

OCTOBER 2023 SEEDLING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THE LEAFLET



It's Official!

SEPTEMBER 24TH "SOFT LAUNCH" AS SEEDLING CHURCH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER

What an exciting way to kick off fall this year! We have officially turned a page on this wild replant adventure, officially adopting our new name, and transitioning to a new time slot and service structure. On September 24th more than 50 of us gathered at 4:30 to share a meal together, engage with God's word through a sermon and discussion, worship, and bear witness to two baptisms. Being able to baptise for the first time since before covid was especially powerful, and we have two more people lined up for baptism this month, praise the Lord!

Along these lines we will be moving forward with a service centered around a shared meal, the preaching and discussion of Scripture downstairs, followed by a time of worship upstairs in the sanctuary. Centering our services around a meal has opened the door to build many new relationships with spiritually hungry people in our community, as well as deepen the relationships already present among us. We are excited to see how God will continue to work as we gather around the Jesus table each Sunday.

October 8 we will hold two services. 10:30am will be a more traditional service, followed by a dinner service at 4:30pm. After this, starting October 15 we will have only one service, a dinner service at 4:30pm. We will continue to do this for a month, during which time we will evaluate if the 4:30 time slot is the best time moving forward. Please continue to pray and give us your feedback around this, we truly appreciate it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17
* Women's Weekly Bible Study Begins *

October 24
* Seedling Code Club begins *

November 4
* BCBC Fall Worship and Celebration *

November 12
* Laura Russell Speaking*

March 23-30
* Mexico House Build Mission Trip *

The Gospel of John

FALL SERMON SERIES

October and November we will be making our way through the first half of John, with a 9 week sermon series "The Gospel of John: Flesh and Blood, A New Kind of Family." We are excited to have Malachi Stephenson most weeks to perform a portion of John using the Word By Heart method.

The Women's Weekly Bible Study, meeting Tuesday mornings at 10am starting October 17th, will also be studying John through this time. If any one else is interested in starting or joining a Bible Study group we highly encourage this, and have study guide resources we can offer to make this accessible for all.

Once we hit December we will leave John for awhile, through Advent and into the new year, picking up the second half of John for Lent through until Easter.



Community Outreach

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

The end of our Seedling Church vision statement reads "planting seeds of hope in our neighbourhood, city, and all the world." We are passionate about being light in this dark world, spiritually, but also in practical, tangible ways, where our neighbours can point to us and say "see, they are making a difference."

One of the ways we are doing this is around food security. Many of our neighbours are struggling to put food on the table. Here are a few ways we are working towards bringing some relief in this area:

Bread for our Neighbours

* Every Friday afternoon, in partnership with Alexander Elementary and Cobbs Bread we distribute hundreds of loaves of bread and other baked goods to the families of Alexander Elementary at 2pm, and then to anyone else in need from the area at 3pm.

Community Cupboard

* We have the beginnings of this project underway, with a small outdoor cupboard where imperishable food and hygiene items can be left and taken. The goal is to improve and expand this, to have a dependable, sustainable, no-shame, no-barrier, no judgement, 24/7 accessible food source. We have applied for, and confident we will get some funding through United Way to help expand and improve this service. We truly appreciate donations to keep this cupboard stocked for our community.

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The Prayer Room

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The Prayer Room @ Seedling Church has a vision to open up space where prayer and worship is lifted up on Earth as it is in Heaven. Our desire and aim is to minister to the heart of God, to search out His heart simply for what it is, and to pour out our praise and worship as often as we can because He is worthy. Inspired by a Youth With A Mission ministry in New Zealand called The Furnace Prayer Room, during prayer room hours the sanctuary is reserved as a place at aside only for prayer and worship, and open to anyone that wishes to participate in this. Most of the time there will be quiet worship Music being played, either live or recorded, and prayer prompts to get you started if desired. The prayer wall located in the back of the sanctuary is a place to add prayer requests, as well as lift up the requests of others that have been placed there.

Every Wednesday evening between 7 and 9 a group of 15-20 people have been gathering to worship and pray together. These have been powerful and encouraging times , with many young people hungry to see God pour out his Spirit on this city and their generation. Please join us if you can, or plan to pray and worship in this space during any of the other times the Prayer Room is open:

Tuesday 6:30am-9am

Wednesday 11:30am -3pm; 7pm-9pm

Thursday 4pm -6pm

Friday 12pm -4pm



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FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

As a brand new church re-plant we need and desire your support. Your ongoing prayers are deeply appreciated. Some particular prayer requests from the Seedling Church Ministry Team at this time are that God would continue to sustain and refresh us, as most of us are starting to feel a little tired and run down. It's been a long season of going full tilt as we geared up to launch, and still a ton of work to do in the coming months.

Speaking of which we thought we should introduce our leadership team to those who may not know us all. We are made up of two parts- The Ministry Team, and the Board. Our Ministry Team has three part time staff, Nate Huizinga, James Twitchett, and Katie Twitchett; and two extremely valuable volunteers, Hayden Rehwald and Bonnie Iftody. Our board has five wonderful members as well: Bernard Mukwavi is the chair, joined by Sarah Last, Gord Sorensen, Celine Ahodekon, and Hayden Rehwald.