

Prayers Needs:

- For the Hassoo family, in refugee camp, may God guide everything in preparation to come to Canada and may it be a safe and uneventful trip
  - As we welcome new Pastor family Tim & Jaymie, and Silas Peters we thank the Lord for their arrival and prayers that their time here will be a God filled time of learning and growing in their faith and plans for their future as their family grows
  - Redberry Camp—Please pray for energy and strength for our staff as we continue through the summer. Also pray that campers would continue to register for the August weeks!
  - Prayer for Curtis (husband of Jolene, Elsie & Pius Houk's granddaughter) as he battles cancer...recent tests not as promising as had been hoped. Pray for Gods comfort and healing.
  - Robert Bach—faith and strength with his medical issues and for both him and Selma to have God's peace
  - Tom Larsen (Cindy's husband, Ericka's dad)—long term health problems—pray for knowledge, guidance and healing
  - Bal Nievaes—back in the Philippines and work at the School and the Nievaes family ministry.
  - Gerry & Shirley Falk-Int'l Student Ministry at U of S
  - James & Theresa Huculak-Quezon City, Philippines equipping future Asian church leaders
  - Kirstie Kline-working with Youth for Christ
  - Jared LaCoste —with Athlete's in Action
  - Russ & Marg Speiser-serving in France
- FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Brian & Doreen Schmidt

Camps are now into the last few weeks of the summer camping season. Please pray for the staff and volunteers at Redberry and West Bank Bible Camp—for an extra measure of energy, wisdom and joy!

*This week pray for—Tony & Michelle Martens*

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**Pastor Brad will be away on the following dates:**

**September 17-29, 2017**

**October 10, 2017 — February 14, 2018**



**AUGUST 6 2017**

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**This Week at a Glance:**

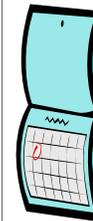
Tuesday—Men's Prayer Breakfast on summer break

Tuesday—Ladies Prayer Meeting on summer break.

**Evening Prayer time Wednesday nights 7:00pm**

Thursday—2:00pm Friends on summer break

**Sunday— 10:00am Worship Service**



**Note upcoming Events on your Calendar:**

August 24-CFC Lodge Service 2:00pm

**MCC Connects:** Looking for ways to serve locally with MCC? **Host an IVEP participant!**

Hosts are needed in Saskatoon for the International Volunteer Exchange Program beginning September 2017 - July 2018. By hosting an IVEPer you contribute to sustainable development internationally while sharing stories and culture with a passionate Christian young adult! For more information please contact IVEP Sask Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at [KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555.

## The Story of God (and your place in it!): Hezekiah/Isaiah

**Reflect:** Think of time God has answered you in your distress.

Judah once in a while has a faithful king who tries to follow and obey God, Hezekiah was one of these kings.

Hezekiah's father, Ahaz, was unfaithful and the kingdom of Judah was in a state of distress as a result of his reign. Hezekiah inherits a kingdom in rebellion and goes to work to try to restore it.

He leads the people in repenting and returning to worshipping God. He tries to be a faithful king.

### **See 2 Chronicles 29-31, 2 Kings 18.**

We get a beautiful picture of Judah and Hezekiah early on but this time is not without its troubles. Assyria is growing in power. They conquer and exile Israel and they invade part of Judah, making plans to conquer Jerusalem.

Hezekiah makes military preparations but his faith is ultimately in God. He tells his people: **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. with him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.**” (2 Ch. 32:7-8).

The King of Assyria sends messengers to Jerusalem to threaten and terrify the people. We see in Hezekiah (and Isaiah) what our response should be when we are in distress: **“King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven”** (2 Ch. 32:20).

In response to their prayer God says he will act in their defence and he does. When the king of Assyria threatens again Hezekiah again

turns to God in prayer and God again speaks to him through Isaiah. **(see 2 Kings 19).** God will deliver his people!

In Hezekiah's story we see a man who, while not perfect, walks faithfully with God in times of blessing and prosperity and cries out to God in times of distress.

**Reflect:** Where do you turn in times of distress? Who do you rely on? God (like Hezekiah) or someone else, perhaps yourself (like Ahaz)?

God shows his goodness and faithfulness to Hezekiah and Judah and delivers them. This deliverance would be temporary (Judah would continue in sin and eventually suffer exile like Israel) but it is a small foretaste of God's eternal plan for his people. This deliverance was temporary but God's plan for his people is eternal deliverance, not through any earthly king, but through Jesus.

The prophets Isaiah and Micah point God's people to this eternal plan and Deliverer:

**see Isaiah 9, 61, 53, Micah 5, 7.**

In grace and love God promises his people eternal deliverance from the oppression of sin, death, and hell. He delivers on this promise through Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection.

We learn from Hezekiah the blessing that comes from walking with God. No matter what comes in our lives we know God is with us and is working for our eternal good. Even when things look bleak we can trust God is working. We can know we can cry out to him and he answers. And we know that whatever happens here and now, he has provided for our eternal deliverance! God is faithful to deliver Hezekiah when he cries out to Him and He is faithful to deliver us eternally when we cry out to Him for salvation!