

Serving Today

Nursery:

Jenn H
Laurell P

Feb 14:

Rebekah T
Darci R

Coffee Cleanup:

Abma Family (P&D)

Potluck Cleanup -
MomTime

Feb 14:

Dolman Family

Today's Offering is for:
Wolf Creek Ministries

Feb 14 - Magdalene House

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*Sunday Worship Service 10am.

Pastors Note: *Listening to God*

I had a very interesting conversation in Christian Education Class last week. As some of you may recall, I have the privilege of teaching Bible stories in a local public school. Last week's story was about the little boy Samuel. All children are a gift from God, but Samuel was an extra-special gift, if you like, as he was an answer to a barren mother's prayers. His mother, Hannah, was so thankful to receive this gift from God that she gave it back to Him out of gratitude. And so he lived with Eli the priest and served in the Lord's house at Shiloh. Samuel worshiped the Lord there. And yet we learn a chapter later (1 Samuel 3) that although he worshiped the Lord in his house, "the word of the Lord had not been revealed to him." Telling this story in Christian Ed. class led to an interesting conversation about how God speaks to us. As I said to the students, "You probably won't hear the audible voice of God speaking to you like Samuel did. And yet, God still speaks to us through his Word." The question is: are we listening? It's a bit of a mystery how God speaks to us through Scripture. Yet, I'm convinced he does. I'm convinced that as we let his words penetrate our hearts and minds through careful reading, God does speak. I'm currently reading a good book on reading Scripture called *The Word of God for the People of God*, by J. Todd Billings. Billings encourages us to read Scripture as disciples of Jesus Christ within the community of faith (ancient and modern). And as we read God's Word together, we hear his voice and are formed spiritually. As he writes, "Scripture is the Spirit's instrument by which the living Christ speaks words of power to God's people, bringing life where there is death and hope where there is despair" (xvii). In January I invited us to make 2016 a year of reading Scripture in the community of faith. I've since visited a few small groups, and I'm encouraged by the attention you're giving to God's Word. Now I invite us to bring our *kids* into the conversation. We have a number of children in this church family. We thank God for them all. Now how can we help *them* become good listeners of God's Word, like Samuel?

**If you have a Pastoral need
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*"...exists to reach out & enfold people
for Jesus, together becoming devoted
disciples of Him."*

February 7, 2016

Neighbourhood Life Part 5

Luke 10:1-12, 17 NIV

"We Are Sent Ones"

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

Today you will be invited to give your testimony of thanksgiving and prayer concern during the Prayers of the People.

Welcome Guests! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for a potluck lunch and fellowship after the worship service.

We offer a supervised Nursery located off the side of the main entrance for babies and toddlers. As well as a Cry Room for parents with babies located behind the sanctuary.

Sunday School - Preschool (ages 3-5) will meet down the hall in classroom C3. Children & Worship (Gr. 1-3) will gather in the upstairs classroom. The Gr. 4-6 class will meet down the hallway in classroom C1.

Small Group Community:

In-Betweeners - If you feel "too old" for youth and "too unmarried" for young adults; maybe the In-Betweeners small group is for you! The next gathering will be tonight (Feb.7) at Gabby's house, starting at 5pm. Questions, please talk to Charissa (403.505.9796) or Brent (587.877.3949)

BOB (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Monday Feb. 8** at 7:30pm. This year we will continue going through "The Battle Plan For Prayer". Put out by the Kendrick brothers based on their newest movie, War Room. If you would like to join us in becoming prayer warriors, please contact Gord Littel : 403.302.9169.

SURGE.....(Serve Unite Reach Grow Expand) - Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm here at WCCC. If you are aged 12-18, in grades 7-12, SURGE is the place for you! The next youth night will be on **February 10**. Your youth leaders are: Charissa, Brent & Alex.

MomTime - The next MomTime will **Thursday Feb. 11** at 9:15am. Join us for "Crash the Chatterbox" study. MomTime is growing and is open to any momma, no matter what age, all are welcome. We are always looking for helping hearts for this ever growing ministry. For inquiries about MomTime and or volunteering for this program, contact Donna Abma: 403-307-0889.

Men's Breakfast - Do you like breakfast? Saturday mornings at 7am we will be meeting in the church for food, fellowship & conversations about manly life, come join us. If you have any questions, get in touch with Jay 403 373-0765 or Jake 403 597-2057. Next Men's Breakfast will be **February 13**.

Here at WCCC we aspire to be a prayerful community of love. In order to become that we promote Small Group Ministry. Everyone is invited to join a small group. If you need help finding a small group please talk to Albert 403-505-3555 or Carol Ypma 403-302-3868.

WCCC Announcements:

Neighbourhood Life in Central Alberta continues to draw attention as it mobilizes people to love their neighbour and their neighbourhood. Burman University has recently invited us to teach in their "Principles of Evangelism" class this semester, which will begin in March. And the discipleship approach will be taught in Sylvan Lake also starting this March. We are also inviting you to join the discipleship series at Wolf Creek Community Church this Sunday (tonight) at 7 pm as we dig into our role in the strained relationship between the church, Scripture and culture. We also want to remind you that stories from our Central Alberta neighbourhoods are also being collected into a book to be released this summer, and the deadline to submit your story will be March 31st. For more information email rickabma@gmail.com or call/text 403-505-9897. ~Rick Abma

Senior Worship Service Ministry: Do you have a heart for "senior saints"? Every local church of Lacombe is invited to lead worship at the local senior homes every Monday morning. WCCC is proud to be part of this outreach ministry. But it can't happen without leaders. People are needed to help lead worship singing, to accompany worship singing (piano players or other musicians), to bring a short message based on God's Word, and to visit with the senior residents. You are invited to prayerfully consider this invitation. Please contact Pastor Leon if you have questions and/or are interested in representing our church in this important outreach ministry.

Please pray for the Leadership Team of this church as it meets on Feb. 11 to pray and discern God's will for this community of faith.

Baby Shower - Come celebrate the arrival of Jackson Ezekiel Eggink! There will be a baby shower for Mary, Travis, and their new addition Jackson Eggink on **February 11** at 7pm here at WCCC. We welcome all those who would like to help us celebrate!

Baptism - We are pleased to announce that Jackson Ezekiel Eggink, son of Mary and Travis Eggink, will receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism on **Sunday, February 14**. Please come and witness the administration of the sacrament and celebrate with the Eggink family.

Woody Nook CRC invites you to attend a FREE Will Clinic **Wednesday, Feb. 24** at 7:30pm. Learn why you need a Will and Estate Plan to; protect your family, avoid common mistakes and ensure proper Power of Attorney documents. Plus tax-smart options to support your favourite charity both current and future! RSVP to Deb/Karissa at Woody Nook at 403-885-4427 woodynookcrc@gmail.com or Shirley at info@csservices.ca.

Prayer Breakfast - The Lacombe & District Ministerial Association is pleased to invite you to the 2016 Lacombe Leader's Prayer Breakfast. This event will occur at the Lacombe Memorial Centre on Feb. 18 @ 7am. Tickets are available at the church office (\$25.00). Please come and be in the community in this unique way, and pray for our leaders.