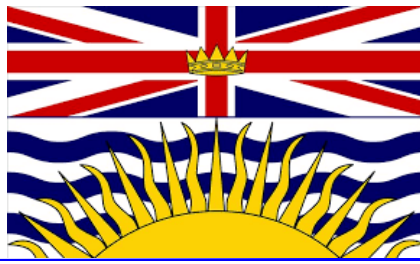


The Aulin's



Dear Praying Partners:

Soul-winning: “Jesus last command ought to be our first priority.” While I am not completely sure to whom this quote is first attributed, it’s truth remains unchanged. It is the great privilege and opportunity, for the Christian, to glorify God by preaching the Gospel to every creature. It has always been a joy to lead our Church in the area of evangelism. We have not always been as fervent as we should, however, we have always endeavoured to be obedient to the great commission.

This past March we were privileged to have Evangelist Bryan Treadway, from Operation GO!, to challenge us again in the area of evangelism. We were reminded of the timeless truth of obedience to the Great Commission, exhorted to greater action in our community, and convicted through passionate Bible preaching in the area of soul-winning. The focus of the teaching was TRAINING others, especially new believers, to duplicate themselves by reaching others. I was greatly encouraged to see the Holy Spirit grip the heart of God’s people in reaching Vernon with the Gospel.

Beginning this summer, we will be hosting Soul-winning academy 201 to train-up more soul-winners AND my wife and I will personally be “training the trainers” through Operation GO!

Saved, Saved, Saved: This past Wednesday one of our men was able to lead a young man named Floyd to Christ after the service. Floyd is a friend of our Tech Leader, Josh Price, who invited him to service. After the message Darrell Knorr, our Senior Shuttle Leader, had the glorious privilege of leading Floyd to Jesus! Praise God!

According to pew research: Preaching/Pastor (90%), Doctrine (88%), friendliness of members (49%), someone witnessed to me (41%), personal invitation (38%) are the leading reasons why people come to and stay with a church. Notice what is at the BOTTOM of the list: Worship style (11% come and 14% stay) and location. What I am trying to say is this—let’s keep the main thing the main thing! Preaching and personal evangelism still work! We don’t need to, and must not, mimic the world to reach the word.

Keeping Sunday School Engaging: This coming June we are excited to start three new adult Sunday School classes AND two new discipleship classes. We have always had multiple classes for the kids but never for the adults. So, for the very first time we will be launching a new a robust adult ministries at Okanagan Valley Baptist Church.

The two discipleship classes will be focused on newly married couples and training laymen to preach by teaching them how to prepare a Bible message.

Prayer Requests:

1. May 18-21 we will be hosting our annual Community BBQ weekend. It looks like we will have a beautiful weather that weekend as we endeavour to reach our community through this fun event. My prayer is that we will have the opportunity to personally reach 500 people with Gospel. The weekend will conclude on Sunday with our Church Anniversary.

2. June 18-20 we will be hosting our inaugural “Man-Up Okanagan” with Pastor Al Stone. My desire and goal through this event is to encourage other men to become stronger and better equipped spiritual leaders.

Attempting great things for God, expecting great things from God.

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