

Sunday Worship Service
January 14, 2024 + 10:30 am

Service Leader	George Elachkar
Welcome & Announcements	
Baptism	John Unrau
Sermon	Good Grief
Scripture	2 Corinthians 7: 8-16

Memory Verse – Psalm 141:3



Set a guard,
O LORD,
over my
mouth;
keep watch
over the door
of my lips!

A warm welcome to those visiting with us today.
If we can assist you in any way, please speak to one of the ushers.

If you are visiting or new to our congregation, help us connect with you! Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering box located in the back of the Sanctuary, or fill out our electronic contact card.



Messages

Year End - Please submit to the office your annual reports. Annual report deadline is **Jan. 26th**. This includes reports for boards, committees and groups (ie. Sunday School, Youth, Bible studies, etc). These reports are an opportunity to share what your group is learning, how it is serving and its blessings.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Bible Study will begin **Jan 30th**. This 9-week study, *"In View of God's Mercies"* written by Courtney Doctor, will walk us through Paul's powerful letter to the Romans and see the glorious grace and transforming work of the gospel. There will be 2 study time options available, **Tuesdays at 7 pm** or **Thursday** afternoons at **1 pm**.

Family Skate ~ We've rented some ice time and all are invited for an hour of free skating! Lace up those skates on Saturday **Feb. 10th** from **6:30 – 7:30pm** at the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre, Unico Arena. Children are required to use helmets, bicycle helmets are a great choice.

Regular Events

Adult Sunday School ~ **Sundays** at **9:30 am** in the lower auditorium for Adults and Youth Grades 6 & up.

Ask the Pastor ~ **Today @ 3:30 pm** in the lower auditorium. All are welcome to join us!

Prayer Meeting ~ Last Sunday of the month @ **3:30 pm** in the Board Room.

Coffee Break ~ Coffee, fellowship & shuffleboard or other board games followed by a time of Bible Q&A with the Pastor. **Wednesday** mornings at **9 am**. It's a great way to get to know one another, invite a friend!

Men's Bible Study ~ Set to resume on Wed. **Jan. 17th** at **7pm** in the Bible Study Room. All men are welcome! No work book required.

Youth Bible Study ~ Will resume on Wed. **Jan. 17th**. Meeting every Wednesday at 7-8:30 pm in the lower auditorium, study groups for both Jr and Sr Youth (Gr 6-12).



The Growing Zone

Sunday School

Gr. 1 to Gr. 5 upstairs (9:30-10:15)

**Registration opens at 9:15*

Preschool to SK downstairs (during the service)

**Registration opens at 10:00*

Classrooms are located across the bridge in the CE Building

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE: The Nursery, for infants up to 2 yrs, is located on the second floor of the CE Building. The first door on your right after crossing the bridge. An usher would be happy to assist you with directions.

Church Library – Books of the week

- Autobiography – Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption *by Vaneetha Rendall Risner*
- Teens – This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years *by Jaquelle Crowe*
- Children - The Tower of Babel (Arch Books)

*Full name not required when signing out books, initials are fine.

Local Missions

On behalf of the Salvation Army Leamington, I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to those who took time in their very busy schedules to help out with the Christmas Kettle. It is not easy during the Christmas season to chisel out time, but many of you did. The feed back I received from many, was that it was a time of reconnecting with people they had not seen in some time. Standing at the kettle brought out many stories of hope and provision. One evening as I was ringing the bell. This young woman came up to me and said. "This cart full of groceries that came from a gift card I received from the Salvation Army." She went on to tell me that they also helped give her daughter a Christmas with gifts. Her words brought tears to my eyes. I am humbled to be a part of something that is helping our community. I know this is just one story of many.

The goal for the kettles this year was \$120k, and we helped them raise \$27,681.90. Thank you, First Baptist Church.

James 1:22-24 But be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Thank you for being doers - Joyce Walker

Financials

Year to Date – Dec. 31, 2023	
Revenue	395,451.90
Expenses	341,722.83
Surplus/Deficit	53,729.07

Sermon Notes

#1 – Being used by God to produce godly grief is hard. (v.8)

#2 – Godly grief results in joy. (Verses 9-10)

#3 – Godly grief produces godly behavior. (Verses 11-12)

#4 – Godly grief restores and strengthens godly relationships. (Verses 13-16)
