

Family Ministries



This fall we began a curriculum called New City Catechism for Kid's Church. New City Catechism is a fifty-two week children's ministry curriculum that asks a different theological question every week. Questions like "What is God?" "What does the law of God require?" "What is sin?" During the teaching time each week these questions are answered and taught through how the Bible answers each of them.

The curriculum is broke into three sections:

- Volume 1 - God, Creation and the Fall, The Law
- Volume 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace
- Volume 3 - Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

NCC also has a small take home companion book with both the questions for every week and the answers for parents to review and have further conversations with their kids.

In Youth, our Junior Highs are currently studying Apologetics and will cover several topics throughout the year topics like Faith, Worldview, Morality, Resurrection, Science and many more. The goal of this study is to help open the eyes and minds of our Junior Highs to just how big God is and how many answers there really are for the tough questions regarding our faith. Our Senior Highs are going through a study on discipleship covering topics that will help them grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus with their lives.

I am excited to see how God will work through the different studies we are working through in student ministries. Please pray for our students as they learn that the Word would speak powerfully to their minds and hearts, and pray for our leaders to teach them well and encourage them in the things of the Lord. Thank you for your prayer and support.

Pastor Brett

Note to Parents: Kid's Church Christmas Program will be December 15 during the morning worship service. We will be practicing for the Kid's Christmas Program on Sunday mornings until then!

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EVENTS

November 17 - 9am at the church **Adult Class**
"A Closer Look at Other Belief Systems" by Lorne Fletcher

November 18-20 - Operation Christmas Child
National Shoebox Collection Week.

November 22 6:30 pm - Ladies Ministry Event
Christmas Wreath Making.

November 23 8am - Men's Breakfast

November 27 10am - Senior's Coffee Fellowship

December 1 6pm - Christmas Alleluia! at CRC

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

November 1 Youth @ Church

November 5 AWANA Invite a Friend Night

November 8 Nerf Wars

November 15 Youth @ Church

November 22-24 Senior High Youth Retreat SABC

November 29 Youth @ Church

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Every item lovingly added to an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift has the potential to impact a child.

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Canadians to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other items. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations.

Operation Christmas Child is an important way to remind children suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster that they are loved and not forgotten. Each year, millions of shoeboxes are packed with gifts by people in Canada and nine other “sending” countries, and given to children in more than 100 “receiving” countries.

The Greatest Journey

We also equip local churches and ministry partners to teach our 12-lesson Bible study and evangelism course, The Greatest Journey. Through this teaching ministry, more than 1.8 million children a year are committing their lives to Christ. The course also equips and encourages children to share their faith with family and friends, so even more people can have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

All of this from a simple shoebox!



 Samaritan's Purse
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**Operation
Christmas
Child**

**Pack a Shoebox
Today!**

(Deadline to return:
to the Taber EFree Church
November 18, 2019)

Operation Christmas Child began in 1990 when Dave and Jill Cooke of Wales were watching a television report about Romanian orphans. They asked: “How can we provide some joy to the real victims—the children—who live in these situations day after day?”

Dave and Jill couldn't stop the poverty, but they could offer something – the gift of love. Together, they filled a convoy of nine trucks with medical supplies, food, clothing, and Christmas gifts for children, then drove to Romania. It marked the start of what has become the world's largest children's Christmas program.

Samaritan's Purse

As the number of donated shoeboxes grew year by year, Dave and Jill looked for a worthy organization to assume leadership of the program. In 1993, Franklin Graham, International President of Samaritan's Purse, adopted Operation Christmas Child. Later that year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its first gift-filled shoeboxes to children in war-torn Bosnia. Since then, shoebox gifts have been delivered to more than 157 million children in over 130 countries.

In 2018, Canadians donated 517,437 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Each shoebox is given regardless of a child's gender, race, or religion. When it is culturally appropriate and we have local approval to do so, at the same time children receive their shoeboxes we also offer them The Greatest Gift—a booklet telling the story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. Through the booklet, we offer children and their families hope for not just now but for eternity.

WAYS TO SERVE

There are a number of ways that you can volunteer your time within many of our ministries. Contact the office if you would like to part of a ministry.

Ministry Volunteers Needed:

**Kid's Church Ministry; Youth ministry helpers;
Media volunteers (sound and power point);
Chair Moving Team (see Clarence Bos for details
403-382-9107)**

WAYS TO GIVE

OFFERING PLATE contact the office if you require a numbered envelope

ETRANSFER to give@taberefc.ca No need for a security question

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