



Creekside Community Church

December 22nd, 2019

Welcome & Prayer – Pastor Donny Coulter

Lighting of 4th Advent Candle

Music – Dana Coulter, Leader

Happy Day

The First Noel

Announcements – Jim P

Prayer for Children and Fellowship

We three Kings

Here I Am to Worship

Mission moment – Tim And Kallie Hutton

Message – Pastor Donny

Leave it There

Benediction - Jim

'To know Christ and to make Him known, locally and globally'

Announcements:

Today – Everyone is invited! Please come join us as we visit our senior residents in the lodges. Meet at Crest View at 1:30 pm, Vista V at 2:30 pm

Youth Bible Class during Service

Fill the pinata with your gifts **for Candice Slingerland's fundraiser**



Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm December 24th at the church

Please save stamps from your Christmas cards. Trim and give to Lori Anderson for Leprosy missions work

Visitors, it's our pleasure to have you worship with us today. Please join us in the foyer for a coffee and visit after the Service

Keep in Prayer for:

- **Mill Creek Camp's Board of Directors** as the search is on for a new Camp Executive Director. Pray for **George Reynolds and Sherry Akitt** who serve on the Board

- ‘**Creekside Community Church**’ – as ‘one cell’ in the Body of Christ, that the lives of this church family will share the gift of Jesus in our communities this week (see story below)
- **Candice Slingerland** as she fundraises and prepares to serve and learn through YWAM’s Discipleship program starting January 9th 2020 in Mexico

MINISTRY This Week

Sunday school –Two children’s classes: **Preschool to Gr 2, Grades 3-6** will resume in New Year

Nursery next Sunday- Dec 29th: Tara Hall and Karen

Service helpers next Sunday 29th – Betty S, Allison M, Gord M

Youth - Get-together **next meeting is Jan 10. Interested? Speak to Lachlan Terpstra or Candice Slingerland** Bible Class every 2nd and 4th Sundays during Service

Bible Studies and **Men’s Drop-in Breakfast** – will resume in the New Year. If you are interested in a study, please speak to Pastor Donny
Offering boxes - on back table as you come into the Sanctuary. Give as you can

Deuteronomy 4:7 – “What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him?” Niv

“What other great nation has gods that are intimate with them the way God our God is with us, always ready to listen to us?” The Message



A Christmas Story – many years ago, a Sunday School class of grades 1-3 in our church prepared a ‘shoebox’ diorama to show their families what the Christmas birth of Jesus looked like to their young minds. They made figures of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the angels out of wooden clothespins, covered in scraps of cloth. The stable was made out

of pieces of wood and the background starry night was painted on the inside of the shoebox. When each diorama was all finished, the teacher asked the children **what they would have done if they were there on that special night** when Jesus was born into the world. The usual answers came, until one young boy said “If I was a shepherd, I’d be so excited that I’d run out into the street and tell everyone about the Baby Jesus!!”

Christmas (and anytime) Blues

I. The Christmas trap

II. A few reasons for pain, depression and grief at Christmas

1. Loss/sickness of love ones
2. Unrealistic expectations
3. Debt
4. Magnification of existing problems

III. Things we can do to help

1. Acknowlidge the hurt and pain

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2. Actively offer assistance

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3. Ask how they are without putting them on the spot

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4. Allow them to grieve/hurt without trying to fix them

IV. If I'm there, what can I do?

1. Run to the Word

- Waiting on the Lord
 - o Ps. 40:1,2
 - o Ps. 30:5
 - o Ps. 56:8

- Thanksgiving
 - o Ps. 86:10-13
 - o Its not hypocrisy to read them and long for it

- Life and Joy
 - o Ps 51:12
 - o Ps 85:6

2. Run to the Church (Cooperate Body)

- Ps. 42:4 Psalmist REMEMBERS!
- Reason he remembers is that God is real there and THAT HELPS – HE HELPS!

3. Run to the Savior!

- Hebrews 4:15
- Hebrews 12:1,2



Christmas greetings from Canadian Baptists of Western Canada:

We are pleased to welcome **Jenna Hanger** as our new **Senior Editor and Writer**.

By Jenna Hanger: Anyone who knows me knows that Christmas is my favourite time of year. I love everything about it; the lights, the gift giving, carols and decorating cookies. Each year I get maybe a little too excited when November starts to wind down and I can start enjoying Christmas in full force. My husband lasts about five seconds before it ruins his meager Christmas spirit, but I can't help myself.

Yes, it is an expensive time of year. Yes, it has gotten commercialized and it can be stressful in the workplace with the holiday deadlines. But at the end of the day it is a season about family, about being generous with others and most importantly, at the heart of it all is Jesus. The ultimate gift from God; His son who was sent to earth to be sacrificed for us. It's a gift I still, after years of being a Christian, have trouble wrapping my mind around. The amount of love that Jesus has for us is so incredible, so beyond our understanding it makes me want to wear my jingling Christmas sweater year-round.

What is more, I know that His love and generosity has spilt over into His churches here on earth. I have personally seen it in action. Two out of the last three Christmases have been a very emotional time for myself and my family:

November 26, 2016 my daughter Eden - born at 25 weeks weighing 1.8 pounds.

Suddenly all my glamourous Christmas plans were shattered. Instead of enjoying hot chocolate by a fire admiring our tree, we were staring at our little baby girl in an incubator as she struggled with the machines helping her to breathe.

It was an overwhelming time, but during it I saw God's heart shine through His people. My hometown church, Brownfield Baptist, wrapped their arms around us and showered us in prayers and support. It was one of the most humbling times of our lives as gift after gift arrived for us, including a blanket signed and prayed over by the congregation.

Two Christmases later - pregnant again and though I was farther along than I had made it last time, the doctors were not hopeful that I would make it to full-term. Once more, instead of being able to enjoy the holidays I was in a hospital far from home. My church never missed a beat and again lifted us up. I ended up making it to my due-date in March and I know it was because of the ceaseless prayer support. That is what I choose to reflect on this Christmas season—the unrelenting generosity of Jesus Christ and the people who choose to follow Him.

(After living for a time in Red Deer, AB working in the newspaper industry Jenna moved back to her hometown of Brownfield, AB. She lives there with her husband and two young daughters. When she isn't busy chasing the girls, she can be found helping on the family ranch or writing. Jenna is ecstatic to be joining the CBWC team and can't wait to see how God uses her in this position.)

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