

NEW BEGINNINGS



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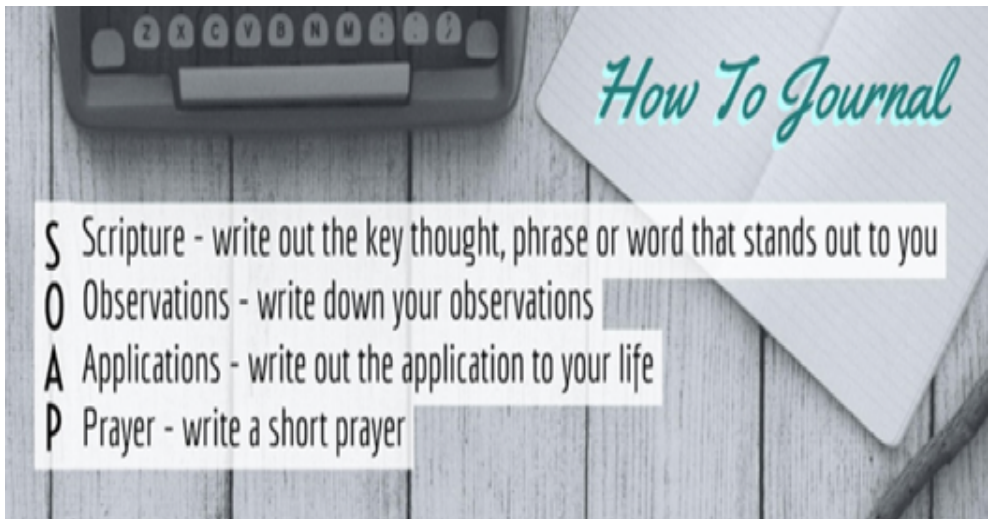
January 8, 2023

NEW CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

We're excited for this all new Bible Reading plan, starting this Sunday. This new Bible reading plan will take a different approach than past years, and will focus on just one chapter a day. This makes it super easy to get into the Word, and will spread the entire Bible out over three years of reading. We're making each daily reading shorter in the hopes that we can get the whole church reading the Bible each day, even amidst busy schedules, but you can always add more passages to your personal devotion time if you'd like to read more.

The reading plan will be available here in the bulletin, on our church website at pachurch.ca/bible, on Church Connect, and in the Bible app.

January	1	Genesis	1	January	10	Genesis	7
January	2	Genesis	2	January	11	Genesis	8
January	3	Matthew	1	January	12	Psalms	1 & 2
January	4	Genesis	3	January	13	Proverbs	1
January	5	Genesis	4	January	14	Genesis	9
January	6	Matthew	2	January	15	Genesis	10
January	7	Genesis	5	January	16	Matthew	4
January	8	Genesis	6	January	17	Genesis	11
January	9	Matthew	3	January	18	Genesis	12



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Esther Braun & Sandy Bell

Ministries Restarting

The Seniors Exercise class will restart this week Tuesday, January 10.
The Conversational English class will restart this week Friday, January 13.

Refugee Committee Update

We have received all of the donations that we requested for the family that arrived in December. Thank you! We now are looking for the donation of a microwave. Please contact Norman Cameron if you have one to donate.

Vacation - Melanie is on vacation December 21 - January 9.

Bean Drive for Harvest Manitoba - Last Sunday to Donate

Thank you for your support for the bean drive for Harvest Manitoba which will be feeding hungry families in soup kitchens by providing a whole yellow peas, an important source of nutrition. A reminder that this is the last week to donate towards this important cause. And in case you're curious what can be made with these peas, you can find a delicious pea soup recipe in our weekly update email.



MISSION UPDATE - Vision for Mission

“That’s strange, who could be calling us from Korea?” Pastor Bank in Thailand said to his wife as he looked at the international number on his cell phone.

When he finally answered, a Thai woman politely said, “Are you a Thai pastor living in Chachoengsao?”

“Yes,” Bank answered. “How did you get my contact information?”

“Google maps,” the woman answered simply. “Since moving to Korea for work, I have become a believer in Jesus Christ. I really want my parents to know the Lord as well. The only problem is that I don’t know any Christians in Thailand. So I looked on Google Maps for the nearest church and I found you. Would you be willing to go visit my mom and dad and share the Good News with them?”

“Of course! I would be happy to!” Pastor Bank answered.

That week, Bank went to meet the woman’s parents. He was surprised to experience a genuine interest from the elderly couple who were devout Buddhists that had lived in the same village and worshiped at the same Buddhist temple for over 70 years. That day, Bank led the parents and a few neighbors to repent of their sin and put their faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

A few weeks later, the mother phoned Bank and said, “Okay, you can come teach us now. We have finished building.”

Building what? Bank thought to himself. A little confused but very curious, Bank immediately went to visit the older couple. As he followed them into their convenience store, he noticed new walls at the back of the store. When he opened the door and walked in, he saw a beautifully decorated room, complete with a cross, a flat screen TV, flowers and ten chairs all neatly set in rows. “Wow!” Pastor Bank exclaimed. “This is amazing!”

“Well, I thought we needed a place to worship Jesus,” the elderly woman answered. “I want to give this property to God.”

Standing outside the church, still marveling at all that God had done, Bank watched as a woman walked past the store. Noticing the cross, she said, “Is this a church?”

Bank, still in shock, hesitated before answering, “Um, yes, yes, this is a church.” Noticing her accent and her beautiful tanaka-painted face, he asked, “Are you from Myanmar?”

“Yes,” she answered. “There are about sixty of us Myanmar people working in the factory across the street.”

“Well, they can all come too!” Bank said, pointing to the church building. “We even have a Myanmar pastor for you,” Bank announced with new faith and confidence.

“Oh, thank you, Pastor!” the woman said as she ran back to work.

So, last month, this elderly couple hosted their first ever Christmas evangelistic outreach at the local school, and about 250 people came! Both Thai and Myanmar pastors from our MB churches brought teams that shared powerful testimonies of the saving power of Jesus Christ. Two aunties were miraculously healed and over thirty people invited Jesus Christ to forgive their sins and thanked God for giving them eternal life.

To read the rest of this update, or to see our other mission updates, visit pachurch.ca/missions



Stepping Up

FREE SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

Starting January 10

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are shut-in and in hospital

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Martha Tielmann

Donwood Personal Care - Louise (Lois) Peters, Helen Wiens

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please pray:

- For Jean Jun & Phillip Kim who are traveling to Korea and mourning the loss of Jean's father (Phillip's grandfather).
- For improved health for Ann Hildebrand
- For Anita Beers who is doing well following surgery and treatment, but is still undergoing further treatment
- For Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC
- For Marie Dueck as she recovers from stroke at home
- For Jim & Melanie Penner and family as Jim continues to recover from stroke at home
- For Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.

Knit & Knead

*Ladies Fellowship
and Mentoring*



*All ages are invited!
Bring your friends,
your favourite craft,
some lunch,
and let's visit together*

**Saturday, Jan 21/23
10:00am**

JANUARY LIBRARY NEWS & BOOK REVIEW

A number of new books for you to look at are currently on display in the foyer on the table under the big mirror. Pick up your coffee and then have a look at what is on display. Here is a review on one of the new books on a very timely topic.

Resilient / by John Eldredge

New York Times bestselling author John Eldredge gives readers who are drained from the madness of modern life the tools they need to follow Jesus' path of supernatural resilience so they can recover their joy, strengthen their hearts, and thrive through the storm.

Between false promises of ease and comfort on one side and the sheer trauma of global disease and disasters on the other, people today are facing a shortage of peace, happiness, and strength. In *Resilient*, Eldredge reveals a path toward genuine recovery and resilience through Jesus himself. Drawing on wisdom from Scripture and Christian tradition, and illustrated throughout with powerful, true stories of grit and survival, *Resilient* will help you:

- Tap into the river of life that God promises his people
- Learn to be patient with yourself--genuine recovery from spiritual and emotional trauma takes time and intentionality
- Create a plan to foster resilience in your day-to-day life
- Discover deep wells of freedom and strength through Christ who lives within us.

Thriving requires a resilient soul. This book will help you find the resilience you long for when the world has gone mad--and discover in Jesus himself the strength that prevails.

THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan 8	10:00 am	Worship Service Fellowship Cafe
Tue. Jan 10	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Jan 11	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Jan 13	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	Young Adults

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Jan 15	10:00 am	Worship Service Fellowship Cafe
Tue. Jan 17	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Jan 18	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Jan 20	9:30 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Sat. Jan 21	10:00 am	Knit & Knead

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