



Sunday, October 6th, 2024
Welcome to Worship!

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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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR

- ✦ **October 8th** – Coats for Kids deadline for donations
- ✦ **October 12th** – Celebration of Life for Alice Semenov / 12-2pm
- ✦ **October 20th** – Special Business Meeting / Following service
- ✦ **October 20th** – Plan to Protect Refresher / 11am / Fireside Room
- ✦ **October 20th** – Lodge Ministry switched from 2nd to 3rd Sunday for October only

WEEKLY MINISTRY

- ✦ 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 / Not in session Oct 12th
- ✦ MONDAY / **Men's Basketball** / 7-9pm
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am
Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- ✦ WEDNESDAY / **55+** / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ THURSDAY / **Sensible Shoes Study** / 1-3pm / Fireside Room
- ✦ THURSDAY / **L.I.F.T.** / 6:30-8:00pm
- ✦ 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

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING: FISCAL YEAR

- ✦ A very short members meeting is being called on Sunday, October 20th following service by the Board of Elders for the membership to approve of the Transitional Budget for January – April 2025. As we shift our Annual General Meeting and Fiscal Year End to the end of April, we require a Transitional Budget. Copies of the Budget are available at the information desk. There will be no formal “agenda” as this meeting has one motion and one purpose: *“That we approve the Budget for January to April 2025 as presented.”* However, members need to sign-in so we can declare quorum and have the necessary records.

- ✦ Now up and running! The group will be working through a study based on The Chosen, Season 4. Reach out to Dan Dunbar at danfdunbar@gmail.com if you plan on attending!

SHORT TERM MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

- ✦ Sunday morning coffee prep and clean up! To sign-up for one Sunday in October or November, please visit the coffee table!

PLAN TO PROTECT TRAINING

- ✦ A final Plan to Protect refresher will be held on October 20th at 11:00am! Please reach out to Heather at hcampeau@gospelchapelgf.com and join us for this interactive refresher course!

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., Mon-Sat).

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 gcfinceteam@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 Oliferovski / Multiply Pastors – Zaporozhye, Ukraine
Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother)
Paula Savin / Doug Sinclair / Barb Smuland

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.



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DAY 1

Read 2 Peter 1:3a

Self-control is choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to. It's hard to do something you don't want to do, isn't it? Doing what you want is way easier. But if we don't have self-control, we could end up hurting ourselves and the people around us.

Today's verse reminds us that we don't have to try to do the right thing on our own. God's power will give us EVERYTHING we need to live a godly life, to have the self-control to do what is best. No one is more powerful than God!

Get Ready for Self-control

What if you started your day by praying for self-control? Grab an index card or scrap of paper and write, "BE READY TO DO THE RIGHT THING" in capital letters and place it next to your shoes. As you put them on tomorrow morning, stop and ask God to help you have self-control all day long!

DAY 2

Read 1 Corinthians 9:25

What's your favorite sport? Who's your favorite athlete? To become a great athlete, you have to spend years practicing in the gym and on the field. Great athletes might make it look easy, but that big win you see on TV is the result of years of training.

Self-control takes practice, and just like those athletes, you won't always get it right. Every athlete misses a shot or loses a game, but champions keep trying. You won't show self-control in every single situation. But the more you try, the more you practice, the easier it will become.

Practice Makes Progress

Practice your free throws. If you can't go outside, practice with a small basketball hoop hung over the door or with paper and a trashcan. Spend ten minutes shooting the ball into the basket. Give yourself a point for every shot you sink. Repeat the same process for three days in a row. No basketball hoop? Pick some activity that is challenging, like doing sit-ups for a minute. Keep track of how many you can do in a minute and see how that number grows over the three days.

Are you getting better with practice?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

Temptation is a desire to do something wrong or unwise. Everybody faces temptation, even Jesus! Every day you'll be tempted to lash out in anger, or say something unkind, or lose your cool when you should show self-control. But there is a way out. You have God on your side. When you're tempted, God will help you!

How can you avoid losing self-control?

You could...

- ➔ Look away.
- ➔ Realize that it's just a temptation and that you DON'T have to give in!
- ➔ Distract yourself with something else.
- ➔ Picture yourself resisting the temptation.
- ➔ Pray and ask God to help you keep your cool.

Read the scenarios below. For each one, write down how you could avoid losing self-control by choosing one of the methods listed above.

1. Your mom tells you no video games before dinner. This makes you angry. . .
2. Your brother breaks the new Star Wars **LEGO**® ship you spent hours putting together. . .
3. A kid in your class tells a joke about you and everyone laughs. . .

Read Proverbs 4:23

Have you ever seen a guard in front of something important— like a monument or museum? A guard's job is to protect something valuable. When it comes to self-control, do you know what you need to guard? Your heart. Everything you do— every word, every thought, every action— comes from your heart.

In order to guard your heart, you need to make sure that there's nothing hidden that you need to get rid of. Do a heart check:

- Are you angry?
- Are you bitter?
- Are you jealous?
- Are you frustrated?

The best way to get in the habit of guarding your heart is to begin asking yourself the following question every night before you go to bed: *God, what is in my heart today?* Remember, when you guard your heart, self-control will follow. Your actions will reflect what's in your heart.

Be ready to do
the right thing.