



“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

December 21st, 2016

What’s next?

December, 2016

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.”



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NOT Home Alone at Christmastime!

Gospel Fellowship Church in Foam Lake felt led to reach out beyond its doors this Christmas. Out of this heart, it was decided to host a Christmas dinner for community seniors and those alone for Christmas.

Our ladies were prepared to make the supper. Some volunteered to drive those needing assistance. Others offered to set up, serve, and clean up.

Thirty or more community seniors accepted our invitation, **many of whom had never visited our church before**. We were all blessed by laughter, Christmas carolling and a short devotional on the true meaning of Christmas as revealed through the advent wreath.

The evening was a wonderful success for many reasons. First there is the **encouragement** which came through prayer and planning. As we listened to God and followed His instructions we were blessed. Secondly, there is the **fellowship** that comes when God’s people work together for His glory. Thirdly there is **trust**. Learning to trust each other in the trenches of service is a wonderful part of Christian maturity. Finally, we discovered **service has no age**. Our youngest server was a pre-schooler while our eldest were both in their eighties!

“This could become a great annual event...”



Considering its **many rewards** this could easily become a great annual event for our community of faith.

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.

Alpha means transformation!



This past summer I received a call from a mom whose son had just returned from a week at camp. He came home with many questions about following Jesus and wanted to start reading the Bible. This surprised and uncertain mom had very minimal Bible knowledge, but heard from a friend that Alpha was a place to learn about the Christian faith. She connected with us online and she and her cousin started attending our Fall Alpha program. Each week these two women entered into an open discussion about faith and life after watching the Alpha Series videos. They built a non-judgemental community around their table where they could be open about their fears and doubts. When we asked for feedback at the end of the 11 weeks we saw that **she and her cousin both checked the box "I discovered a relationship with God through Jesus."** Praise God! The Holy Spirit slowly drew them to himself and into the life of the church. These women now regularly attend our Sunday morning service and their Alpha table has become a small group that will meet starting in the new year! We celebrate these stories of transformation and how God is at work in people's lives. We have found the new Alpha Film Series to be **an amazing evangelistic resource**. It is **free** and available online for anyone to use. If any churches are looking for help in how to launch an Alpha we would love the opportunity to help resource you.

Pastor Kevin Wiens - Forest Grove Community Church

SKMB Leadership Forum 2017

January 21, 2017 @ Parliament Community Church, Regina

The Compass Church and Parliament Community Church will team up to host the 2017 SKMB Leadership Forum. We invite pastors, chaplains, camp directors, moderators, elders, treasurers, and SKMB Team members to attend this year's event.

Participants will receive training in conflict management facilitated by Scott Siemens. Scott is a certified mediator and conflict resolution expert with the Canadian federal government. He has extensive experience working with churches and other non-profit organizations. Those attending will also receive a draft 2017 budget for their input and brief updates from SKMB Team Chairs.



Registration is due by January 13th, 2017 via either PayPal accessed through the SKMB website or by mail to the Saskatoon Office at the address below. A \$20 cost recovery registration fee is being charged. Please let us know if there are any dietary issues.



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