

Firsthand Faith
1 John 1 - 2:2

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Call to Prayer for Pastor Search Team

Our lead pastor search interests have been emailed to networks of Christian leaders and pastors across Canada and have been posted on a range of websites. If applications arriving in our in-basket are any indication that our advertising is working, then apparently we are successful. While we are indeed grateful for every applicant who has prayerfully discerned that they should apply to KGF, we readily acknowledge that we too must hunger for deep discernment. As the May 6 search closing date approaches, please pray that the Holy Spirit will equip the pastor search team and KGF with humility, love, faith, and wisdom. Searching for a pastor is as much about asking God to prepare us for a lead pastor, as it is about God preparing a lead pastor for us. (Pastor Search Team)

Prayer updates can also be found at [Lead Pastor Search page at www.kgfchurch.com](#).

Mission: Knowing Jesus & Making Him Known

Vision: To create places of belonging where people can discover Jesus and be equipped to follow Him together.

Values: Grounded in the Bible, Guided by the Spirit, Growing in Prayer



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You into secondhand? It works with cars, clothes, and condos. It doesn't work with following Jesus. *If faith in Christ isn't firsthand, it isn't faith at all.*

Today we begin a KGF preaching series based on 1 John. Christian faith was about 60 years old when John wrote 1 John. The youngest who had believed Jesus were now themselves nearly the oldest, which meant that the lived experience of Christianity rested squarely on the shoulders of the next generation. If theirs wasn't a firsthand faith, there would be no Christian faith to pass on.

To complicate matters, an emerging controversy was watering down Jesus. The intent of 1 John was damage repair, calling Christians to stay true to Christ and to steer clear of deceivers diluting Jesus' teaching. Using repetition and hyperbole, 1 John works three themes - **life, truth, love** - and with each pass digs deeper into Jesus' call to **firsthand faith**.

Here's the **big idea** of 1 John. Since God is light and God is love, Jesus is light and love, too. Since God is crazy about people, Jesus is crazy about people, too. Jesus demonstrates who God is. This means that learning everything possible about Jesus is going to be crucial to following faithfully in his footsteps. And, if we are going to grow, borrowing the style of John's teaching, our lives will be marked by a pattern of **learning and following**, more **learning and more following**, and still more **learning and following**. That's really what **firsthand faith** is all about.

Pastor Ron Toews

Last chance to sign up for GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER where you will get to know your neighbor at KGF through having a meal in the comfort of a home.

Date: May 11 Time: 5:30 pm

Sign up today in the Foyer or online at www.kgfchurch.com.

GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR DINNER



Primetime Golf Event @ Pinnacle Golf Course

4320 Gallagher Drive West

Friday May 17th 5:30pm

Fee: \$27.00 Power Cart \$10.00

RSVP by May 8th to: Tony Markoff
winotgolf@gmail.com

Mandatory Prepayment by May 10th



KGF Church Financial Update			
For the three (3) months ended March 31, 2019			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2019	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2019	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2018
Revenues	\$260,356	\$192,943	\$256,745
Expenses	\$260,356	\$227,320	\$278,066
Net	-	\$(34,377)	\$(21,321)

Week at a Glance

- Tues., Apr 30: 7 am **Men of KGF Prayer** - Men, come join us in prayer
7 pm **KGF YOUTH** - Be at the church at **6 pm** for the bus ride to Green Bay Bible Camp
- Wed., May 1: 7 pm **Converse** - Wendy Arelis will be speaking on prayer
9:30 am **Mums and Munchkins**- Come play and chat
- Thurs. May 2: 10 am **Women at Prayer** - Women, come join us in prayer
9 am **Maker's Morning** - Join us as we craft and create in each other's company. The coffee is always on.
6 pm **Impact (60+ ministry)** May Potluck Dinner with "Back Porch Gospel Singers". Bring a dish that serves 6.
- May 3 - 5: **Women's Retreat** - Gardom Lake Bible Camp
- Sat. May 4: 8 am **Biking with Friends** - Starting 8 am in the KGF Parking lot every 1st Saturday of the month (**Primetime** hosting)
- Sun, May 5: 9 / 10:45 **Communion** - Prepare your hearts

Coming Soon

- May 11: **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** - Are you interested in connecting with others over a meal in their home? Do you enjoy getting to know new people/families?
- May 12: **Baby Bottle Campaign** starts for Pregnancy Care Center. Save those dimes and quarters.

Sharing My Faith Story

God's story (HIStory) has intersected our personal story through our relationship with Jesus. How do we share that amazing story with others? Our sister church next door (**Mission Springs Church of God**) is hosting a two evening workshop on how to prepare our own personal story. I have looked at the principles of this approach and it is VERY good stuff. **May 6 & 7** from 7:00-8:30 pm. Talk to **Pastor Garth** if you have any questions.

For detailed info on all events go to www.kgfchurch.com or visit the Starting Point desk in the Lobby