



Greetings in Christ to our MBC Family from the MBC Board;

We pray this letter finds you all healthy and keeping well in the physically distant 'new normal' we're currently living in. God has made us as his people adaptable and resilient. It is encouraging that it appears we're starting to come through this time of change. That said, our mission and vision have not changed and become even more clear. Our mission is to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors so that people become passionately committed to hearing and obeying God, and teaching others to do the same (John 13:34-35).

As a Board, we've continued to monitor the current pandemic situation, and we are excited to see our provincial health authorities look at a phased easing of restrictions. However at the time this is being prepared, it's still not known if or when 'regular' community gatherings or programming will be restored. This is our first update in over a month and is meant to be comprehensive to everything that has gone on or is anticipated to happen in the next while in the life of our Church.

Thank You's

Firstly, we wish to thank several members of our congregation who have really supported the Church's mission through this time. Thank you to Brandon Carter and the Deacons for organizing remote services that we have been able to participate in communally. The weekly emails, worship playlists and sermon content has been prayerfully assembled, very relevant, and we pray has been impactful to everyone. Thank you as well to Kyla Dietrich as well for her work in organizing kids content to help keep our kids hearts growing in the Lord – and congratulations to Kyla and Ben on their new son Caleb as well!

Welcome Jonathon Shierman

We are very excited to announce that Jonathon Shierman has started in the role of Lead Pastor, effective May 1, 2020. Jonathon and Kate have been in town for about 2 weeks, have moved into their new home, and are also very excited to be here. We look forward to the day we can formally gather with Jonathon and welcome him into our Church family, in person.

If you would like to contact Jonathon, his information is listed below:

- Phone: (306)-435-2455 or (403)-796-9376
- Email: lead.pastor@moosominbaptist.com

Special Thank You to John McMillian

We also want to say thank you to John McMillian for his servanthood and leadership as our Interim Pastor for the past 12 months. It has been a blessing to have you with us John and Carolyn. Thank you for your support and we will continue to uphold you in prayer.

Reopening of the Church and Office

We continue to operate the Church under the direction and guidelines of our provincial medical authorities (<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/105097/formats/117566/download>). In-person gatherings remain on-hold, and the building and office have been essentially closed to the general public for the last month. A few things have been happening inside the building (thank you Val, our property committee, and Crystal for your willingness to paint and do other minor renovations to maintain the building). Starting this week, Pastor Jonathon will be in the office with more regularity, and



Nicky will be back part-time as well in helping him get settled in his new role. Please feel free to call or send an email to connect with either of them if required (while maintaining Physical Distancing guidelines).

Programming Update

Again, we continue to operate the Church under the direction and guidelines of our provincial medical authorities. That said, there have been some very deliberate efforts to keep up community within the Church, thank you to those who are involved in making these efforts happen.

For those who regularly call MBC home, our Deacons have split the congregation into care groups, with them and a few others in the Church committing to praying for and connecting with their teams through the pandemic. For more information on this, please contact Val (email: church.clerk@moosominbaptist.com).

Our Youth Group has been running bi-weekly programs through Zoom, meeting Wednesdays for Bible Study and Fridays for a game night. For more information, please contact Crystal (YouthDirector@moosominbaptist.com).

Benevolence

As a Church, we are committed to loving our neighbors and building bridges with our community. Our congregation is well represented across Moosomin and the surrounding towns and rural areas. We also know that there are some very real and significant needs within our communities and we want to assist people where and how we are able. For more information on either supporting or accessing benevolent funds, please contact Brandon (brandon.carter@moosominbaptist.com).

Giving

We are also trying to do what we can to meet needs and minister well during this time of uncertainty. We are thankful that God has continued to provide for the church's needs to-date and are excited about the opportunities this chapter of ministry presents. If you are already a financial contributor to the church, we humbly ask that you continue your regular giving as you are able. If you've never given to the church before, this is a great time to start! Our finance team has made electronic giving as accessible as they can, please see our website for details.

<http://www.moosominbaptist.com/donations.html>

Finally, thank you all for your prayers, acts and comments of support, and love for one another.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all (2 Thess. 3:16).

The MBC Board