by following the grid below. The first number corresponds to the number across the top. The second number corresponds to the numbers along the side. So, 28 would be "P".

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Answer: Make time to help others

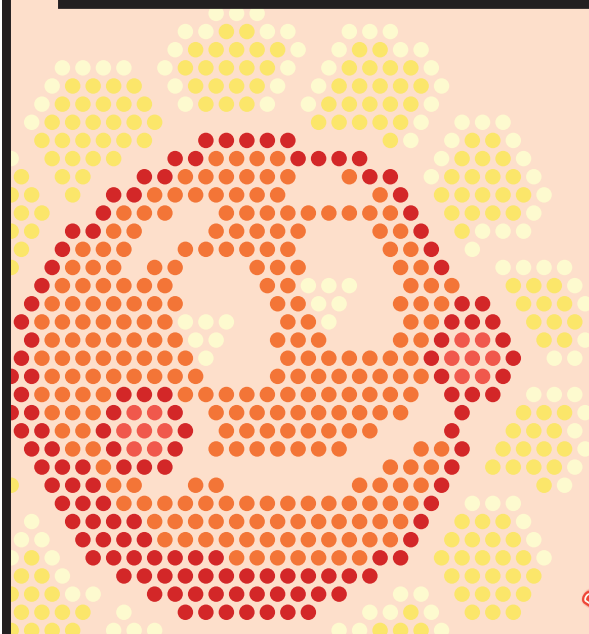
DAY 2

Read Mark 10:51-52

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus call out, what did he do? Why do you think Jesus stopped to help this man who was blind? Do you think Jesus had other things to do? Maybe. But still, Jesus chose to stop and help Bartimaeus.

Do you ever feel that way when you see a need? Maybe you were about to do something else and that something else seemed really important. The truth is, if we wait for the "perfect" time to show compassion, we might not ever stop to help.

This week, when you see a need that you can do something about, put whatever plans you have aside and make time to help.





DAY 3

Read Proverbs 17:17

According to Proverbs 17:17, when should you love others and show compassion? At ALL times. When you feel like it and when you don't. When you think others will notice and when no one else is around to see what you've done. When it's your last fifty cents and when you have a wallet full of allowance money. When it's convenient and when it's the last thing you have time for. A friend loves and shows compassion at ALL times. No excuses.



All the Time

On the blank lines below, write down one person that you typically see during that time. For instance, the 7 am slot would probably be someone in your family.

Next to each person's name, think of one way you can love that person during that time. Challenge yourself to follow through tomorrow.

- 7 am
- 9 am
- noon
- 3 pm
- 6 pm

DAY 4

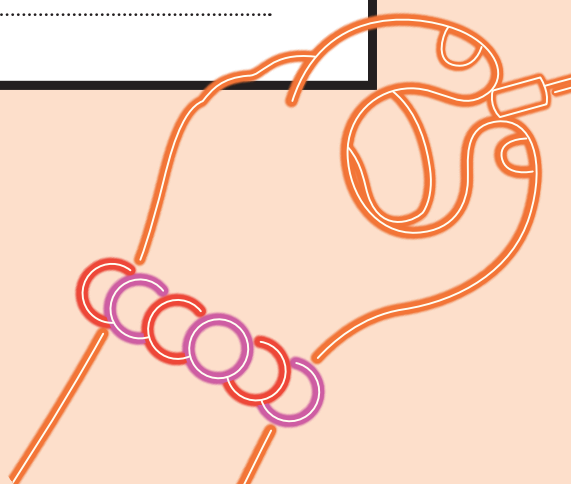
Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Have you ever been to a graduation ceremony? When a graduate walks across the stage to receive their diploma, the crowd celebrates all those years of dedication and hard work!

When it comes to following God, you probably won't cross a finish line or receive a diploma because being a disciple is a lifelong journey. But Jesus' power working in you can help you to keep going. You can keep showing compassion, and keep doing the right thing when you remember that you don't have to do it alone!

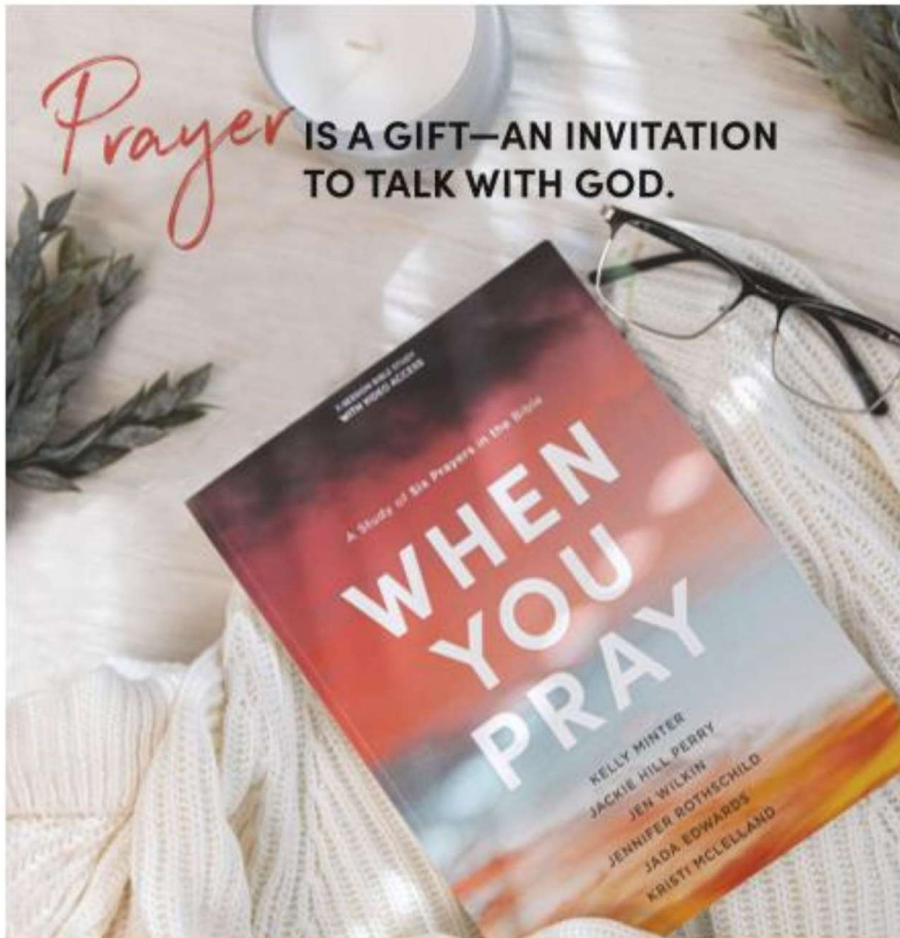
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that butterflies need warmth for their muscles and wings to work properly? Butterflies soak up the sunshine to get the energy they need so they can fly again! One BIG way we can soak up God's light is by spending time reading and learning from God's Word. Every time you complete a devotional like this one, you're soaking up a little more of God's goodness and light!



Make time to help others.





A 7-Session Study of 6 Prayers in the Bible

Join us if you want to:

- Explore the different types of prayer modeled in Scripture.
- Understand how prayer unites believers to God and to one another.
- Learn how to overcome struggles that keep you from talking to God

Beginning **October 23rd**

Hosted by Coca Pavel

7pm / Wednesdays

Christ Lutheran Church

7328-19th St

Reach out to Lindsay at

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for more details.