



CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

“A Place of Grace”

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Sunday Service January 8th, 2023

Sunday 10:00 AM Live & Online**

Sunday School During 10am service

Nursery Open All Services

Fall/Winter Programs

Prayer time 6PM Sundays

Ladies' Bible Study – 1:30 Tuesdays

Young Gals' Bible Study – 9 a.m. Thursdays

Services at Crestview – 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m.

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Offerings Options - box on back table, **Mail** - CCC Box 757, Pincher Creek

TOK 1W0. **Auto-debit** or **e-transfer** – ccctreasurer20@gmail.com

Benevolent offering - box also on back table or add to your auto debit

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Ministries & Outreach

Community	Joy Hurlburt <i>Deacon, Congregational Care</i> <i>403 330-5399</i> joy@hurlburtrock.com
Missions	please speak to Pastor Donny
Prayer Needs	Pastor Donny
Youth Ministry	'Holy Rollers' Youth tba

Today's Service

Welcome and Announcements

- 6pm Hymn sing and prayer meeting tonight
 - *Dennis Stone, Area Pastor who works alongside CBWC churches and their pastors including Creekside, has retired. Tim Kerber starts as the CBWC Mountain Standard Regional Minister on January 1, 2023. His role: to support our church and Pastor Donny as well as with all those affiliated with Canadian Baptists of Western Canada in Alberta*
 - *Potluck and Mission Sunday next week*

Worship through Music *Led by Dana and Debbie*

We have been raised

Great are you Lord

Psalm 23 Surely Goodness

Worship through Prayer and Praise *Led by George Reynolds*

- Praise for our winter reprieve of good roads, warm weather while we pray for others facing floods
 - Continue to pray for:
 - Dave and Susie Fehr as they face medical costs for his prosthetic leg
 - Susie Fher's mother in Mexico with lung issues
 - Gord McIntosh's recovery from a lung blood clot
 - Pray for Mel Boerema, Dan, and the Piikuni Lighthouse church family
 - Pray for Ukraine churches ministering to the traumatized, the hungry and the cold as their own memberships have taken a big hit due to evacuations from the war

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Today's Message Notes . . . 'Early Church Distinctives'

The Four Distinctives of the Church Acts 2:40-47

1. A studying/teaching church – church of the Word of God
2. A fellowshipping Church

I. **Changing definitions**

- A. Word meanings can change over time
- B. Our typical definition of fellowship centers around “gathering”
- C. NT definition for fellowship: **Partnership** – *koinonia* - having common, all sharing in
 1. Worldly partnership – you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours
 2. Christ centered partnership – spirit of generous giving instead of a spirit of selfish getting!
 - Acts 2:44-45 – All things common

They held on to one another so tightly they did not need to hold on to THIER STUFF!

- Acts 4:32-37 – One heart, one soul

II. **Definition defines function – we share because we belong to one another**

1. They shared themselves with Christ.
2. They shared in the provision of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
3. They shared themselves (and their possessions) with each other
4. They shared the provision of Christ with others.

III. **How do we achieve this biblical fellowship?**

- A. It begins in relationship with Christ I Cor 1:9
- B. That relationship translated to other believers I John 1:3
 - Evangelism (proclamation) is not complete without drawing converts into fellowship with us

Challenge:

1. We need to see one another as a BODY – we are ONE
2. Must begin to hold each other in high esteem
3. Seek opportunity to partner together

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Creekside Community Church is here to help you live out God's purpose for the gifts He has given you.

We invite you to participate in:

- *our worship*
- *small groups*
- *missions*
- *outreach*

Local –

Where can you serve in our church and in the community in 2023?

“The key ministry of the church is likely to its children.”

(Dennis Stone, Just Retired as Regional Pastor – see announcements)*

Dana and Sherri would be blessed by your offer to *help teach children’s classes on Sunday mornings*. So would you (be blessed)

Have a heart for teens? The leadership in our church for youth cannot fall solely on Pastor Donny’s shoulders. If you can help, step forward!

Regional

from Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Editors 01/02 2023: “we hope a workplace of (with) Christ followers would have qualities of excellence and caring...slow to anger and quick to apologize, and to fetch each other a cup of coffee...”

53.3 % of Canadians reported a Christian Religion in 2021, down from 67.3% in 2011. 4.9% of Canadians reported as Muslim in 2021. 34.6% of Canadians reported as having ‘no religion’

*“We talk about community and caring, but there is a world and a church full of lonely people.” *D Stone*

Global

Remember these in your prayers and in your giving:

Bolivia: Tim & Kallie Hutton **Bill & Janice Dyck**

Helen Blackburn

Madagascar: Katelynn Cook

South East Asia: Compassionate Hope

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