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Monday - Friday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



 Union Gospel Mission has a variety of guest speakers for your next event, whether that be a Men's Breakfast or a Ladies Tea, a youth rally or concert or a focus on mission's event.

We will even come and speak to a small group such as a pot-luck with a purpose, a Bible study or a missions committee.

We are still available to help with pulpit supply as well.

To arrange a special speaker please contact Martin Chidwick at 204-943-9904 Ext. 237.

HOPE IN JESUS

By Frank Ulrich, Executive Director

"...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints..." – Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV)

In the past few weeks, I have had the privilege of ministering, together with Chaplain Carel, to a couple of women who came to our facility on Higgins and Princess. With the one woman, Carel and I sat with her and listened to her share about some of the horrifying experiences in her life. Carel lovingly and very carefully led her to receive Jesus as her Lord and Saviour, praying against evil oppression and strongholds, and for Jesus to heal the deep wounds of her past. Carel and I were pleased to be able to drive her to Main Street Project detox to begin her recovery.

Later, with another woman, Carel and I were able to once again pray for her and then drive her to the Mount Carmel Clinic, where she could have a doctor provide her with a medical clearance certificate, which is required prior to getting into detox.

These interactions with the people who come into our facilities have increased my awareness of the desperate state people find themselves in, their need to have a relationship with Jesus and to be free from the bondage of addiction through Christ.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Faith Academy

SOMETIMES A SIMPLE CHANGE IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED

By Gilbert Plante, Family Ministries Manager

The Lord's wisdom never fails us!! Sometimes knowing the needs of each student can be very difficult. We have a young sponsored student at one of the Faith Academy campuses who has been struggling with listening, behavioural issues and anger. Many times I was called to the campus to work with, or try and calm the child down. The student at times would become very angry, lash out and be a threat to the other classmates, resulting in the student being sent home. Time and time again this troubled young student would be sent home because we didn't know what to do to control his outbursts. One day after praying for this young man, the Lord spoke to the principal and told her to move him to another campus.

In Jeremiah 33:3 the Lord tells us, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Is the Lord talking only about Spiritual things, or is He referring to ALL things? The answer was given to me when we moved this child to another campus. His behavior changed instantly! The student still has academic struggles, but his behavioural challenges have almost all but disappeared. This encourages me knowing that the Lord is interested in all aspects of our lives. To God be all the glory!

ADOPT-A-STUDENT: \$50/MONTH OR \$600/YR





CHILDREN & YOUTH Family Life Centre

A CHANGED LIFE BEGINS WHEN YOU LEARN ABOUT CHRIST

By Ron Albo, Children's Ministry

"One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

— Psalm 145:4 (NKJV)

The Kid's Club at Family Life Centre sees many children come and go during the course of a year. Some kids drop by on a regular basis, but there are many kids who only come a few times and then are never seen again; or sometimes very infrequently. Even the regulars will suddenly stop attending. The point is, there is a very limited time frame to tell the children about Jesus. New kids are constantly showing up. Over 95% of the children, when they first arrive to the Centre, declare a belief in God. That's great, because belief in God is ground zero for introducing them to Jesus. The effort and time now goes into making sure the correct concept of God is taught. Teaching about Jesus becomes our focal point.

The seeds are being planted. Most of the kids come to know a lot about Jesus, without the knowledge actually taking hold in their hearts; at least for now. They are all at various stages

in their spiritual lives. It's quite encouraging to see, at times, the expression of wonderment in some of the children's faces when our Saviour is presented. Kids are realizing how utterly amazing Jesus is and how astounding God's love for us is. They are discovering it's a love that extends right to the cross. A changed life begins when you learn about Christ.

MEN'S ADDICTIONS New Life in Christ Recovery Program

FAITH & SOBRIETY

By Tim Harris, Chaplain

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

— Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV)

Franklin grew up in a home of five boys and one girl. He describes his parents as religious but not spiritual. His father commanded respect by beating his boys if they didn't listen. Franklin's brothers introduced him to

drugs when he was eight years old and by the age of twelve, Franklin had progressed to using pills to get high. He even overdosed twice; once when he was seventeen and again when he was twenty-four.

Franklin was married one year later and continued to use drugs. He had four kids and stayed married for twenty-four years before getting divorced. Then Franklin became a Christian and left the drug scene. "For me, my faith and my sobriety went hand-in-hand." Franklin remained sober for six and a half years before relapsing, turning his back on his faith, and returning to the addict lifestyle. Over three years later he built up the courage to come back into a program. Since being back at Union Gospel Mission, Franklin says that his faith is a struggle but he has moments where he sees God's hand clearly at work. He makes a point of sharing his joys and struggles in his faith with the chaplains so they can give him counsel and pray with him.

Please pray for Franklin as he struggles through the periods where he doesn't see or feel God as closely as others. Pray for him to see the potential for his life once he has completed the program.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:
\$100/MONTH OR \$1200/YEAR**



NEEDS LIST



CLOTHING:

- toques
- mittens
- scarves
- sweaters
- socks
- long-johns/long underwear
- boots
- winter jackets
- ski pants

FOOD

- ground beef
- other cuts of beef
- fruits & vegetables
- canned soups
- canned meats
- Kraft Dinner/boxed macaroni & cheese
- milk

Reminder: all meat products have to be from a store or licensed facility

If you can help with any of these needs please contact Rosanne at 204-943-9904 Ext. 226

WOMEN'S ADDICTIONS BREATHE & HEART Recovery Program Charis Centre

ERIKA'S TESTIMONY

By Erika, HEART
Program Resident



My name is Erika. I'm 37 years old, a single mother and a status native. Six months ago I would have added functioning alcoholic but, by the grace of God, I stopped. I'm firstly a child of God and by His grace and mercy I'm in recovery.

I was raised in a Christian home but I fell away from my walk with God. A month after turning 17 I gave birth to my now twenty-year-old son. He is a blessing, because he was the reason I tried as hard as I did, even though I chose the lifestyle I did. This part of my life is another story in itself, but through it all I cried out to God. I knew He was there even in one of my worst seasons.

I look white. Looking white made it difficult for me to fit in with my native family. I did not always feel accepted by them and I found myself fighting with my identity. I still have a hard time with my identity today.

Within the next 10 years I had my other two children, again outside of marriage. Along with this I was in an abusive relationship mentally, physically and emotionally. I thought this was love. I went into this relationship already wounded and I wasn't getting paid for what I thought was more than pleasure, but it was abusive in all senses. I drank, did drugs, you name it, it happened, because I thought this was all I was worth. I was convinced that this was all I was good enough for and this person was all I would amount to.

Finally I had enough in me to leave this relationship. I tried to do it alone and I tried to be a mother alone. Then my oldest son also turned to drugs and I felt like it was my fault for exposing him to my lifestyle. My guilt and shame was more than I could carry day to day, and even harder to do it sober. I felt like the whole world knew where my life had taken me. Drinking gave me motivation and took the guilt and shame away momentarily, allowing me carry on through life, but that only lasted till I had another drink, or bottle in me.

This cycle led me up until May 2019 when I was arrested yet again. I believe in my heart this was my answer from God; all the crying out to God that I needed Him. I cried out regularly, asking Him to help me and to please help me be a better mom and telling Him that I couldn't do it alone. God has been with me all along. This incident was my bottom and I needed Him. He heard every cry and prayer. I checked into detox on June 17, 2019 and into Charis on July 3rd, all part of God's plan as I've now committed my life to Him.

Even though there's still a lot for me to deal with, I feel like a new person. God has taken all my sins and I feel like I can smile again. There's still a lot ahead of me but this is a good start. It has been years since I have felt the peace, love and joy that I now feel. I know that it is Jesus who has instilled this in me. My relationship with Jesus is growing and I'm excited to see where He uses me.

"He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and [a]buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day."—Psalm 91:4-5 (NKIV).

**CHERISH CHARIS:
\$100/MONTH OR \$1200/YEAR**

FAMILY MINISTRY Family Life Centre

JESUS IS CARING FOR YOU

By Marlene Wiebe,
Women's Ministry

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."—1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)

Jenny and her family of six children between 6 and 14 years just moved into the community. This house better accommodates her family than their previous home, but the higher cost eats up most of her income. So she dropped by for emergency food. She shared how overwhelmed she is with all the bills and trying to provide the best she can for her children. Added to that, her concern about raising her children in this community where there is so much gang activity, drugs and violence. As we continued to chat she revealed that she used to come here with her grandmother when she was young and that she is aware of the Gospel, but hasn't given it much thought since moving on her own. I assured her that Jesus cares for her and her children and prayed with her for her specific needs. She had tears when we said Amen. She was given a Bible and invited to our programs for women.



CLOTHING TOSS BOX PROGRAM

Toss Box Locations now can be found in:

- Anola
- Lowe Farm
- Mitchell
- Morris
- New Bothwell
- Oakbank
- Pine Ridge
- Rosenort
- Selkirk
- Steinbach
- Stuartburn
- Teulon
- Vita
- Winnipeg
- Stonewall



STREET MINISTRY

*Drop-in – Chapel
Soup-line – Meals*

GOD'S PLAN

By Carel Cloete, Chaplain

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” – Romans 8:31 (NKJV)

For a very long time Robert lived a life with only one person in the center of it - HIM. Nobody else's needs mattered more than his own. He turned his back on family and on God, threw away his Bible and just wanted to be left alone.

When Robert started attending the Chapel services at Union Gospel Mission, he was going through some very dark times. He had cancer and was ready to end his life. But thank the Lord, by listening to His Word through the sermons and hearing His truth for his life, Robert came to realize that it was not God's plan for him to take matters into his own hands. God made him see the good things in his life and the good people supporting him through some rough times. Killing himself would only hurt them and that was not something he wanted to do.

Robert learned of many ways to seek help. The people at Union Gospel Mission helped him discover God's bigger plan for his life.

Robert now reads the Bible every morning and says his prayers every night; to receive God's plan for himself and to help him cope with the difficulties he faces every day. The Union Gospel Mission's services gave

Robert a better understanding of what is happening around him and how to deal with daily challenges.

Robert is so thankful to God that there is a place like Union Gospel Mission where he can see the love of God and receive the peace within himself.

Without places like Union Gospel Mission, Robert would be completely lost, not having the resources to help him face his obstacles.

ADULT EDUCATION

Faith Learning Centre

I AM THE LORD, YOUR HEALER

By Nelson Gonzalez, Principal

“If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.” – Exodus 15:26 (NKJV)

Mary (not her real name) came into our program in September. She was looking to complete grade 12. Daily, at the Faith Learning Centre, along with her academic instructions, Mary hears the Word through Bible lessons. While she had become a Christian before entering the program, the Lord started to work in Mary's life in miraculous ways through her schooling. Mary has developed a unique desire to study hard and continues to devote a lot of time to her studies. At the same time, Mary is also dealing with the lingering effects of a life with addiction. Things are not easy outside of school and everywhere Mary goes she is fighting long time battles from her past.

Despite the diagnosis and reports that were being given outside of school about Mary, the Lord has prospered her in school with high marks and excellent academic output. Unfortunately, due to the external reports, there came a point where Mary was denied and prevented from working, schooling and getting her child back from the system.

Mary said to us at this time, “Despite everything else that is happening around me, I have decided to trust in the Lord.” She has continued to make accelerated academic progress, unprecedented to what we have ever seen at the Centre.

Mary's mid-term report card shocked everyone! Reports from outside had indicated that she was mentally unfit to attain schooling. Instead, Mary's marks proved that she has the capacity to focus on education and achieve very high marks, even in the upper levels, where academics are more challenging. Since entering the program, God has been healing Mary! We give Him all the praise!

