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“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director’s Calendar

August

- 11 — Hope Fellowship
(Saskatoon)
- 18 - 26 — Vacation

September

- 1 — Hepburn MB Church
- 8 — Gospel Fellowship Church
(Foam Lake)
- 15 — Bridgeway Community
Church (Swift Current)
- 22 — Dalmeny Community
Church

Please pray for traveling mercies.

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Preaching Sabbath @ Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel

The Preaching Sabbath is a resource for the SKMB which allows a church to have Phil Gunther (SKMB Director of Ministry) to cover the Sunday preaching for four consecutive Sundays. The church chooses the theme for these Sundays. The Conference simply requests a minor donation to help with some of the travel costs. The purpose for the Preaching Sabbath is to free up the current pastor to undertake special study, focus on a different area of ministry or take a mini sabbatical. The following is a testimonial from Terry & Denyse Rapsey of Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel.

“The preaching sabbath at Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel covered the four Sundays of July. Our current pastor requested a mini sabbatical to refresh himself. The subject of Phil Gunther’s preaching was focused on re-discovering worship. Our congregation experienced a number of ‘ah-ha’ moments. We were reminded that all we see and do, 7 days a week, should be an act of worship. It is all about a relationship with HIM and we should bear that in mind with everything we do, as ultimately it should be done with a view of honouring HIM. We were also reminded that in our practice of worship we become more and more like our God. Phil taught that the worship God seeks is rooted in love, not commands. In addition, when God comes first, our desires are met in Him. In response to all that God has done for us, our prayer should be, “I am Yours Jesus, I am Yours.”

SKMB’s Preaching Sabbath allowed us to give our pastor a much needed mini-sabbatical. It also gave the congregation an opportunity to really get to know Phil and gain a better understanding for the SKMB. We found having four successive weeks on a specific theme gave us all pause to think about how we worship. We were blessed and encouraged by every word, to rethink our preconceived notions of what worship is. We were also given clear directions and sound Biblical reasoning as to why and how we should move forward with new and fresh personal and corporate practices to worship our worthy God. We were blessed by members of the congregation who brought and shared something personal as worship to our God.

We would certainly recommend the Preaching Sabbath to other churches. It gave our Pastor an opportunity to be refreshed physically, emotionally and spiritually. It gave us the opportunity to be better acquainted with Reverend Phil Gunther and to benefit from his teachings on a specific topic.”

Next Communique: September 4

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