



# Newsletter



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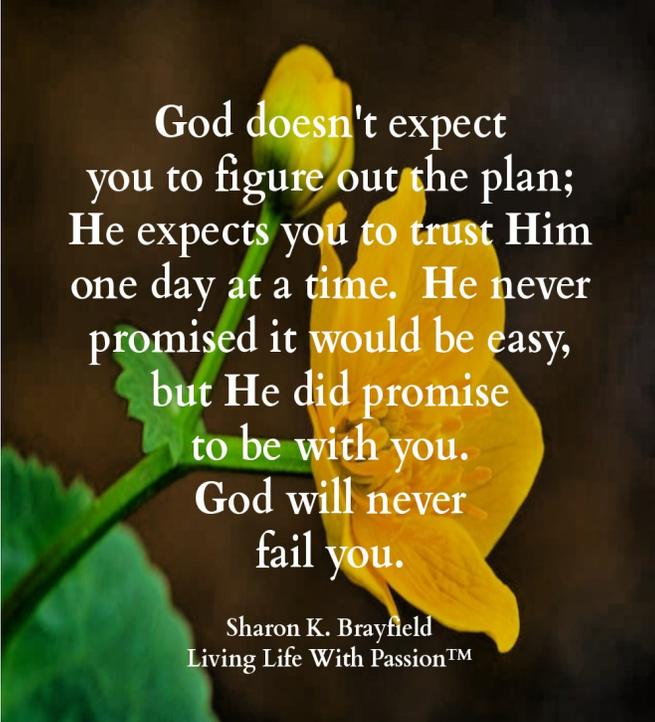
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## BRIDGES

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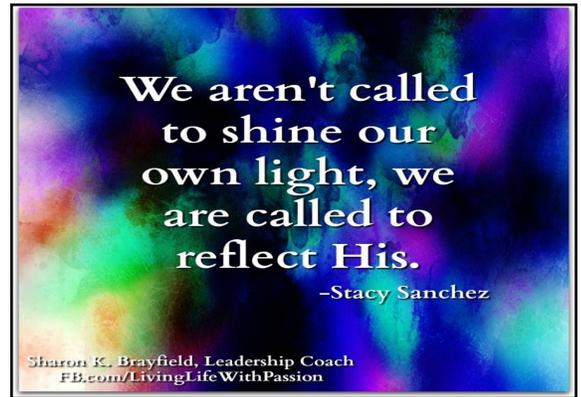
A close-up photograph of a bright yellow flower with green leaves, set against a dark background. The flower is the central focus of the quote.

God doesn't expect you to figure out the plan; He expects you to trust Him one day at a time. He never promised it would be easy, but He did promise to be with you. God will never fail you.

Sharon K. Brayfield  
Living Life With Passion™

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## In defense of the faith

The early Church had many who engaged in a form of debate called “apologetics” as they defended their new faith. They lived in a day of many religions and people of differing viewpoints, much as we do today. Many were hostile to the new faith and teaching about Christ. Christians had to give strong reason for holding to their faith in him. Justin Martyr was one well known early apologist I have had an increasing number of people voice a need to learn how to defend their faith of late. Part of learning how to do apologetics is learning how to hold a healthy debate, as well as how to recognize unhealthy debate tactics. There are many ways of debating that are not considered valid. In the next few newsletters, I will be sharing some of the more unhealthy, invalid ways of making an argument for what you believe in. Once you have read about some of them, you may realize that you have had them use on you before. Once you can recognize when they are being used on you, you can call them out for what they are and not feel like you have lost the debate when in fact it is the other person who has lost.

Invalid ways of debating, often termed logical fallacies or bad-faith tactics, are arguments that rely on faulty reasoning, irrelevant information, or manipulative emotional appeals rather than sound logic and evidence. These methods are designed to deceive, distract, or overwhelm an opponent rather than to advance a constructive dialogue.

There are several categories of debating. Here are the most common ways to debate that are considered invalid. They are used to bully an opponent into feeling like he has lost the debate. The first category is the ad hominem category.

### Attacking the Person (Ad Hominem)

**Ad Hominem argument:** Attacking the opponent’s character, motives, or personal attributes instead of addressing their argument. E.g., “People like you are fake”; “you’re hypocrite”; “You hate me”; “you don’t love me”; “you just want to see me fail”; “you are a bigot”.

**Tu Quoque (You too) argument:** Claiming an argument is false because the person making it fails to act consistently with it. E.g., You say smoking is bad, but you smoke! (this does not make the health risks of smoking less true).

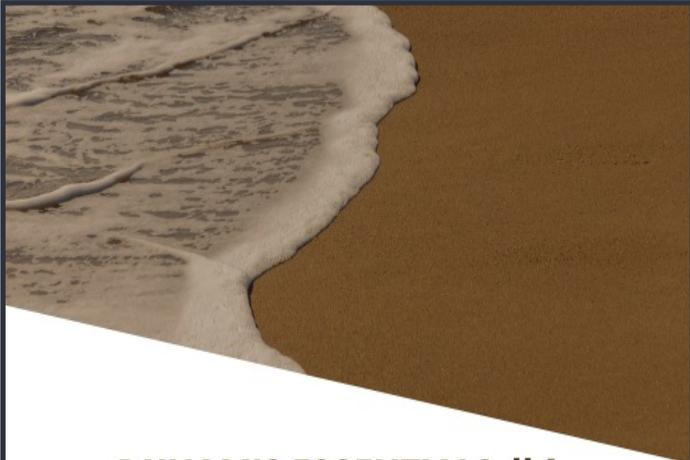
**Poisoning the Well argument:** Presenting adverse information about a person before they even speak to discredit anything they might say. E.g., “If you want to listen to someone who is divorced...”; “If you want to listen to a thief...”; “If you want to listen to an alcoholic...”.

Hopefully, as we all learn to recognize these invalid ways of debating, we will be less prone to being bullied and pressured to not take our stand on what we know is right.

Pastor Boyd

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 8



**DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS #4**

THE HEALING  
MINISTRY OF JESUS

April 16-18, 2026

Bethel Community Church  
14204 25th St. NW  
Edmonton, AB



Thursday  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Friday  
9:00 am-9:00 pm  
Saturday  
9:00 am-5:00 pm



For more information contact: Russ or Jane Graff



Join us after service on **March 29** for our  
Congregational Annual Meeting.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Join the guys on **March 14 at 9:00am** for break-  
fast. They are excellent cooks.

**Potluck**

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

Join us on **March 22** for potluck after service.



THE BEST  
**THRIFT SHOP**  
IN TOWN!

219 Church Road | Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm  
Spruce Grove, AB | Closed Sunday, Monday and Stat Holidays

**CALL FOR DONATIONS**

Housewares  
**NEEDED**

Small appliances,  
kitchen items, pots  
& pans, bakeware,  
utensils, etc.



# What's Been Happening...



Join the fun every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in Rose hall for **Corn Hole**.

Milt is lining up for the throw. Pastor Boyd just made a great throw.



Feb. 26-28 CLBI moved into Immanuel. Pastor Boyd was their presenter. They studied, ate in our gym and slept in the Sanctuary. See below the sleeping arrangement. They put two pews together to make a bed. God bless these young people as they grow in their faith, studying the Bible.



Feb. 6, Jacqueline, Chris, Colleen, Sandi and Florence did quick work making twelve loaves of bread into sandwiches for **Food for the Soul**.

Feb. 7, Milt, Lillian and Florence helped pass out the sandwiches and other foods items to the less fortunate at Kingdom Advance Church.

Some left over sandwiches went to the homeless here in Stony Plain.



# Potluck

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.



Feb. 22 Potluck was a huge success with the table filled with everything from soup, salads, casseroles, to desserts. Ten tables were filled with everyone enjoying the meal and the company.



# Here's What's Happening!



February 14

*Happy Valentine's Day!*



These are some of the guys that cooked breakfast for everyone that came.

NeighbourLink Parkland  
compassion in action

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND WITH EVERY BOTTLE YOU RECYCLE?



YOUR EMPTIES ARE FULL OF POTENTIAL  
SIMPLY DROP OFF YOUR EMPTY BOTTLES AT STONY PLAIN BOTTLE DEPOT AND DIRECT YOUR RETURNS TO NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND



There was a good turn out for Men's / Valentine Breakfast. The breakfast consisted of eggs, sausage, hash browns, Charles's bread and fruit. The dessert table had cake and muffins. After breakfast Howard lead us in reminiscing about our dating and the love of our lives and some of the funny things that happened during that time.

God is the author of my story and He's not done writing yet.

Sharon K. Brayfield, Life Coach  
LivingLife With Passion™

A simple reminder that one kind word can change someone's entire day.

Sharon K. Brayfield, Life Coach  
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# Beyond Immanuel's Walls



Members sharing the gospel in our community and beyond.

Hope Mission did a fundraising walk **on Feb. 21.** called "**Cold Hands, Warm Hearts**".

**Leslie Preece, Donna Mckean, Ryley Strand and Oscar Strand** (on a very cold day) did the 3 km walk coming together to raise funds for warm meals, shelter and care for the vulnerable, and to enable help for the homeless people in Edmonton. They raised \$1825.00.

Total monies raised from the walk was \$70,025.00. This is enough to make 25,935 meals, three meals a day plus some drop ins.

Over 2,000,000 meals are served per year.



**DONNA MCKEAN**

Donna's incentive is:

**"God gives us energy and recourses, so we should use them"**

God bless Donna for the work she is doing.

Found this on the Hope Mission website.

Just some of the tents people are staying in to keep warm.



Founded in 1929, Hope Mission is a Christian charity operating in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, and Wetaskiwin. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, addiction recovery, school meals, and youth summer camp programs for those in need. Hope Mission runs its programs out of eight buildings.

Hope Mission's programs include housing, addictions recovery, and homelessness prevention.

Check out their website.

It all started about two years ago when Donna met a man that had gone through the Hope Mission programs. He now works for Hope Mission. He took her on a tour of some of their buildings where they served the meals. She was very impressed by the work the mission was doing.

Driving up to Hope Mission she saw the 1000's of tents stretching for 4-5 blocks. She felt compassion for the people who have nothing. She felt that God was calling her to do this work. She began volunteering in different areas by making sandwiches, going through the clothing that was donated and serving meals. She decided that helping with serving meals was best fit for her. She works 7-9:00 am with breakfast served 7:30- 8:30 am giving her the rest of her day to do other things.

Each morning there is a line up outside as they wait for a warm meal. The 500 breakfasts are served on trays that are divided into sections for each item. (instead of plates)

They also make about a thousand sandwiches per day then put in zip lock bags. The sandwiches as well as hot meals that have been put in containers, kept warm, then loaded up in the Rescue Van, which drives around the city passing out the sandwiches and meals, sometimes picking up people in need.

Donna has witnessed some people who have lost legs and fingers because of frostbite.

Please pray for these people that they may find the love of God , warmth and food.

## VOLUNTEER SHEDULE

DATE	March 1, 2026	March 8, 2026	March 15, 2026	March 22, 2026	March 29, 2026
Speaker	Boyd	John	Boyd	Shawn	Boyd
Leader	Len	Chris	John	Russ	Donna
Reader	Donna	Tracey	Rylee	Dee	Donna
Greeter	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee	Lorne/Linda	Nina
Music	Caroline/Jacqueline/ Theresa	Julie/Crystal	Video	Mark/Team	Choir - Theresa or Video
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena	Kathy/Kelly
Ushers	Tony	Tony/Frank	Tony	Tony/Frank	Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand		
Sound	Henry		Graeme	Henry	Neil
Mediashout	Jen	Kris	Connie	Lillian	Lorie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandy	Cheryl/Kelvin
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Gill	Colleen	Dianne

Please remember if you are unavailable, find someone who is willing to trade with you or cover for you.



There was no council meeting in February therefore no report

Our prayers have  
no expiration date.  
You never know  
when or where  
or how God  
will answer.  
Amen

Sharon K. Brayfield, Leadership Coach  
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### January Financial Report

Total Offerings Received      \$27,970.92

Average Attendance                84

Should you wish to set up EFT payments, please reach out to Angels St Pierre, Thereesa Dietrich or contact Julie Villadsen at the church office.

Submitted by

Angela St Pierre



### Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field. In Feb. \$450.00 was collected.

# THE KIDZ PAGE



God has heard our prayers! He has increased our Sunday school attendance by (an estimated) average of 6 children from the same time last year, sometimes totaling nineteen children. Thank you God, may these children be blessed with the message of hope and love that we have in Jesus.

We would like to thank Julie and Cheryl once again for teaching this month also a thank you to Randal for leading "children's worship". This month was a perfect month to use the Valentine celebration to reinforce the fact that God is love; He has taught us how to love and He loves us and all His creation. We can all use that reminder!

The month of March will be lead by Michelle, along with "Cowboy Randy". This month's focus will be on Jesus. Michelle will be teaching on the fact that Jesus is our true Friend and we can totally trust Him to calm our troubled hearts (as he calmed the sea). It's Jesus (with the Holy Spirit) that helps us focus on God, to walk through all the problems we endure. Lent is a perfect season to teach the children how much God loves us...who else would endure the pain He endured for us?

We desperately are in need of a Sunday school leader. Michele has given of her heart and time for many years, and feels God's leading in other areas of her family's life. Please pray and consider if this position in our church would be in an area that you could service God, your church.

We also are in great need of teachers. Please continue to pray that God brings us teacher to guide the children that He has sent us! He will answer these prayers, in his time.



Sunday School children Painting Love Boxes





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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# Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. 10:15 Sunday Service 10:30 Sunday School 	2. Pastor Day Off	3. 11:00 am <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>  7:00 pm <b><u>Ladies Bible Study</u></b>	4. 9:30 am <b><u>Ladies Bible Study</u></b>  7:00 pm <b><u>Prayer Meeting</u></b>	5.  7:00 pm <b><u>Corn Hole</u></b>	6. 10:00 am <b><u>Pastor Bible Study</u></b>	7. 
8. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	9. Pastor's Day Off	10. 11:00 <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>  7:00 pm <b><u>Ladies Bible Study</u></b>	11. 9:30 am <b><u>Ladies Bible Study</u></b>  7:00pm <b><u>Prayer meeting</u></b>	12.  7:00 pm <b><u>Corn Hole</u></b>	13. 10:00am <b><u>Pastor's Bible Study</u></b>	14. 9:00am <b><u>Men's Breakfast</u></b>  
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