

# September-October 2019



# Welcome! It is great to have you with us!

We care deeply for people and want to see them give their lives to Christ, and grow in their love and devotion to Him! Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship. Do you have children? They are welcome to join us in the Nursery (0-4) or Kid Zone (JK-Gr6). Ask us to direct you.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Prayer | 9:30 am | C.J. Feaver Room  
Adult Class | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall  
Worship | 10:30 am | Sanctuary  
Kids' Classes | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

## PRAYER

Sunday | 9:30 am | C.J. Feaver Room  
Sunday | 6:00 pm | C.J. Feaver Room  
Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Library

## SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES

Small groups are an important part of how we grow in Christ and with each other here at Forward. A variety of groups meet on different days and at different locations. For details, talk to Pastor Steve.

## 12-STEP PROGRAM

Sunday | 6:00 pm | 2nd Floor West Room

## YOUNG ADULTS

Monday | 7:00 pm | College +

## ABOVE THE BEACH

Drop in playgroup for caregivers and kids 5 and under  
Tuesday | 9:30-11:30 am

## YOUTH PROGRAM

Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Gr. 6-12

## FOOD BANK

9:30 am | 2nd Wednesday of the month

**Parents!** Nursery  
(0-4) and Kid Zone (JK-Gr6)  
will be dismissed part way  
through the service.

ADULT <sup>sundays</sup> 9:30 am  
BIBLE CLASS

youth  
GROUP  
GRADES 6-12  
WEDNESDAYS 7-9 PM

ACT II  
A CHRISTIAN  
YOUNG ADULT  
GROUP

Mondays, 7-10 pm

The Young Adult Group is devoted to biblical teaching, prayer, and fellowship. The heart of ACT II is drawn from Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

12 STEP  
PROGRAM  
sundays 6 pm

# September

8 SUN

100 Year BBQ

14 SAT

Men's Fishing Trip

20 FRI

Youth Event:  
Virtual Reality

21 SAT

Youth Service  
Project: Scott Mission

22 SUN

Fellowship Meal  
following the  
morning service

Membership Classes  
Begin

26 THU

Women's Mission  
Fellowship 12 pm

27 FRI

Jr. Youth Event  
6:30-8:30 pm

# October

11 FRI

PA Day Camp  
9 am - 4 pm

13 SUN

Thanksgiving Sunday

19-27 SAT-SUN

100 Year Mission  
Focus Week  
& Week of Prayer

19 SAT

Mission Focus  
Banquet 5:30 pm

25 FRI

Jr. Youth Event  
6:30-8:30 pm

27 SUN

Music Night  
6 pm

29 TUE

ATB Halloween Party  
9:30 am

31 THU

Women's Mission  
Fellowship 12 pm

Halloween Outreach  
5:30 pm



Prayer

Wednesdays: 7 pm  
Sundays: 9:30 am & 6 pm



# MINOR PROPHETS zechariah

The writers of the New Testament point out over and over how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies in His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection. But if you have ever looked up the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, you may have found yourself confused. Sometimes these prophecies aren't prophecies in the way we expect them. One good example of

this is John 19:36-37 which talks about what happened to Jesus on the cross. When the Roman soldiers went to break Jesus's legs to speed up His death, they found that He was already dead, so they pierced His side with a spear to make sure. Then John says, "These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken,' and, as another scripture says, 'They will look on the one they have pierced'" (John 19:36-37).

Now, there are no prophecies that state: "Not one of the Messiah's bones will be broken" or "When they kill the Messiah, they will look on the one they have pierced." Those verses don't exist. So what is John doing in this passage?

In the first chapter of his gospel, John made the connection that Jesus is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). These words build on a theme in the Bible of lambs and goats sacrificed as substitutes for the sins of God's people. One of the most important places this theme comes up in the Old Testament is in the Passover meal, where the Passover lamb was killed as a substitute for the first born sons of the Israelites. When God gave the instructions for the Passover, He said this: "It [the lamb] must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones." (Exodus 12:46). Jesus was the fulfillment of the theme of sacrificial lambs in the Bible. They all pointed forward to Him. And the fact that His bones were not broken is part of that fulfillment.

But what about "They will look on the one they have pierced"? That's a reference to Zechariah 12:10, which says "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son." This is God speaking about how the Jewish people had rejected Him and rebelled against Him. The one pierced is God and it seems to be metaphorical. Is it about Jesus being pierced with a spear on the cross? Well, notice that the pronoun changes suddenly in the middle of the sentence. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child. If the me is God, who is the him? In the several previous chapters, God promised to send His Messiah to reign as King in Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.") and God also predicted that the Jewish people would rebel against God. This verse brings those two ideas together and says that God's people would rebel against God by rejecting His Messiah. They pierced God metaphorically and they pierced His Messiah physi-

cally. It's still a bit strange that the verse switches pronouns so abruptly, as if God (me) and the Messiah (he) are one. But Jesus clears up this confusion by proclaiming that He is not only the Messiah, but the Son of God, and that He and His Father are One (John 10:30).

There is one more difficulty in comparing John 19:37 to Zechariah 12:10. In John a Roman soldier pierces Jesus, but in Zechariah it is the Jewish people who have pierced the Messiah (and God). This difficulty can be answered in a couple of ways. First, the Jewish people rejected Jesus and handed Him over to be crucified, so while they didn't pierce Him themselves, the emphasis is on their rejection of God's Messiah, which led to His death. But also, in both passages, the emphasis is less on who pierced the Messiah, and more on the result of that piercing.

Zechariah 12:10 begins with the promise that God will pour out His Spirit on the inhabitants of Jerusalem so that they are able to realize what they have done by rejecting God and His Messiah. As a result they will repent and and mourn. After a few verses describing the depth of the mourning, chapter 13 picks up with the result of their repentance: "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity." When God's people mourn over their sins of rejecting God and killing His Messiah, they will be washed from their sins, like someone washes in a fountain. John, in his gospel, picks up on that and says the fountain that cleans us is the blood of the Messiah. When the soldier pierced Jesus' side, "a sudden flow of blood and water" came from the wound. This was the proof that He really was dead, but it is also the symbolic fountain that washes away our sins. Just like the blood of the Passover lamb protected the first born sons of Israel, the blood of Jesus, the pierced lamb of God washes away the sins of the world - for anyone who puts their faith in Him, whether Jewish or Gentile.

Sometimes we wish that the Bible was a bit more simple, especially when it comes to the prophecies about Jesus. But the truth is, if the Bible was simple, it wouldn't be so rich and deep. When the Bible confuses you, don't give up. Keep digging and let the depth and glory of God's Word astound you.

-Steve Lambert  
Pastor

## Scripture Memory for Sep-Oct is Zechariah 12:10 & 13:1 NIV

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# SMALL GROUPS

at Forward Baptist Church

fellowship

safety

service

wisdom

accountability

Are you a part of a small group yet?

Small groups are an important part of life here at Forward!

They help us to intentionally grow together in Christ, build community, and

learn to be a church of people who disciple each other.

## WOMEN'S GROUPS:

- Every other Wednesday, Sep. 11-Dec. 4, 7-9 pm at the church.  
Contact person: Carol Bain (carol.j.bain@gmail.com) or Debbie Michaud (deborahmichaud1@gmail.com) . Join us as we study the book of Ruth and discover again the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives.
- Every Thursday beginning Sep. 12, 12-2 pm at the church (bring a lunch).  
Contact person: Eunice Chaffey (echaffey@sympatico.ca)
- Every week, alternating between Thursday and Friday, beginning Sep 12, 9:30-11:30 am. This group meets offsite.  
Contact person: Christine Woodhouse (christine.cwoodhouse@gmail.com)

## MEN'S GROUPS:

- Every other Wednesday beginning Sep. 4, 7:30-9 pm at the church.  
Contact person: Aaron Woodhouse (aaron@forwardbaptist.com)
- Every other Thursday beginning Sep. 12, 7:30-9:30 pm. This group meets offsite.  
Contact person: John Deinum (jgdeinum@gmail.com)
- Every other Thursday beginning Sep. 19, 1:30-3 pm at the church.  
Contact person: Don Webster (aboveall3@bell.net)

## MIXED GROUPS:

- The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month beginning September 10, 7-9 pm.  
This small group meets offsite.  
Contact person: Steve Lambert (steve@forwardbaptist.com)
- Every Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm at the church. Bible study and prayer meeting.  
Contact person: Steve Lambert (steve@forwardbaptist.com)

# foodbank

One of the ways we seek to serve the local community is through the Food Bank here at Forward. On the second Wednesday of each month, volunteers and community members gather for a time of sharing and conversation, snacks, and food supplies.

This is possible because of the generosity of the church community.

**Could you help us by adding some extra things to your cart when you shop?**

**Often used items we are always in need of:**

- tuna
- chunky soups
- canned stews
- instant coffee
- evaporated milk





# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

THE OFFICIAL ANNIVERSARY WAS MAY 5,  
BUT WE ARE NOT DONE CELEBRATING YET!  
JOIN US THIS FALL FOR OUR 100 YEAR BBQ AND MISSION FOCUS WEEK!  
MORE DETAILS ABOUT MISSION FOCUS WEEK TO COME SOON.

SEPTEMBER 8 — CHURCH BBQ

OCTOBER 19-27 — MISSION FOCUS WEEK

OCT 19 BANQUET 5:30 PM

OCT 20 WORSHIP 10:30 AM

OCT 21-27 WEEK OF PRAYER

MON-SAT 7 AM & 7 PM

SUN 9:30 AM & 6 PM

OCT 27 WORSHIP 10:30 AM

OCT 27 MUSIC NIGHT 6 PM

COME  
CELEBRATE  
WITH US

**Mission Focus Banquet:**

**October 19, 5:30-8:30 pm. Ticket sales open  
September 8. Watch your email for more details!**



# Interns!

Internships are an important part of life here at Forward. They are an intentional way we pour into the lives of younger people, giving them an opportunity to serve the church and community, experience a wide range of ministry, be trained in new skills, and be intentionally disciplined in their faith.

Over the summer we had the joy of working together with four interns. It's always sad to say farewell at the end of August! This fall we welcome two new interns. They are serving with Liebenzell Mission (from Germany) for one year in Canada. I encourage you to get to know these girls, pray for them, and invite them into your home and life.

-Sarah Quartel  
Worship & Communications

## INTRODUCTIONS:



Hello my name is Lea Antzenberger. I come from Germany and I am looking forward to my time at Forward Baptist Church. It is something very special to have Jesus in your heart and my dream and mission since I was 14 years old have been to pass on Jesus's wonderful love to other people. It is a gift that should not be kept for oneself but passed on to other people. I came to faith at the age of 12 through our youth advisor.

My expectations for this year are that I will get to know a completely different and new culture, that I feel how God is using me, and that through him I can pass on the good news to other people. The children and youth work in Canada will certainly be very different. I am also looking forward to working with socially disadvantaged people and to communicating to them that they are loved by God. I think that this commitment is a good challenge for me and I will grow through the year abroad.

Sometimes God opens doors that you didn't expect to open for you. It will definitely be a challenge to be separated from friends and family at least for the first few months. However, I know that God gives me the strength to transform this challenge into faith growth for me.



Hi, I am Sarah Schmidt. I am 19 years old and I come from Germany. My family and I live in a village called Gültstein. It is a village in the south of Germany. My family consists of my parents (Claudia & Jochen) and my two younger brothers. My brothers are Micha (17) and Noah (14). The last three years I went to a vocational grammar school. I learned a lot about the health system and our body. This year I graduated.

When I was 14 years old, I started as a staff member in the girls club of our church. There I discovered how much I like working with kids, so I joined other groups like the scouts, the international children's service, and the youth group. Besides working with children I also like meeting friends and being creative.

When I was nine years old I decided to follow Jesus. Since then Jesus has been the most

important person in my life. In July this year, my brother Noah and I were baptised. It was great. Now I am looking forward to a year in the Forward Baptist Church, where I can serve God and help others to get to know Jesus better.

## FAREWELLS

Justine Paul Cudao: Summer has always been a season of growth in my relationship with God. Being out of school for more than a year now, I have become anxious of the future.

However, through this summer I have been reassured again that God has complete

control over my life. This summer has been able to test and improve the gifts that God has blessed me with while also bringing to

the surface and rebuking other sin that has been dormant in my life. The experience of this internship is much more different than the one I had two summer's ago and it is clear that God has matured my mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. My coworkers have been able to challenge and test my faith in this internship. I am delighted to have been able to serve Forward for almost a year (8 months as the custodian and 4 months as an intern) and to be able to get to know the individuals and families that make up Forward. I will continue to pray for Forward and the Christ-centered work that it does from youngest children in the P.A. day camps to the mature individuals of 55+ ministry and anyone in between. As John Piper says, God is going to continue to change me to become more lionhearted and lamb-like.

Thank you for this opportunity and may the grace of God continue to lead your lives.

1 Thessalonians 2:8



Hannah Desroches: This summer has been an amazing opportunity and I'm so grateful to God for bringing me to Forward! I have been involved in camp ministries in the past, but this summer I was stretched even more as there were a lot more camps and I was in charge of planning and directing Kids' Camp, for which there was a lot to do. I saw God do awesome things this summer as he provided me with strength in stressful and busy times and also worked in kids' lives. I loved getting to know all of you and I truly felt at home at Forward this summer and want to thank all of you for being so welcoming and encouraging! Thank you especially to all of you who assisted with Kids' Camp in any way. I will miss all of you dearly. This year I will be back at Heritage College for the final year of my bachelors before graduating and trying to find full-time work. There are a lot of decisions to make this year and I would ask for your prayers as I try to discern God's calling for my life. I hope to be able to come visit sometime and see all of you again and I hope that you have a wonderful year! God bless!

Beth Lambert: This past summer at Forward has gone by so incredibly fast! I can't believe I'm finishing my second summer as an intern. Thank you so much for welcoming me into Forward's family. I have felt so loved and cared for while serving alongside you! I am so thankful for all of you and the encouragement you have been to me and my faith! God has grown me in my love for his church and his people and I look forward to seeing how God

uses this during the school year as I head back to Cambridge for my final year of my master's. Please pray for me as I wrap up school and discern where God may be leading me in terms of ministry. I will miss Forward, but am so thankful for the two summers I've had to be part your family!

James Power: My internship here at Forward this past summer has been one of the most gratifying and rewarding experiences I've had in my life. This internship has given me the opportunity to minister the gospel to those around me (both believers and non-believers), and a chance to represent our Church in our surrounding community by displaying how Christ has changed the way I live my life. This internship has also allowed me to further develop my personal understanding of the gospel with the support of my fellow interns, pastors and volunteers. I have also been able to experience teaching children about Christ on a more frequent basis, through the various programs and camps in the Church that I have participated in. Some of my responsibilities have included preparation for and teaching the children in our church's KidZone program, helping out in Above The Beach on Tuesdays, running stations at our Church's camps, participation in ongoing outreach initiatives (e.g. Bowmore fun festival booth), attending various programs that the Church runs (i.e. Oasis Family Camp, food bank, VBS ROAR Kids Camp, etc.) and the organization and directing of Backyard Bible Camps. Leaving this internship, I pray that God has been able to use me to reach out to the surrounding community to help strengthen, create and support faith in Christ. This summer has also played a critical role in helping my personal faith development and grow.





# Prayer

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 NIV

Prayer is central to how we live in Christ and as a church we think it is important to pray together with our brothers and sisters! Here are three ways we plan to pray together this fall.

- 1 Weekly Prayer Meetings  
at the church:  
Wednesdays: 7 pm  
Sundays 9:30 am & 6 pm

- 3 October 21-27 is our  
Mission Focus Prayer Week  
Join us Monday-Saturday for  
an hour of prayer at 7 am and 7 pm.  
To close off the week, we will gather to  
pray on Sunday (Oct 27) at 9:30 am  
and at 6 pm for an evening of prayer  
through song.



- 2 Canada's federal election is on  
October 21. Join us and churches  
across Canada as we pray daily and  
specifically for our country for 6  
weeks leading up to the election. To  
sign up for email or social media  
reminders, go to [praycanada.com](http://praycanada.com) or  
[facebook.com/praycanada2019](https://facebook.com/praycanada2019).

## Music Night

sunday, oct. 27, 6 pm

Join us for an evening of worship as we sing and pray together.



# Membership Classes

Sep. 22, 29,  
and Oct. 6

Interested? Talk to Pastor Steve

## BAPTISM

The next Baptism Class is Nov. 10 and 17.  
To register or for more information,  
talk to Pastor Steve

Kids from JK-6 | Registration open  
Time: 9am-4pm | September 4 on  
Cost: \$20/day | [forwardbaptist.com](http://forwardbaptist.com)

Oct 11 | Jan 17  
Nov 15 | Feb 14  
Dec 6 | Jun 5

# PA day kids camps

Forward Baptist Church 1891 Gerrard St E Toronto

Are you 55+?  
Join us one Friday  
each month,  
11:30 am-1 pm.  
A tasty soup  
lunch is provided.

# 55+ Ministry

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|---------|--------|
| 2019/20 | Feb 21 |
| Oct 18  | Mar 13 |
| Nov 8   | Apr 17 |
| Dec 13  | May 8  |
| Jan 10  | Jun 12 |

# jr. youth

2019-20

Sept 27  
Oct 25  
Nov 29  
Dec 20  
Jan 24  
Feb 28  
Mar 27  
Apr 24  
May 22  
June 26

**Fridays 6:30-8:30pm**  
**fun. snacks. friends.**  
**see you there!**

Save the Date:

MEMBERS MEETING  
nov 3 · 12:30 pm

bring a bag lunch

annual  
BUDGET MEETING  
following the service  
bring a bag lunch **DEC 1**

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SONGS FOR  
*Sunday*

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