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## CALENDAR

**New Pastors Orientation** - June 12-13 @ EFCC Home Office. Travel subsidies available. Check out the link on the EFCC homepage at [www.efcc.ca](http://www.efcc.ca) for more information on itinerary and registration.

**EFCC Annual Conference** - June 13-15 @ Grace Community Church in Surrey, BC. For more info visit <https://efcc.ca/event/general-conference-2024/>.

### INVITED

*Luke 14:13 - Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.*

Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, “Follow me...” and they took him up on the invitation. It feels good to be invited. I still remember the first birthday party I was invited to. I was in grade one and I was incredibly nervous to enter the house of strangers. I knew my friend from school, but not his parents or brothers and sisters. I overcame those fears because I was invited. There was real money in the cake. I would not have agreed to go if I was told to. The invitation was important in giving me the courage to do something new and scary. Invitations are tricky. You can’t predict who will respond or how long they will stay. They require you to be the kind of person that others will want to be around and follow.

No one will follow the inhospitable. The first picture we have of Jesus’ ministry is an invitation to follow Him. One of the last pictures we have is of Him standing at the door and knocking (Rev.3:20). Two expressions of the same way of being. An invitation to go with Him and the opportunity to invite Him. This is the way of faith. The absence of faith says we can’t trust God to add the right people to His church or give those people the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to make good choices, even though that is exactly what is promised. Without faith there will be no invitation, no hospitality, no following.

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### APD Financial Report For the Month Ended April 30, 2024

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<u>General Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Monthly	10,245	9,858	387
Year-to-Date	59,362	69,008	(9,646)
<b>General Fund Balance/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(15,298)</b>		

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The only option then, is to lord it over others. I'd like to suggest that we open the door to the way of Jesus, invite any who will respond into the hospitality of our community of Jesus followers, and seek to live with the kind of integrity that will inspire many to come in.

**Hebrews 13:2 - Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!**

Marvin Penner

## CHECK OUT OUR APD WEBSITE UPDATES

We've revamped our website! Some pages are still under construction but new content is being added regularly. Some recent additions?

- **Salary Guides** to assist churches in determining fair pastoral salaries - whether it's a new hire or a re-evaluation. Located on our [Church Resources](#) page.
- This **Speaklife 321** resource is a great evangelistic tool for personal or small group use. Located on our [Teaching page](#).
- Holy Sexuality Project. A home discipleship resource for teens and their parents. Located on our [Teaching page](#).

## FEATURED CHURCH



## BEACH CORNER EFC

We have been so blessed and encouraged here at Beach Corner Church, located just ten minutes west of Stony Plain, Alberta.

Over the past number of years, we have opened our Resurrection Sunday morning service to those who wish to get baptized. Traditionally we have waited until August to baptize individuals at Hubbles Lake which is right in our backyard. However, once a year was too long of a wait for some who wished to walk in obedience to Christ now! So, a few years back we decided as a church to hold a second baptism service on Resurrection Sundays.

Ever since that decision was made, we have been so blessed as a church with such wonderful Resurrection Sundays where individuals boldly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ. This year was no exception. In fact, this year's Resurrection Sunday service was more than we could have asked for or even imagined.

Three individuals were scheduled to be baptized on March 31st of this year, but we ended up baptizing seventeen people that morning. Two of those individuals came to faith in Christ that very morning. The names of the two new believers? Heaven and Faith.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." EPH 3:20-21

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