



Who doesn't love a summer blockbuster?! They tell me it could be a three-horse race this summer between Elvis, Thor, and Bullet Train, although the rewarmed Top Gun might be out to the early lead. Movies can make great dates, fun family nights, and even (if you're like me) a wonderful escape on your own. They shape our imaginations, they entertain and enrapture us, they make us laugh and keep us on the edge of our seat. Movies are the storytellers of our cultural moment.

This summer at Oak Park, we will be preaching a movie marathon! 12 weeks that cover 12 different movies and how their themes engage the gospel message. At points we may hear surprising alignment and at other points we may be challenged to unmask the cultural idols we so quickly bow to. There is no requirement to have watched the movie, though you may choose to watch some of them in advance, or you may be intrigued to watch after hearing the message. Some of the preachers may use short clips from the movies in their messages. We will be preaching on kids' movies for the long weekend Sundays, when the kids will be with us in service. The overriding theme of the summer will be: if movies are the storytellers of our culture, what are the values, practices, and beliefs that are forming us? So come and join us this summer for a Sunday (early) matinee!

By Pastor Lane



Bottle Drive Sunday

June 19th

Bring your bottles to church!
Proceeds go to the Youth Short Term Missions Fund!



Stampede Breakfast is BACK!

Join us Sunday July 10, 2022

Computer Volunteers Needed



We are in need of volunteers to run our computer for Sunday services. If you are interested please contact shelley@oakpark.ca

**Women's Morning of
Worship & Prayer**

**Saturday, June 25th
10:00 - 11:30am**



Oak Park Congregational Update

Here is the update from the church leadership on Oak Park's construction project that was shared in service and e-mailed :on June 5th, 2022.

April 2022 - Oak Park completed the detailed architectural drawings with our outstanding design team. Thank you to those many individuals who gave financially to complete the design work. Thank you to those congregation members who gave of their time and expertise freely (including engineering work!).

Following the completion of the detailed construction drawings, we put the job out to tender. May 2022 - Oak Park received two compliant bids from two excellent companies. Unfortunately, the cost estimates were significantly higher than we had hoped and planned for. Various factors are at play – significant inflationary increases, unstable markets leading to conservative pricing, a surplus of construction in the area, global war, supply-chain issues, and a labour-shortage. Almost none of these were factors a year ago when we began this process.

The financial gap between what we (speaking collectively as the leadership - Elders and Board - on behalf of the congregation) are prepared to carry as a loan and what these updated costs would necessitate as far as debt, is simply too large to try and bridge at this time. We turned over every possible rock we could think of... different models, different modes of delivery, different funding, different approaches, different lending options... the list goes on! At this point, we are placing the project on hold until the end of the year at the earliest.

This has been a LONG process, and you have been patient. Thank you for your prayers. I know this is a disappointing day for all of us. A special word of thanks to Doug Walker. Most of the time it's Doug giving the project updates and I don't often get a chance to express to you – our church family – that he has poured his heart and soul into this endeavor. Hundreds of hours and seemingly unlimited patience with myself and everyone else involved.

Where do we go from here? This announcement is light on details for brevity's sake. Transparency matters to us, so please reach out for any details you would like.

Campaign giving: If you choose to initiate or continue your pledged giving from our Infinitely More campaign, thank you. It will be placed in a capital building fund and give us a head start on whatever we do proceed with in the future. Our building is 35 years old and really starting to show its age. At the very least, we need to begin the conversation about some significant repairs that we have been holding off during our planning stages. With the project on hold, however, we are certainly not asking for pledges to be fulfilled at this time.

The work done to date has not been a waste. We believe in the listening and discernment process we've been through. We believe the project is important and we are well-ahead of where we were a year ago. The permits and plans we have do not expire for some time and can be used going forward.

One other piece I want to make you aware of: we have applied for a large grant from the Provincial government. Doug Walker (with the help of Greg Tarnowski, Jason Rochon, and Dawn Driediger) put together a very strong application that was submitted last week. This isn't typically a grant that churches would be awarded; however, they gave us the green light to apply. The awardees will not be notified until the end of the year, so please keep this process in your prayers.

Finally, here's what I know about our church: we will continue to worship the God who is in control, longing to see the unseen God! And we will continue to serve Him and be faithful to His calling to step out in faith whenever the time is right!

By Pastor Lane

Final date for this year:
Thursday June 16th

See you in the fall!



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AT OAK PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST



OAK PARK CHURCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: To help pay tuition for Biblical post-secondary education

Candidates: Any Oak Park Church of Christ Member

Application Deadline: September 30, 2022

Application Process: Write a letter (1-2 pages) answering the following:

- Why are you choosing to attend Bible College?
- What do you hope to gain from your education?
- What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- Where is your relationship with God right now?
- Do you have any long term goals that stem from your education? (ie: future ministry desires)
- Please outline your financial need

Submission: Email your letter to the Oak Park Church Board at: office@oakpark.ca


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MEN'S PRAYER MORNING

Wednesdays @ Oak Park
6:30-7:30am
Coffee Provided



May Family Camp - May 20-23

Ladies Retreat - June 10-12

High School Camp (entering Grade 10 - 2022 Grade 12 graduates) - July 3 - 8

Leaders in Training (entering Grade 10 - 2022 Grade 12 graduates) - July 12 - 15

Rookie Camp (entering Grade 1 - 3) - July 12 - 15

Junior High (entering Grades 7 - 9) - July 17 - 22

Junior Camp (entering Grades 4 - 6) - July 24 - 29

Deeper Life (Young Adults; Graduated Grade 12's and up) - August 26 - 28

September Family Camp - September 2 - 5

Mens Retreat - September 23 - 25

Snow Camp (Grades 7-12) - December 27 - 30

Register for Camp at pinelakechristiancamp.com



Send a kid to camp!

Did you know?

We provide bursaries to families whose children want to go to camp but cannot afford it!

If you would like to contribute to the Next Gen Fund where the bursaries come from, you can do so by marking your donation "Camp Bursary".

Oak Park Missions Update

Pioneer Bible Translators - Norm Weatherhead



Norm returned to Calgary in April after his 6 weeks in Dallas, Texas, where he was able to benefit from the support systems of the Wycliffe International Linguistic Centre as well as the milder climate which helps with his health

issues. While in Texas he was able to completely review and edit all 678 verses in the Akukem book of Mark. WOW! So much to praise the Lord for. Jill was even able to make it down for a short visit which probably helped the time living alone go a little faster. After returning to Calgary, Norm was able to do a 4-week online Zoom translation session with the national translators back in Papua New Guinea. It's a huge commitment for these men to leave their village and their families and come into the city of Madang to work on another book in their very own Bible. Following this final editing with the national men, Norm trained them to run "literacy fluency workshops" back in their villages. There is no value in having a Bible in your language if you haven't learned to read. Such a huge task and such a need for us to pray that all the steps in this process would go well and many would come to know Jesus and all the blessings He can bring into their lives.



Refuge of Hope - Vienna Moilliet



It's been an extremely busy time at Refuge of Hope. In April they celebrated their 2nd anniversary. Ellora was finally able to get permission to join Vienna and arrived on April 4th from the US. A new 12-year-old girl joined the group after a relative helped her escape from a very bad situation. There were three birthdays to celebrate in April,

so a beach trip was organized and the girls had a wonderful time. For one girl it was her first time ever at the beach! The Department of Social Welfare Development visited the home and gave them a list of improvements that were required. They were able to find the financing and the changes have been made, including a new set of stairs. In May, Vienna's mom was able to come and visit for three weeks, bringing a new sewing machine and lots of love and fresh encouragement for everyone. Thanks to funding coming in, a well has now been completed on the new land and a gate installed as well.

They continue to need finances to build on the land and to purchase a van to transport all the girls. Let's keep praying that all the funds will come in so this amazing project will continue to grow, providing a safe home for abused girls and an opportunity for them to experience all the healing and love of a relationship with Jesus.



Oak Park Missions Update

Graceland Ministries - Jay and Colette

How to send donations to Graceland Ministries

1. Cheque (by mail):

Graceland Ministries
111 Oak Terrace
Saint John, NB E2M 4N2

2. e-Transfer:

treasurer@gracelandministries.com

Note: This is an auto deposit so no security question is needed.

3. By credit card (internet) on website:

<https://www.gracelandministries.com/donate>

PROJECT 94 - Donations for Ukrainian refugees: please indicate that it is for Project 94.





Eat Well. Spend Less.

 **Oak Park**
CHURCH OF CHRIST

2021

**Any one can order one or more
Good Food Boxes.**

Boxes must be pre-ordered and paid for in cash (exact change) on or before the order by date. You can pre-purchase your next box when you pick up your order. Boxes must be picked up, before 6pm. (Note: Boxes not picked up will be donated - no refunds will be given.)

Good Food Boxes come in the following sizes:

LARGE	40 lbs	\$35.00
MEDIUM	30 lbs	\$30.00
SMALL	20 lbs	\$25.00

ORDER BY

January 18
February 15
March 8
April 12
May 3
May 31
September 6
September 27
October 25
November 29

DELIVERY DATE

January 27
February 24
March 17
April 21
May 12
June 9
September 15
October 6
November 3
December 8

For information call Oak Park Church office at (403) 251-5150 or email office@oakpark.ca

What Your Giving Can Do - Next Gen Fund

How are we equipping and preparing our young people for effective witness and service in the church and in our community? We are always trying to think creatively about how we can form and develop leadership from among our children and youth. Often, we have more ideas than funds to enable this core value. This is the driving force behind the consolidation of several previous Oak Park funds to create the Next Gen Fund. We hope to grow this fund in order to facilitate mission in three related areas:

1. Creating opportunities for the children and youth within our congregation, such as camp bursaries, Christian post-secondary bursaries, and seed money for short-term mission trips.
2. Helping to resource parachurch organizations that focus on youth and young adult ministries in our city (Youth Unlimited, Hope Mission, etc.).
3. Opening up new vistas of mission in our own community by reaching out to community kids through sports camps, after school drop-in, and other entrepreneurial outreach initiatives.

When you designate your giving to the Next Gen Fund, it will be set aside to begin growing this endowment fund in order to facilitate mission in all three of these areas in the future. Our children are not the future of the church, they ARE the church now, so let's make sure we give them the attention and resources they need to mature in Christ.

By Pastor Lane



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