



In just a short time we will once again be celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. People have celebrated Christmas for years – and those celebrations have changed a lot over time - but the reason why we celebrate it has never changed. For over two thousand years people all over the world have been celebrating the birth of a baby. So what's the big deal? If it was just the birth of a child, it isn't much of a big deal, but the truth is that there was much more to it! This child whose birth we celebrate was indeed God coming to earth. The very one who took his first breath of air was the very one who created that air; the very one who had to learn to speak was the very one who gave intelligence to all and spoke all into existence; and the list goes on.

But you know what I believe is even that? It is that this child came to the have a personal relationship with the WOW!!! God Almighty wants to have a me and with you! Do you know what about it! In today's world all around us ism of Christmas, we are bombarded to us the things we need in order to be stopped and thought about how crazy before, but now we are told we need such and such to keep us happy. Talk about the lie of Satan! The truth is the only thing that does satisfy us is God Himself.



more amazing than all earth so that we could one true and living God. personal relationship with that truly means? Think we see the commercial-with advertising shouting happy. Have you ever that is? We were content

But as I share this with you we know that there are many in the world who don't know who the baby in the manger really is. They may know that at Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Christ but sadly they don't truly know Him, they don't have a personal relationship with the Christ. John 3:16 tells us, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." That is the news that we are trying to share with the youth (and adults) of the areas we work in. Check out the article on page two "Opportunities and Challenges" to read more about the doors God is opening for us at SSYFC.

Our Newest Staff Member



*Lindsay, Stacey
Levi, Izaiah &
Nehemiah Mitchell*

In the words of Lindsay himself: “In September my wife Stacey and I, plus our three boys, Levi (6), Izaiah (4), and Nehemiah (2) moved here to Weyburn to join the YFC team. We felt our hearts drawn to this community and to the youth here. We are excited to be here and see how God will use us. I was youth pastoring in Grenfell prior to our move here. Stacey and I both have a long history of youth ministry,

within churches, and schools, and summer camp ministries. It has been a full few months as we have started getting to know the youth here, as well as getting our family plugged into the community. I am excited to see what God’s plan for the Youth Centre is and we are starting to plan already for 2019. We are dreaming of new ways to get connected to the youth, changing up programs and creating activities to draw in

the youth as well to get out to them. We desire to continue to develop strong relationships with the youth to be able to speak the Hope of Christ into their lives and partner with the community for change. Please pray for us as we need to continue to build a strong team of volunteers and make connections here in the community.”

Opportunities and Challenges

During this past year we have had the opportunity to be able to partner with many other organizations and businesses and because of that have been able to reach out in many different ways.

In Weyburn we have started a partnership with our local library where we are working together on different youth programs (ages 12 and up) with the idea of being able to reach out to more youth.

We continue to run our Bro’s program through the Comprehensive School for grade 7-12 boys (and a few girls) where we are teaching youth about mentorship and leadership. We are very grateful for the ongoing partnership that we have with the school in this regard. We are also grateful to the Ramada Inn and Canalta Hotel for partnering with us in this program.

As we connect with the kids weekly, we see more and more the effects our society’s worldview has. Our kids are being taught that there is no such thing as absolute truth and “you” are all that matters.

We continue to run our Drop-In programs both in Weyburn and Kipling. At the Drop-In’s we take the opportunity to get to know youth and share with them the love of Jesus. What a unique privilege we have of being able to share with so many youth, perhaps for the very first time, the love of Jesus and just who He is and what it means to be one of His followers. I can assure you that our message will never change! We at Southeast Saskatchewan Youth for Christ (Weyburn Youth Centre and Kipling Youth Centre) truly believe that the Christ is not

only still relevant for our world today but that he is needed more today than ever before.

So I ask you, do you believe that as well? Do you believe Christ is still relevant today? If you do, I ask if you would consider partnering with us as we continue to bring the good news of Jesus to the youth of Southeast Saskatchewan. For the past couple of years, with the downturn in the economy, we have seen our regular giving take quite a hit. Both the general income for the Youth Centre as well as Laurel’s and my personal support has gone down quite significantly. Please pray about it and consider if you might be able to help us out. Your help would be and is greatly appreciated!

There are many ways you can now make donations:

You can go online to www.sesaskyouthforchrist.ca and follow the donation tabs, using your credit card to make either a one time donation or monthly donations (be sure to let us know how you want the monies distributed).

You can also fill in and mail the attached form back to us, for either a one-time gift, or an automated withdrawal from your bank account. This form is also available on the website.

Remember any donation over \$20 will automatically receive an income tax receipt!

Most importantly I ask you to pray for us as we continue to do ministry with the youth! Pray that God would open their hearts and that perhaps this Christmas will be the one that they finally find the best gift ever given!

Just a Reminder

Last December we launched a new web page for Southeast Saskatchewan Youth for Christ. I encourage you, if you haven't already done so, check it out. You will find all kinds of information on the history of SSYFC, as well as a bio on each of our locations and things



happening there.

You will also find information on how to give directly to the chapter or individual of your choice. Once you choose and donate you will receive an income tax receipt immediately by return email, and we will have your donation automatically deposited in our bank account within days.

On this web site you will

also find the staff's latest newsletters (if they have uploaded them) as well as lots of other information that we hope will be beneficial to you.

Be sure to check everything out at:

sesaskyouthforchrist.ca

Drop us a line and let us know what you think.

YFC in Canada

In June I was able to attend Youth for Christ's National Ministry Conference at Penticton BC with Kipling's Drop-In Director, Charla Smyth. It



was a great honour and opportunity—to reconnect with so many from YFC across our great nation and be encouraged with the way YFC is reaching so many youth in Canada. Sometimes you feel so insignificant, but when you gather with 400 plus of your colleagues you can't help but be amazed at what God is doing. In his Annual Report, our National Director Tim Coles reported that in the 2017 year that there were over 6500 people working or volunteering with YFC in Canada; and in that over 190,000 youth in

Canada have been a part of our programs!

When you become a Director with YFC you have the opportunity to pursue training and eventually become cre-

den tialed through YFC (which is very similar to ordination). This credentialing is formally recognized at the National Conference, and this summer it was SSYFC's great privilege to have our very own Charla credentialled. Charla did a lot of work to achieve this and we congratulate her on a job well done!

Ministry Conference in B.C. It was wonderful to connect with likeminded people who deeply care about the youth in our country and around the world. This year was a big one for me as I completed my Credentialing with YFC and received my 5 year pin. I am so thankful to be on this journey, God is so good!"



Charla says, "In June I attended the Youth For Christ National

Did you know that YFC in Canada has over 900 different ministry programs?

I would like to Partner with the ministry of Brian & Laurel Hopfe as follows:

Please Note: If you wish you can donate also by going to sesaskyouthforchrist.ca and follow the links.

As God enables me I will contribute the equivalent of :

\$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 _____ Other

I would like to make my contribution as follows:

Monthly Quarterly Semi-annual Annually

Auto Cheque Post-dated Chq One time gift

NOTE: All cheques should be made payable to **Weyburn Youth Centre**

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The amount of \$_____ may be drawn on my account #_____, beginning on _____ (date) and monthly quarterly thereafter, which may be changed to a future date as agreed to in writing by me. WEYBURN CREDIT UNION LIMITED will, to the best of their ability, advise me in writing of the revised amount at least 30 days of the effective date.

I will notify the payee in writing of any changes in the account information or termination of this authorization prior to the next due date of the pre-authorized debit.

Items charged will be reimbursed subject to notification by me to the branch within 90 days under any of the following conditions.

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- (b) The pre-authorization debit was not drawn in accordance with this authorization
- (c) My authorization was revoked
- (d) The debit was posted to the wrong account due to invalid/incorrect account information supplied by the Payee

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