

SENDING PRAYER

A Charge to the Church

Jesus, you take us with you through all the towns and villages,
Jesus, you take us with you preaching the good news of the
kingdom
and healing every disease and sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them,

Because we are like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples,
The harvest is plenty but the workers are few.

***We ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
To send workers into his harvest field.***

Do you not say, "Four months more and then the harvest"?"

***Open our eyes to see the fields!
They are ripe for the harvest.***

Even now the reaper draws his wages,
Even now he harvests the crop for the eternal kingdom.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,

***Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit,***

And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Surely you are with us always, to the very end of the age.

(Matthew 9:35-38; John 4:35-36a; Matthew 28:19-20)"

Theological Study Day

May 5th, 2017

OVERCOMING

EVIL with **GOOD**

The role of Prayer, The Holy Spirit, and Spiritual Power in a Secular Age

BIC CANADA - CROSS EXPRESSIONS

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WELCOME EVERYONE

Welcome Pastors, Staff, lay-leaders and friends,

On behalf of BIC Canada we welcome each and every one of you to this day. We are very thankful to the many guests who are joining with us. We have been praying for weeks in advance of today. Our prayer is that all of us would be challenged to love Christ deeper, to see more of the Father's heart for us, and to be more skillfully equipped by the Spirit to share the message of Christ with a skeptical world.

We will not all agree on what is said here today! One of the strengths of our BIC heritage is our ability to disagree and walk in unity at the same time. Today will simply extend our shared value of wrestling together through the challenge of Scripture and discerning together what God might be saying to us for today!

Thank you for being a part of this day.
May we know Christ and make Him known.

BIC Canada - Senior Resource Team

WELCOME FRESNO PACIFIC BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Jeff Zimmerman from Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary will be sharing info about ongoing ministry training opportunities. Fresno Pacific is an Anabaptist seminary that aligns well with our BIC theology and practice. We are pleased to encourage our pastors to learn more about their relevant equipping for the complexities of 21st Century ministry.

TODAY - During Lunch join Jeff for a 15 min. overview of new programs they are offering and how you can learn more.

GREG BOYD

Greg Boyd received his PhD. from Princeton Theological Seminary (1988), his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School (1982) and his B.A. from the University of Minnesota (1979). He was a professor of theology for 16 years at Bethel University (St. Paul, MN) where he received the Teaching Excellence Award and Campus Leadership Award. He is the founder and senior pastor of Woodland Hills Church, an evangelical mega-church in St. Paul, MN. Greg is an internationally recognized theologian, preacher, teacher, apologist and author. He has authored or co-authored 18 books and numerous academic articles.

His ministry is a unique blend of passion, boldness, and creative intellectual insight. Greg's apologetic writings and public debates on the historical Jesus and the problem of evil have helped many skeptics embrace faith in Christ. His writings and seminars on spiritual transformation have had a revolutionary, freeing impact on thousands of believers. His theology of a Kingdom that transcends politics and nationalism, his call to a radical, socially engaged form of discipleship and to racial reconciliation as well as his prophetic stance on the inherently destructive nature of religion, have all had a transforming impact on believers and non-believers alike.

His primary vision is to help the Church become the Kingdom of outrageous loving servants God called it to be, and to help non-believers discover the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Greg and his wife Shelley have been married for 28 years. They have three children and two grandchildren and live in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Greg blogs and posts articles at: <http://reknew.org>

UPCOMING DATES

September 14, 2017

Fall kick off day for Network and Community Church pastors and staff teams.
Location: The Meeting House Oakville

October 3-4, 2017

Frosh Retreat Orientation for New Pastors at Guelph Bible Conference Centre

October 18-19, 2017

Cross Expression Development Retreat with Brian and Peri Zahnd at Horseshoe Resort in Barrie

Pastor Brian Zahnd is a leading pastoral voice resonating with our Anabaptist/evangelical theological commitments and practice. Brian will be leading us in finding new-old ways to reinvigorate our spiritual lives as ministry leaders and deepen our relationship with Jesus. Brian will be exploring: What resources do we have in our Christian past to deepen our experience of Jesus in the present? How do we stay spiritually alive and alert with Christ while resisting the tsunami of secularism in the world around us? Come ready to be challenged and equipped to know Christ in deeper ways!

SESSION ONE

- God in Us - Greg Boyd

According to the New Testament, disciples are to be filled with the Spirit, to bear the fruit of the Spirit, to be led by the Spirit, and to be empowered by the Spirit for the work of ministry both inside and outside the church. In this session we'll explore what these various aspects of the Spirit's work mean and how we can better apply them to our lives and to our ministry.

Notes and Ideas to share in discussion groups:

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SESSION TWO

- The World at War - Greg Boyd

The entire biblical narrative, but especially the New Testament, presents the world as a battlefield between God and his heavenly hosts, on the one hand, and Satan and the powers of darkness, on the other.

If we take this depiction seriously, as we should, it reframes how we understand the world, our everyday life, and the mission of the church. In this session we'll see how central the concept of cosmic warfare is in the NT, and we'll explore the difference it makes for our understanding of prayer and the problem of evil.

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