Scripture and Song Sunday

Gospel Chapel

Sunday, February 2, 2025



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NEW TO GOSPEL CHAPEL...

Please fill out a **Welcome 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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FEBRUARY CALENDAR...

- **Feb 7**th Large Group Youth Event / 6:30pm / GC Gym
- Feb 22nd Coldest Night of the Year Event / 4pm / Gyro Park
- Feb 28th Free Income Tax Clinic / Main Foyer / 10am-12pm

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 / On hold
- MONDAY ... Men's Drop-In Basketball / 7-9pm
- WEDNESDAY ... Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) / 7am / Contact Evelyn Brown at <u>evbaca@juno.com</u> for link
- WEDNESDAY ... 55+ / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room
- **THURSDAY** ... **L.I.F.T.** / Grades 3 7 / 6:30-8:00pm
- FRIDAY ... Men's Group / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY)...

The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk and fundraising event to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. To donate or join the Gospel Chapel team, if you are planning on walking with us, visit: <u>http://walk.w-ith.me/gcgf</u>. Meet at Gyro park at 4pm to check-in. The walk begins at 5pm (choose between 2km or 5km) and a light dinner will be served at 6pm. For more info on the event: <u>https://cnoy.org/location/boundarycountry</u>.

PARENTS SAVE THE DATE...

March 8-gth Sid Koop with Youth Worker Community will be here to talk about parenting youth in today's culture. This talk is geared towards parents and adults. Saturday, March 8th, from 10:30am-2:30pm, meet us in the Fireside Room for an informative session. Lunch will be provided and more details will be forthcoming!

YOUTH QUAKE 2025...

Unfortunately, we are still on the waitlist for this senior high retreat (happening Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4th). Please stay tuned for more information!

55+ UPDATE...

On February 5th, the 55+ group will be returning to their Ephesians study in lesson 4 on pg.25 of the study book (Ephesians 3).

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE...

With sadness we announce the passing of Betty Henshaw, a long-time congregant of Gospel Chapel. She passed away on Monday, January 20^{th} .

FREE INCOME TAX CLINIC...

Every Friday, 10am - 12pm, between February 28th and May 2nd (with the exception of Friday, April 18th) there will be a free income tax clinic offered to anyone in need of help with filing their income taxes. Please see Karen or Theresa in the main foyer on these days for more details or contact (250) 443-4208.

GIVING...

Please use the <u>offering box</u> located at the info desk for your donations during Sunday service times! To give to the ministry of Gospel Chapel: e-transfer to <u>gcfinanceteam@gmail.com</u>, drop-off envelops at the church office Tuesday through Thursday, or deposit them into the offering box during Sunday services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Oksana Betancurt / Ed & Karen Donald / Tony Bosch & Ann Flynn (Coby Postma's brother-in-law & sister)/ / Jim Goertzen / Nicole and Jake Goode (Josh Edward's aunt & uncle) / Laurie Hawley / Jack Hooge / Norm Marian / Ruth Martens / Ingrid Mathison and Gary Maclean / Maxim & Anya Oliferovski – Multiply Pastors (Zaporozhye, Ukraine) / Luke Postma (Steve Postma's brother) / Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother) / Paula Savin / Michael Spagnol (Kristy Benson's grandson)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

QUESTIONS I HAVE ABOUT "THE HOLY SPIRIT"

SERMON SERIES STARTING FEBRUARY 16, 2025.

In our "Prayer Action Plan" from the Setting Your Church Free seminar that church leadership engaged in May 2024, one of the things that emerged was a tacet neglect of the person and presence of the Holy Spirt. This isn't unique to us; volumes have been written about this over the years. Traditional/Conservative Christians and denominations have reacted to the perceived excesses of various "charismatic" movements by simply avoiding talking or teaching about the Holy Spirit – the 3rd person of the Trinity. We do so to our spiritual detriment, stunting our growth and relationship with God (see John 16:7-15).

But where do we begin and how do we engage this topic? We will only have 7-8 Sundays this spring to explore this together on a Sunday morning. I will not be able to cover everything in Scripture on the Holy Spirit (FYI – He shows up in Gen 1:2, and the last time in Rev 22:17 – so that's the whole Bible cover-to-cover...). What I can do in the roughly 240 minutes over 8 Sundays is provide an overview and engage some key questions. Even then, I feel we'll just scratch the surface.

I've started making my own list of questions as I am beginning to study this important "topic" (that just feels wrong when we're talking about a person – and that person being God…but, that's the limit of language).

What are your questions about the Holy Spirit? Over the next few weeks, could you submit some of your questions? I can't promise I'll address them all, but as common themes emerge, this will help me focus on what we need to explore as a community.

You can use the flipside of this insert to submit your questions.

You can also email them to me at <u>ddunbar@gospelchapelgf.com</u>.

Thank you. It'll be an adventure.

Doug



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YOUR MISSION (SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT)...

Reach out to three people not connected to Gospel Chapel and share the news—we're searching for an Executive Pastor!

WHY?

Reason 1 – Applicants referred by someone are seven times more likely to get hired than those who apply through job boards. That means your network—yes, you—is the best recruitment tool we have!

Reason 2 – An engaged church is a healthy church. When we hire the right person, we want them to know that the congregation was actively involved in the process from the start.

Reason 3 – Who knows where this could lead—or how you might grow in the process? Take a risk and let the Spirit do the rest.

HOW?

Share on social media.
Talk to that long-lost cousin who teaches at "ABC Seminary" or your old Bible school roommate—ask if they can help spread the word.
Don't overthink it. Maybe the person isn't the "ideal candidate" or doesn't have management experience—but God may have plans for them at Gospel Chapel regardless. Just share!
Remember: For the person God has in mind to answer the call, they probably first need be *called*. Just talk to people!
And on top of all of this - pray. Pray for courage. Pray for open hearts, mind, and ears.
Pray for the search team's discernment.

Look in the foyer for handouts and watch for this upcoming week's email for electronic material.