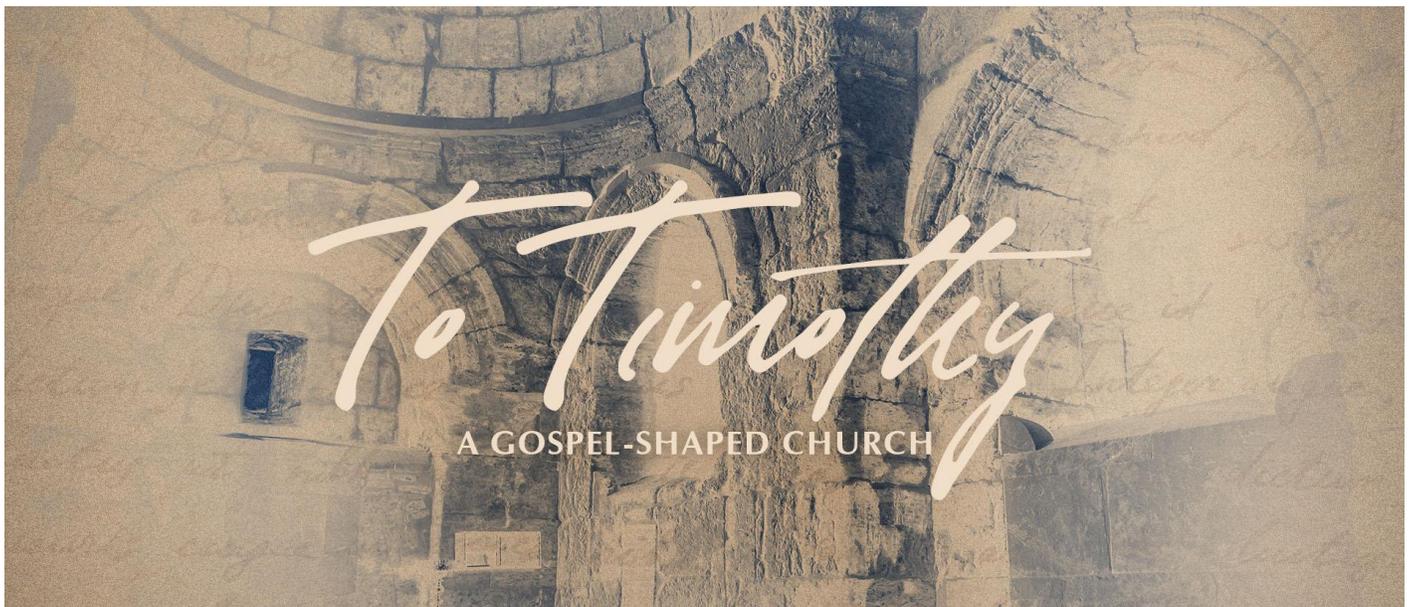


June 6, 2021

Leaders in the Church



This Sunday, Pastor Jonathan will be sharing part 6 of *A Gospel-Shaped Church*, a series on the book of 1 Timothy.

In 1 Timothy 3:1-13, the apostle Paul gives several qualifications for two types of church leaders: overseers (vv. 1-7) and deacons (vv. 8-13). Prior to this Sunday's livestream, read this passage, and compare it to what is said in the passages below.

- Titus 1:5-9
- Acts 20:17, 28
- Hebrews 13:17
- 1 Peter 5:1-3

Finally, how would you answer the following question: What are two or three things that should be true of a qualified church leader?

If every Christian is to live a gospel-shaped life, it's especially true of church leaders.

Sunday Worship

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Call to Worship	Psalm 34:1-3
Prayer of Praise	
Singing	Only a Holy God
Prayer of Confession	Matthew 22:37-40 Silent Confession Psalm 32:5
Singing	My Jesus, I Love Thee Jesus Messiah
Prayer of Intercession	Philippians 4:6-7 Prayer
Singing	All My Ways Are Known to You
Video	This Is Psalm 8
Sermon	Part 6 of A Gospel-Shaped Church: Leaders in the Church (1 Tim. 3:1-13)
Affirmation of Faith	The New City Catechism, Question 1
Singing	Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
Benediction	2 Thessalonians 3:16

Announcements

Sunday Morning Livestream: Due to the new COVID restrictions on faith gatherings, we will not be able to meet for worship this Sunday. We will, however, have a livestream on [our Facebook page](#) 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Discipleship: Pastor Jonathan is on Facebook on Thursday evenings at 6:30. On Thursday we started going through the New City Catechism. You're encouraged to join us this coming Thursday! See below for this week's question and answer. (These videos can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) if you miss them live.)

Business Meeting: Our next Business Meeting (usually held in May) has been put on hold until public health regulations allow for meetings.

RightNow Media: We have given everyone in our church free access to RightNow Media! It's called the

Netflix of Bible studies. It also has tons of kid's episodes and movies. To sign up, visit [this link](#).

Happy Birthday: Graham Bligh (June 12).

Last Week's Giving: Offering for May 16 was \$1,305.00 (\$1,305.00 by e-Transfer, \$0.00 by regular giving). According to our 2021 budget, we need an offering of \$1,860.00 per week.

Giving in May: During May, we received an average of \$1,930.00 per week.

May 2 - \$3,194.10
May 9 - \$518.00
May 16 - \$1,105.00
May 23 - \$3,531.00
May 30 - \$1,305.00

This week:

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Livestream
Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Live Video on Facebook: What We Believe Worship Practice
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Livestream

Newsletter Sign-Up: If you would like to receive our church newsletter each week by email, you can sign up for that on the [Newsletter page](#) of our website.

New City Catechism

Join us live on Facebook this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.! We are on a journey through the New City Catechism.

The catechism consists of 52 questions and answers about the Christian faith. You can get free access to the New City Catechism by either using the web app or the mobile app. The apps can be found at newcitycatechism.com.

Question 3	Answer	Scripture
How many persons are there in God?	There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.	2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Elders' Report

Current elders: Jonathan McLeod, John Couch, Moe Hedden

As I (Jonathan) am writing this, we are in the midst of another lockdown here in Nova Scotia. The lockdowns have been very disruptive to the life of our church, but God has still been able to work in and through us during this unusual time.

Below is a review of some of our activities in 2021, as well as a few pieces of news.

The Shepherd Leader

We have been meeting monthly as elders. One of the things we have been doing during our meetings is discussing a chapter of the book *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer.

Chapter 4 of the book is about an elder's right to lead. In our culture, respect for authority has deteriorated (sometimes for good reasons). But what does the Bible say about an elder's authority in the church? Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account."

Witmer gives five biblical truths about the authority of elders in the church.

1. *All human authority is derived. In other words, it comes from God.* The apostle Paul told the Ephesian elders that "the Holy Spirit has made you overseers" (Acts 20:28).
2. *The exercise of authority is designed to serve the well-being of those under its care.* Leadership among God's people is always servant leadership. The apostle Peter writes that elders are to lead "not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, *but eager to serve*" (1 Peter 5:2 NIV).
3. *This authority is to be directed by God's Word.*
4. *All who hold derived authority are ultimately accountable to the One who gave that authority.* Elders lead "as those who will have to give an account" (Heb. 13:17).
5. *The flock is called to submit to the authority of the elders.* Paul says to "respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you" (1 Thess. 5:12).

Sunday Livestream

Though we do not view the livestream as a replacement for physically attending a Worship Service, it is good that we have been able to worship virtually on Sunday mornings. We would like to thank Angela MacDonald and Rebecca MacDonald for faithfully practising each Thursday evening and participating on Sundays. We also greatly appreciate the work of our A/V team: Jacob Tramley, Gillian Morand, and Lance Letendre. We have seen a steady improvement in the livestream since it was started around this time last year.

We plan on continuing the Sunday livestream after the pandemic is over. There will still be people who will be unable to attend services due to reasons such as sickness and travel.

Worship Planning

Jonathan plans each Worship Service. For the last three years, effort has been made to include more

Scripture and prayer in our worship. As for the preaching, we completed our journey through Hebrews earlier this year, then went through a series on the heart of Christ (Gentle and Lowly), and now are in the midst of a series on 1 Timothy (A Gospel-Shaped Church).

New City Catechism

Recently, Jonathan began going through the New City Catechism on Thursday evenings on Facebook. The catechism consists of 52 questions and answers about the Christian faith. The purpose of these videos will be discipleship.

Prayer

On March 21, we held a Sunday evening Prayer Meeting. There were 21 people in attendance (including those attending on Zoom). We experienced some technical difficulties, which made the Zoom experience less than ideal. We hope to fix these issues next time. We are planning to have a Prayer Meeting once a month (excluding July and August). If gathering restrictions aren't lifted soon, we will have a fully online Prayer Meeting in June.

In our Worship Services, we have been giving missionary updates before our intercessory prayers. We want our church to be more aware of who our missionaries are and how we can pray for them.

Baptisms

On February 14, Lito and Sheryl Contridas were baptized during our Worship Service. A baptism service is always a highlight of our church year!

Membership

So far this year, we have received four people into the membership of our church: Lito and Sheryl Contridas and Ed and Janet Baker.

We have not yet been able to vote to receive Ian and Lynnette MacDonald into the membership of our church. We will do that the next time we are able to meet together as a church. There are a few others who are also considering membership at this time.

Sadly, founding member Cora Sherman passed away earlier this year. Also, longtime members Lyall and Shirley Jack resigned from membership. We thank the Jacks for their years of service with us.

Baby Dedication

On February 28, Jonathan performed a baby dedication in a local restaurant for Sameirah Sue Contridas. Several church members were there to witness the dedication, including both of our other elders, Moe and John.

RightNow Media

On February 7, we announced that we were giving everyone in our church a free subscription to [RightNow Media](#). We encourage you to take advantage of this access.

Funeral

Jonathan conducted a funeral for Marion Milette on May 11. Sadly, only 5 people were permitted to attend the funeral because of the gathering restrictions.

Vaccination Clinic

Kyte's Pharmacy has been using the downstairs level of our building as a vaccination clinic. It has gone smoothly, and we are happy to be able to serve the community in this way. The pharmacy even paid to put in a new concrete walkway for the front entrance.

Fellowship Atlantic

Jonathan will serve another year on the Regional Council for [Fellowship Atlantic](#). He will also be a member of the Nominating Committee.

We were scheduled to host this year's Regional Conference, but the council decided to switch the conference to a fully online version due to the gathering restrictions at the time of the conference date. Jonathan gave a devotional during the Zoom call. We have agreed to host next year's conference in May 2022.

Jonathan's Courses

Jonathan used his Pastoral Development Fund to take two courses with Acadia Divinity College: Interpreting the Old Testament (fall 2020) and Understanding Pastoral Care and Counseling (winter 2021). Jonathan plans to do two or three more courses during the upcoming fall and winter terms.

New Elder

We are recommending that Michael Samillano be approved as a new elder of our church. We have seen in Michael gifts and abilities fitting for the office of elder. We are thankful for his heart for evangelism and discipleship.

Church Membership

If you have been regularly attending FHFBC, we'd like you to become a member of our church. Membership demonstrates one's commitment to a local church and enables greater participation in the life of that church.

The Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.• Agreement with our church's statement of faith and covenant.• Believer's baptism by immersion.
The Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell one of our elders you're interested in membership.• Read a short book: I Am a Church Member.



- Fill out a survey, indicating how you might like to serve in our church.
- Meet with the elders to talk about your conversion, baptism, understanding of the gospel, and expectations of members.

Church Info

FHBC is a member of the [Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada](#), and we also belong to the Fellowship's [Atlantic Region](#). Our mission is to help people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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