

Ministry Spotlight - The Connections Team

For many years now Oak Park Church has been known for the warm and friendly welcome you receive when you enter the church building. Knowing that you only get one chance to make a first impression places the way we greet one another high on our list of priorities for Sunday mornings. Those for whom church attendance has not previously been a regular part of life, walking into a church for the first time might be quite intimidating. Consequently, their first greeting is something we continue to be very intentional about.

At Oak Park Church we call our greeters the 'Connections Team' because they are very often the first point of connection for those entering the church on a Sunday morning. Our Connections Team is also a good place to start when enquiring about other ways to connect such as who to talk to about getting involved with a particular ministry.



If your first encounter with our Connections Team was a pleasant and memorable one, please consider extending the same warm welcome to others by joining the team. It may sound like a scary thing, but it really isn't... and it is a great way to get to know more people in our church. Getting plugged in to this ministry is as easy as having a quick conversation with Shirley Hiebert (the Leader of our Connections Team) or Pastor Martin. We will be glad to have you on the team and you can be scheduled to serve as little or often as your availability allows.

By Pastor Martin

New Series Starts October 13

POWER



HOUSE!



SENIORS' LUNCH

October 28th
12:00pm



"IN YOUR TIME"

"Teach us to number our days, that we may be given a heart of wisdom." -Psalm 90

Coming soon to Oak Park...

m radicalmentoring

Men's mentoring. For more information contact Rob Beingssner.

"Radical mentoring gave me the tools I needed to step up to my responsibility to demonstrate how a father loves his children, how a husband loves his wife, and how a family worships God."

-Ray Snyder, Lead Mentor, The Church at LifePark



Intro to the Park.

New to Oak Park?

Join us for lunch, meet our Pastors, and find out more about our Church.

Sunday, November 10 at Noon
in the Fireside Room

Children welcome.

Please sign up at the Information Centre



Oak Park - Tsuut'ina Bridge of Hope

Upcoming luncheon dates:

October 21, November 18 & December 16



We would be thrilled to have you participate in this ministry! You can help by donating a pot of hearty soup, assisting with set-up and/or clean-up, and having lunch at a table to visit with some of our guests.

Taste of PACE

October 8
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Alberta Bible College
635 Northmount Dr NW
403.282.2994

Want a taste of what the Lord is doing at PACE? You are invited. Come enjoy some appetizers, hear the heart of a few of the students, and find out for yourself just what we are all about.



Taste of PACE Disclaimer...ABC is not responsible if you can't stop at just one bite.



Eat Well. Spend Less.

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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

September 16
October 21
November 25

DELIVERY DATE

September 25
October 30
December 4

Dates for 2020 will be posted in November

Anyone can order. This is a truly a great value and everything is very fresh!

Oak Park Youth Group Retreat

With the arrival of Fall, it was once again time for our Youth Group to take a trip down to Willow Valley for our annual retreat. We want to say a huge thank you to Ron and Monelle Fraser for hosting, and to Martin and Angela Hosier for helping out in many ways including cooking a meal for us!

This weekend was a great opportunity for our group to unplug and reconnect with one another. With no cell service, we filled our free time playing games, getting out into nature, and a bunch of the guys built a fort! The fort that the guys constructed



was impressive! They used a frame that they had constructed the year before and added branches to create a neat little hideaway. It was so well built that they attempted to sleep in it Saturday night. Unfortunately, the wind did not cooperate and they were forced inside during the night. Despite it being windy on Saturday night we were blessed with amazing weather. We had a little rain on Friday while we drove, but by the time Saturday morning arrived the sky was blue and the air was warm. Our service project this year was to harvest the



potatoes and to help cut up some wood for a neighbour of the Fraser's who heats with only wood for the entire winter.

The theme for this year was 2 Corinthians 4:8-9. How do we stay strong in the hard times like Daniel did? Are we deeply rooted like the trees of the forest? Trees are amazing, they have roots that can spread as

wide as a tree is tall. These roots then intertwine with the roots of the trees around them which allows the strong trees to assist the weaker trees and makes the whole community more resilient. On Sunday, we enjoyed an outdoor communion service led by Ron Fraser before we packed up and returned home.

We are excited about what God is doing in our Youth here at Oak Park!

UPDATE ON SOME OF OAK PARK CHURCH'S SPONSORED MISSIONS

Vienna Moilliet Philippine Mission



Your giving is feeding hungry tummies!

Hello to all my supporters! I want to send this quick email out to thank you all for the wonderful financial support I have received this last month. Safe Refuge is currently experiencing the longest running financial low in its history. Things have been tight to the point where the staff have only been able to receive a very small fraction of their wage and we are several months behind on our rent. My personal support was over and above my monthly needs so I have taken about 182 Canadian dollars from your support to me to feed the whole shelter for the week. Another 20 dollars will be used to send our newest resident to the dentist. Your support made a difference this week in feeding the hungry, 182 dollars doesn't seem like much in Canadian terms but here it feeds 12 girls, 4 children and the people on staff for 7 days. Thank you all so much.

By Vienna Moilliet

**HELP
WANTED**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to run the computer for Sunday morning services. If interested please contact Pastor Shelley at shelley@oakpark.ca

Pioneer Bible Translators with Norm Weatherhead

Norm returned to Madang, Papua New Guinea on schedule Thursday August 22. He will be in Papua New Guinea for two months and will be involved in:

- doing the consultant checking of Aruamu books of Numbers & Hosea with the hope of publishing the complete Aruamu Bible by the end of 2020
- working on the Wordlist with Akukem translators
- attending as Advisor a week-long computer training to help new Akukem translators gain skills in computer typing as well as learning to use Paratext
- flying up to the PNG highlands to do more research on his Doctorate in Ministry. Currently he is drafting chapter three out of seven.



LEAP!

PYPA 2019
October 18-20, 2019
Oak Park Church of Christ, Calgary
Speaker Scott MacKenzie

*Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous.
 Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord
 your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Register online at pypa.ca



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Women's Ministry

Join our FaceBook group:
Oak Park Women's Ministry



Save Your Empties!
Bottle Drive Fundraiser



Drop your cans and bottles at the church,
Proceeds go to Youth Short Term Missions Fund

Get Connected

If you would like to be included in any of these, please contact the church office:

- phone directory
- prayer chain
- eNews

Oak Park
Coming
Events



Your Giving Matters! October Financial Update

We only have one more Park Bench edition before the end of the calendar year (and for Oak Park the fiscal year). Way back in March/April of this year during our sermon series on Money, we challenged you to step out in faith and either start giving financially or increase your giving. I know that many of you took up that challenge and did just that. Now, we want to hear your stories of how that's gone and what you've learned so we can encourage each other and celebrate together. We would love to include a few of those stories in our final 2019 Park Bench edition in November. That can be done with your name attached or even anonymously. If that's something you'd like to share with the congregation to encourage others, please email or talk to Pastor Lane: lane@oakpark.ca.

P.S. Please keep up the giving so we can finish the year strong!



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