



CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

'A Place of Grace'

****Today – Two Services, each with limits to attendance of 33**

people*: 637 Charlotte St. 403 627-4518(office)

9 a.m. – 10:15 (off line) 10:40 – 12:00 (livestreaming, children's classes)

Welcome to all who cannot join us in church. Worship with us live online @

****Facebook or Youtube – Creekside Community Church of Pincher Creek**

February 7th, 2021

Talk time – Donny & Thane

Announcements

Worship – Dana, Jaden, Nikki

and Nathan

Springtime

From the Day

Be unto Your name



Message – Pastor Donny

Distinctive #4 of the Church: Prayer

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

Need to talk? Have a prayer request? Contact by *phone* or *text*: **Pastor Donny Coulter** @ 403 632-8559 coulter@jrtwave.com

**Remember, you are not alone*

If you have other needs, communicate with **Joy Hurlburt, our Deacon of Congregational Care** or **Thane Hurlburt, Council Chair** – 403 330-5399, email at joy@hurlburtrock.com

Church programming is affected by Covid 19 restrictions from Alberta Health. Please note: As of this week, Lockdown orders will continue until further notice. **Restrictions on Places of Worship – maximum 33 people physically in our building at any time. Masks to be worn at all times – do not put our on-site services in jeopardy.** Please follow the entry (main doors) and exit (north doors) paths when attending church. And if you hope to continue meeting

- maintain ‘social distancing’ – your best defense
- Sorry, no handshakes, hugs or congregational singing unmasked
- At all times, care for the other person as much as you care for yourself

➤ **This Week**

***Sunday School - Today!** for children ages 3-5 and 6-9 **during the 2nd Service**

*Nursery –CE wing, open for parents to use

***Adult Bible studies** – **Tues** afternoon 1:30 pm Linda Friesen leading
Wed night @the church, Brian Friesen leading
Thurs night @ the church, Randy Boldt leading

***‘Holy Rollers’ Youth** – every **Friday** night 7pm @ the church

***Regular, benevolent donations** in the Offering boxes on back table, or mail to Creekside Community Church Box 757, Pincher Creek ToK 2Jo. To find out about auto-debit or e-transfer - ccctreasurer20@gmail.com

➤ **Annual General Meeting Tuesday, Feb 24, 7 pm**

Prayer and Praise:



- **Please pray for our church family** – those who are ill, isolated in facilities or their own homes, and for our youth who are socially isolated
- **Pray for Helen Blackburn** in her mission work in Tarija, Bolivia
- **Pray for our pastor, Church Board (elders and deacons)** as they prepare for CCC’s AGM and the vision for our church forward in 2021
- **Pray for the Coulters and the Directors of Camp Nookowai** as they plan for the summer

Pray for all the kids who would love to experience God in the outdoors around a Camp fire, but who face another summer of lockdown

- **Link with us** @<https://www.cccpincher.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Creekside-Community-Church-of-Pincher-Creek>
On our web page you will find:
1. *video of the current & past Sunday message(s)* - click on Bulletins/Sermons link on opening page of website, or **Face Book** or **YouTube @ Creekside Community Church Pincher** (must state 'Pincher')
 2. *links to our Western Canada (CBWC) and Canadian network of churches (CBM), Mill Creek Camp, Camp Nookowai*

Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (<http://cbwc.ca>)

Pray for Mill Creek Board (including Sherry Akitt, Secretary and George Reynolds, member) and Camp Director Steffi Reynolds as they make plans for this summer

Dennis Stone, Area Minister for CBWC reports in the February online Mountain Standard Time Newsletter at the above website, about staying connected with pastors of churches, including CCC

<http://CBMin.org/Prayerline> Strategic Associates offer prayers that reflect the realities of the countries where they serve, our spiritual and physical connection to them through Canadian Baptist Ministries, and the needs they are placing at God's feet. If you are interested in missions ministry including through prayer, see the above web page(s)

Faith Today Magazine produced by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada www.faithtoday.ca/January/February 2021 pp18-19 reports on EFC's efforts re:

1. **MAID – Federal Bill C-7**, seeking to preserve current legal safeguards to protect vulnerable Canadians (those whose death is not “reasonably foreseeable” including people with disabilities or chronic illnesses)
2. **Conversion Therapy - Federal Bill C-6**, calling for changes to the overly broad definition in the legislation, warning it could limit freedom of expression and criminalize religious instruction on sexuality
3. **Parents' engagement in their role as primary disciple-makers of their children** - research conducted by The Canadian Evangelical Family Faith Formation Study which includes 17 EFC affiliate organizations. It will also examine the roles churches and ministry organizations might play in *supporting parents* as primary disciple makers of their children

FT article 'Standing In a Long Line' – Fawnda Bullshields, from the Blood Reserve and now working for Squamish Child and Family services, p. 16
“I am Indigenous and I am Christian...I am the first generation in my family to not attend residential school...the major role played by the Church has fragmented the relationship between Indigenous people and the Church today...”

Sermon Notes:

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
3. A **Worshipping** Church

Distinctive #4 – They were a **PRAYING** Church

Intro: We pray. I think prayer has become a casual thing. We pray for our meals, we pray for sick people, we pray for needs and most often we pray when we are desperate and we have come to the end of own strength.

Many times our prayers are “fire escape” prayers. But the early church was distinguished as a PRAYING church. Lets find out why and how they were and why we are not.

I. **A Dependence on God**

- A. They were so new to all of this they had a sense of helplessness
 - When difficulties arose, they prayed!
 - When persecution came, they prayed!
 - When sickness came, they prayed!
 - When decisions had to be made, they prayed!
- B. Their prayer habits were obvious
 - Acts 1:14; [Acts 4:23-21](#); [Acts 6:4](#); [Acts 12:5](#); [Acts 16:13,16](#)

II. **What is Prayer?**

- A. Acts 4:23-21
 1. Rejoicing prayer
 2. With their voices spoke to God
 3. With one heart
 4. Prayer to accomplish Kingdom work
- B. Acts 12:1-19
 1. When trouble came, they came together
 2. Praying together brings UNITY, POWER and FOCUS
 3. They prayed fervently
 4. God’s answers sometimes far exceed our prayers

III. **A high view of God leads to the lack of worry Phil.4:6,7**

- A. DO not worry
 - Worry hinders prayer. It is a SIN!
- B. Give thanks in ALL things
 - The best way to combat worry is to be thankful
- C. We need a renewed high view of God
 - Low view vs High view
 - Big God, big answers; little God....

Challenge: DO you pray always? Do you pray with fervency? Do you pray at all?