

General Information

Church Office Hours: Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 1 for Canada Day.

Sermons: If you would like a copy of any of our weekly sermons, you may access an audio version by: purchasing a CD at the Info Centre for \$4 (**can be copied within a few minutes**) or listening on-line or downloading via podcast at www.livingstones.ab.ca.

Envelopes for Giving: If you have a numbered envelope, only fill out the name and address if your information changes (moved, got married, etc).



Special Announcements And Prayer Requests

Sympathy: Valerie & Henry Schellenberg and Family at the passing of Valerie's brother.

Please Pray For Healing For: Twila Milgate, Lloyd Brownell Sr., Bob Studer, Tom Cameron, Georgie Nelson, Carol Golden, Valerie Schellenberg, Anthony Congo, Norma Spicer, Peter Ryan, Pam Hanson, Eileen Sauer, Shelley Cryer and Rachel Collins.

Living Stones CHURCH

Passion for God, Compassion for People

July 2010
Monthly Events &
Ministries Bulletin



Sunday Morning Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Prayer & Testimony: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Ministries: 7:00 p.m.

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Message from Pastor Paul



The greatest joys of life are shared with others. That's why when relationships stop working, the zest for life disappears. We are living in a world littered with broken relationships. When one advances their cause and ambition at the expense of another, it contributes to an unhealthy relationship. What makes reconciliation so difficult is that the sense of being wronged needs to be addressed. In our rights oriented culture, we tend to demand our rights. Another reason why reconciliation fails is we can't get past our own sense of hurt and pride or there is an inability to forgive and an unwillingness to work through the problems.

It doesn't matter what side you're on in a broken relationship. It doesn't matter if you are the one that has hurt someone else, or if you're the one that's hurting. The initiative in restoration must originate with the person who is aware of the issue (cf. Mt. 5:23-24; 18:15). You and I need to take the initiative. Why? God does that because He knows how reluctant we all are to go about restoring something that's broken. We will not do it unless God backs us into the corner and says, 'I don't care if you're right or wrong. Go!'

A right attitude is critical to the success of potentially restoring what's broken. If we are just trying to convince the other person of the rightness of our position, we will often do more damage than good. We must go in the spirit of Christ and reflect a genuine humility. In trying to bring about reconciliation in a church experiencing division, the apostle Paul wrote: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5)."

What kind of an attitude was that? Paul describes the humbleness of Christ for our sake, where Jesus became obedient even to death. If we are going to restore broken relationships, we don't exercise our rights such as I have a right to be angry or I have a right to be mad. If you start exercising those rights you will never restore that relationship. We cannot exercise that option.

The only way to come in a right frame of mind, the right attitude, is through prayer. If we are going to have relationships restored, we need to get on our face before Almighty God and get honest about it, and say "God, this is the way it is. It's true--I'm not as righteous as I would like to think. I'm part of the problem."

In the story of Jacob and Esau, their relationship was restored primarily because Jacob had an encounter with God beforehand. In Genesis 32 God couldn't prevail over Jacob. When does God lose in our lives? God loses when we put ourselves first or when we exercise our rights over His. We prevail with God when we surrender to Him.

It was in Jacob's weakness, his hip was damaged and Jacob limped away. In weakness Jacob prevailed over Esau's anger and grudge. Their meeting was nothing short of a miracle. "But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept." (Gen. 33:4)

How do we reconcile relationships? Acknowledge the problem, take the initiative, be sensitive to where the other person is coming from, and go in humility. This can only be achieved when we first address our issues and concerns in prayer before God. God is the One who works His will in our hearts.

General Ministries

Wednesday Night Ministries: Will resume on Wednesday, September 15. Watch for the new brochure that will be coming out with the complete details of upcoming classes for the fall.

1. *His Name is Jesus:* This is a ladies only class led by Stacey Contenti.
2. *The Fellowship of Love (as seen by the apostle John in his Epistles to the Church)* led by Daniel Jerusalemiec.
3. *Building Healthy Relationships* led by Pastor Paul Vallee.

Divorce Care Ministries:

1. *Divorce Care:* Will run for 13 weeks from September 14 to December 7.
2. *Divorce Care for Kids:* Will run for 13 weeks from September 14 to December 7.

Stephen Ministry Leadership Meeting: Will meet the 3rd Sunday (July 18) of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room #9.

Soul Food Café: The Café will be closed for the summer months. Thank you to all our patrons.



A special Thank You to those who participated in the "Spring Clean Up." Great Job!!



Women's Ministries



Ladies' Coffee Break: Will resume on Tuesday, September 7. Have a great summer.

LSC Women's Retreat: Mark your calendars for October 1 - 3 in Canmore, Alberta.

Next Ladies' Night Out: Monday, November 29.

Men's Ministries



Men's Pre-Service Prayer with the Pastor: Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Pastor Paul's office.

Men's Breakfast: Will resume on Tuesday, September 14 @ 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested meal donation of \$10.

Father & Son BBQ: To be held on Saturday, September 11. Watch for details.

Father & Daughter Date Night: To be held on Saturday, October 16. Watch for details.

Senior's Ministries



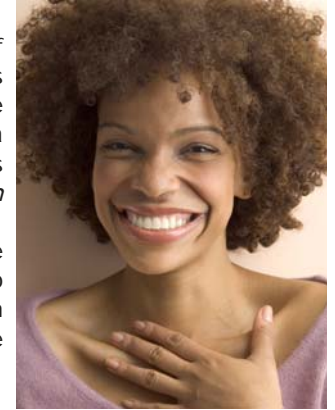
Multi-Church Seniors' Monthly Luncheon: We will resume in the fall on Wednesday, September 22.

Special Thank You: We want to express our gratitude and thank all our faithful volunteers for your time and heart investment in serving which made our luncheons such a success each month.

Campbell's labels are being collected and given to a local Christian School to help purchase computers. A label drop box is located at the Information Centre.

Guest Ministries

Dinner with the Pastors: If you are a guest of Living Stones Church and are considering it as your church home, you and your family are invited to be our guests of honour at a complimentary dinner with our pastors and others from our church family. Our next *Dinner with the Pastors* will be on Thursday, September 30. The RSVP deadline is Sunday, September 19. We sincerely look forward to the opportunity to get to know you on a more personal level. You can register for this event at Guest Reception in the Foyer or at the Church Office.



Prayer Ministries

Weekly Prayer & Testimony: Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Emergency Prayer Requests: Please feel free to call in urgent prayer requests to our prayer chain by notifying Marlene Cabelka (403.748.2516), Bea Mearns (403.342.1249) or Sandy Bodwell at the Church Office.

Next Prayer & Fasting Dates: Sunday through Tuesday, October 17 - 19.



Missions Ministries

July Mission Emphasis: Dr. Masood Mastofi who oversees "Voice of Love."

Their Mission: Radio ministry to reach the Farsi speaking people in the Middle East with the Gospel.

Benevolence Pantry: Our church food bank is in need of the following non-perishable or canned items: soups, chili, tuna, salmon, fruit, vegetables, crackers, peanut butter and jam. Please note that we are unable to accept homemade items or food requiring refrigeration.



Children's Ministries



Summer Age Level & Classroom Assignments (Sundays):

- 5 to 23 months: Nursery—Room #2
- 24 to 36 months: Nursery—Room #3
- Ages 3 & 4: Room #7
- Ages 5 & 6: Room #8
- Ages 7 to 11: Room #5

Please note that all rooms are open at 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. respectively, to pre-sign your child/ren in for Kids' Church. Please note that children join us in the sanctuary for the worship portion of the service. Please escort your child to his/her classroom when they are dismissed during the announcements.

Living Stones Church Vacation Bible School 2010



July 05—July 09
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Children ages 4 - 11

Cost per child—\$10.0
Registrations available at the Children's
Courtesy Desk or the Church Office

club 456
kids' club

Where: Living Stones Church
In the Fellowship Hall

What: Games and Activities!

When: Saturday, July 24

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Youth Ministries

Please note that both middle and high school join us in the sanctuary for the worship portion of the service and are dismissed to their respective classrooms during the announcements (9:00 a.m. service only), with the exception of the last Sunday of the month when there are no Youth Sunday School classes. For the 11:00 a.m. Service, all middle and high school youth join the congregation in the Sanctuary for both the worship portion of the service and the sermon.



Middle School (grades 6 to 8):

Middle School Sunday School: Meets in the Warehouse after the worship portion of the service.

Middle School Youth Night: Meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (new time for the months of July and August) in the Sanctuary.

Special Event: Calaway Park Trip on Saturday, July 10. *Please note: The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m.*

This Means War (Girls against Guys) on July 21 & 22 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Paintball, Challenges, Games and Sleepover!

Senior High (grades 9 to 12):

Senior High Youth Night:

Regular Youth Meetings on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (new time for the months of July and August) in the Warehouse.

July Theme: "School's Out For The Summer"

Special Event:

"**Activ8**" City-Wide Youth Rally: Watch for details.

Young Adult Ministries

New Young Adults Class: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Warehouse. For young adults between the ages of 18 - 25.

July Theme: "Everything Spiritual"

