



“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

November 23rd, 2016

What's next?

November, 2016

27 - Commissioning Rick (& Gwen) Schellenberg @ Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel

December, 2016

4 - Commissioning Allan (& Grace) Harstone @ Northwest Community Church, Meadow Lake

25 - Christmas Day

January, 2017

1 - New Year's Day

21 - SKMB Leadership Forum @ Parliament Community Church, Regina

March, 2017

10-11 - SKMB Convention @ Parkland Community Church, Yorkton

29-31 - Rural Ministry Conference @ Cypress Hills

The SKMB Vision...

“We see a Church passionately in love with God, led by His Spirit on mission, bringing Jesus' Gospel of redemption and restoration to the four corners of Saskatchewan.”

Cave Quest Comes to Beechy!

This past summer, we had the opportunity to transform our church sanctuary into a Cave Quest complete with stalagmites, stalactites and cave dwelling creatures. We used a curriculum from Group as the base for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) week and adapted activities, decorations and crafts to best fit the resources, volunteers and kids we anticipated. We had 40-50 cavers join us each day. The spelunkers were divided into small groups of 5-8 kids per leader and, aside from the group that consisted solely of preschoolers, each group had boys and girls of various ages. In



our small groups, we explored attributes of the cave creatures that revealed truths about God and our need for Him. We were able to build relationships with the kids in their small groups, and share the Gospel with them as we played, created and sang with them throughout the week. We all

greatly enjoyed the music that accompanied the curriculum. There were some great new songs and some oldies, with an upbeat twist.

Some new opportunities we had this year:

- ☐ We were privileged to be able to welcome a bus load of kids from a nearby town which did not have any VBS program. A family from our church, also living in that community, spearheaded the initiative to find a bus for 10-12 kids, in addition to their own, and took on the responsibility of getting the kids to and from VBS each day. It was no small task!
- ☐ Many kids, who did not have a Bible of their own, really wanted one. We were not prepared with enough Bibles. What a great problem to have! Fortunately, we were supplied with Bibles shortly after VBS ended; it gave us an opportunity to have a post VBS BBQ with those children along with many of their families.

The support from our church family was immense in volunteer time, prayer and donations. We are so grateful for God's protection, provision and His moving in the lives of the kids and the volunteers.

Karen Hermanson and Laura-Lie Schellenberg
Hillside Christian Fellowship, Beechy, SK

Our MANDATE is to inspire, empower, and support the Churches and Camps of the SKMB in multiplying missional disciples, leaders, and churches.

SKMB Office Ministry Service Targets

We will strive to...

- ✓ Pray for churches, camps and their staff daily.
- ✓ Respond to phone calls, emails and written correspondence within twenty-four hours.
- ✓ Actively listen to your inquiries or concerns.
- ✓ Ensure that Conference resources are offered and explained.
- ✓ Devote the time needed to ensure you have the support required for your ministry.
- ✓ Follow-up on your initial inquiry or concern within a week asking if you need further help.
- ✓ Personally visit your church or camp at least once a year.
- ✓ Obtain ministry updates from your camp or church once every two months.
- ✓ Provide timely and relevant updates from the provincial and Canadian MB offices.
- ✓ Once a year ask you how we did in meeting these ministry targets.

SKMB Teams Huddle '16

Last Saturday, the SKMB Teams gathered at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon for their annual Teams Huddle.

Team meeting highlights:

Faith & Life Team: adopted a new national Ministry Questionnaire for incoming pastors to SKMB ministry; adopted a new national Ordination 'manual'.

Church Multiplication: a new Church Multiplication Team replaces the former C2C-SK Regional Leadership Team and a separate C2C Team will be formed and work in partnership with the Church Multiplication Team.

Ministry Support Team: approved the 2017 Recommended Salary Grid for SKMB pastoral staff; started on the 2017 Budget proposal; recommended that there be a review of the Conference and churches' insurance coverages to ensure that there aren't any potential unnecessary exposures.

Developmental Leadership Team: continued with the development of a discipleship template for distribution at the 2017 Convention; continues to work with the Bethany visioning group in young adult discipleship.

Director of Ministry Phil Gunther addressed the Teams, sharing a ministry update, and speaking to how the SKMB office was doing in accomplishing its ministry service targets. Phil also spoke to the diversity and unity within the SKMB. He noted that what unifies the SKMB is Jesus, Scripture, the Gospel, a desire for outreach, the work of the Holy Spirit and the central place of discipleship.



After seeking input from readers, our SKMB communiques will **now** be sent out only **twice a month** starting December 7th.

Leadership Forum 2017

Who? YOU are all invited!

What? Pre-convention information.

From budget plans to rolling out new and improved initiatives.

Training. Scott Siemens, a federal government mediator will lead a session on "Working With Conflict."

When? Saturday, January 21, 2017

Where? Parliament Community Church, 4011 Pasqua Street, Regina
(Jointly hosted by PCC & The Compass Church)

Why? Because THAT'S what families do!



Introducing... Audrey Grace Anderson

Born to Michael Anderson and his wife Leanne Janzen

November 10th, 2016 @ 2:35 a.m.

8 lb. & 21½ inches long

Michael is the new Associate Pastor at Faith River Christian Fellowship (Saskatoon)



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