



SEE

conference

singles engaged & empowered

November 1&2, 2019
Centre Street Church
Calgary, Alberta

Welcome to the SEE Conference 2019!

This SEE Conference is the first of its kind at Centre Street Church. Centred Singles is a ministry consisting of a series of missional communities that are intentional about reaching out to singles and spurring one another on in our spiritual walk with the Lord. We are also a ministry that wants to see singles engaged and empowered in the body of Christ in churches across the city. Our desire is to be a resource and encouragement to pastors, church leaders, singles and all with a heart for inclusivity in the church. Our hope and prayer is that you are engaged and empowered for all that God has for you.

A committee of very dedicated volunteers has been hard at work behind the scenes to put together everything for this conference. It is truly a privilege to serve with this team that has such a heart and vision for the Lord and His people. Our desire is that the SEE conference will be a valuable experience for everyone who is involved. Our volunteers, many who are singles in our communities, are here to serve you—hoping that you may have a truly exceptional experience. If you have any questions or need prayer or directions during the conference, please look for the volunteers with the SEE teal shirts and name tags. Our volunteers are so appreciated. We could not do this without them!

I invite you to press in to all that God is saying to you through the range of expert speakers who are giving of their time and talents to bless us in the Lord.

We would like to thank Centre Street Church for making this opportunity possible and the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada for their support and endorsement. Let's enjoy this opportunity to connect, equip and encourage one another that we may all SEE singles engaged and empowered for the glory of God.



Melanie Nelson, Director, SEE Conference 2019
On behalf of the SEE Conference 2019 Committee



A note of encouragement from EMCC

The SEE Conference matters to the future of the church in Canada! For this reason our ambition is to inspire our leaders to understand the untapped potential of singles as people of influence. Toward this end the EMCC is participating in the SEE experience and is striking a 2020 National SEE Commission designed to create a pathway for increased engagement and empowerment of singles in our faith communities. Congratulations and thanks to the SEE leadership for creating this catalytic event.



Kervin Raugust, President
Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada



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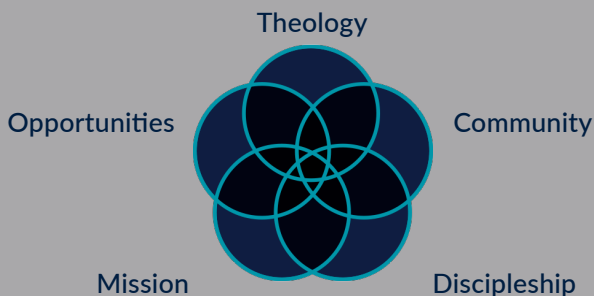
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Our Vision for the SEE Conference

Thanks for coming and having a part in the 2019 SEE Conference! This conference is intended to equip churches to more effectively engage and empower single adults for vibrant kingdom-serving ministry. Statistics show that in Canada single adults outnumber married adults overall and that almost two out of three of unchurched North American adults are single. Yet inside the North American church they remain significantly underrepresented in virtually every meaningful measure of church engagement including attendance, giving, service and leadership.

The primary goal of the SEE conference is to provide both single adults and church leaders a foundational vision for addressing this imbalance in order to more effectively equip and engage all our people for discipleship and kingdom service in the twenty-first century. The conference will do this by addressing the five tenets for effective singles ministry engagement outlined below:



Theology will lay a solid biblical-theological foundation of where singleness fits within the greater work and plan of God for humanity. Community addresses critical strategies for how to more effectively integrate singles into community within the Body of Christ. Discipleship will creatively reflect on how to disciple single adults and how singles are uniquely positioned to be powerful disciple-makers within the Body of Christ. Mission will address how to give singles a vision for serving the Kingdom of God in unique and strategic capacities. Finally, opportunities will introduce fresh thinking on how to address some of the distinct opportunities and challenges involving single adults that frequently arise within the church community.

It is our hope and prayer that this conference will be an open opportunity for starting the conversation on singleness in the church. Please feel free to join the conversation and share your ideas and thoughts with us!



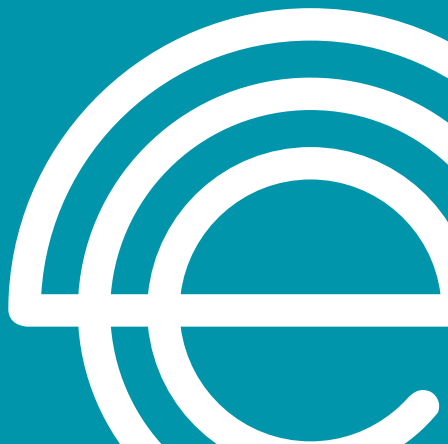
Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak
Community Pastor Single Adult Ministries
Centre Street Church





We proclaim Him admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom that we may present every person complete in Christ.

Colossians 1:28 (BND)



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration and Coffee Main Floor
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome and Introduction Chapel (Second Floor)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Session 1 Chapel (Second Floor) Radical Discipleship - Lewie Clark
8:00 PM - 8:15 PM	Break
8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Worship Music Chapel (Second Floor)
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Spoken Word Performance Chapel (Second Floor) Val Lieske
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Connection Time Galleria (Second Floor) Meet n' Greet, Games and Ice Cream

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Coffee Main Floor
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome and Worship Music Chapel (Second Floor)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 2 Chapel (Second Floor) Grounded Theology - Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Session 3 Chapel (Second Floor) Community at the Core - Melanie Nelson
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Session 4 Chapel (Second Floor) Strategies for Engaging Our LGBTQ+ Friends and Neighbours - Dr. Christopher Yuan
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Connecting Cafe (Main Floor)
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Session 5 Chapel (Second Floor) Emboldened Mission - Pastor Lawrence Irwin
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Breakout Session 1 Various Locations
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Breakout Session 2 Various Locations
4:30 PM	Cafe Opens
6:30 PM	Centre Street Church Saturday Service

Exhibits and Appleseed Resource Centre are open throughout the conference.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1 | November 2, 2:45 - 3:30 PM

A. Engaging Our LGBTQ+ Friends and Neighbours - Questions

Dr. Christopher Yuan | [Chapel \(Second Floor\)](#)

B. Single - A plot point in the story you are telling with your life

Val Lieske | [Maranatha \(Main Floor\)](#)

C. Designed for Mission

Dr. Brad Friesen | [114 \(Main Floor\)](#)

D. Unleashing your Leadership Potential in Building Community

Melanie Nelson and Elizabeth Loewen | [Theatre B \(Main Floor\)](#)

E. Sexuality and the Single Christian

Rosemary Flaaten | [Theatre A \(Main Floor\)](#)

F. How to Avoid an Ordinary Life

Verdeen Bueckert | [Prayer Chapel \(Second Floor\)](#)

G. Finding Resilience, Balance and Meaning When There Is Compassion Fatigue and Burnout

Margaret Wright and Mia Kitteringham | [Theatre C \(Main Floor\)](#)

H. Avoiding the Gossip Train Wreck

Glen Sharegan | [Conference A \(Second Floor\)](#)

Session 2 | November 2, 3:45 - 4:30 PM

A. Strategies for Being a Single-Friendly Church

Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak | [Prayer Chapel \(Second Floor\)](#)

B. Friendship and Singleness

Lewie Clark | [Chapel \(Second Floor\)](#)

C. Sexual Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Kevin Trick | [Conference A \(Second Floor\)](#)

D. Roots to Branches

Jutta Wittmeier | [Theatre A \(Main Floor\)](#)

E. The Improbable Romance of Jim and Elizabeth Elliot

Shafer Parker | [Theatre B \(Main Floor\)](#)

F. Evangelism in Our Everyday Life

Andrew Fewell | [114 \(Main Floor\)](#)

G. Cast Your Net on the Other Side

Amy Beange | [Theatre C \(Main Floor\)](#)

H. Conflict Resolution

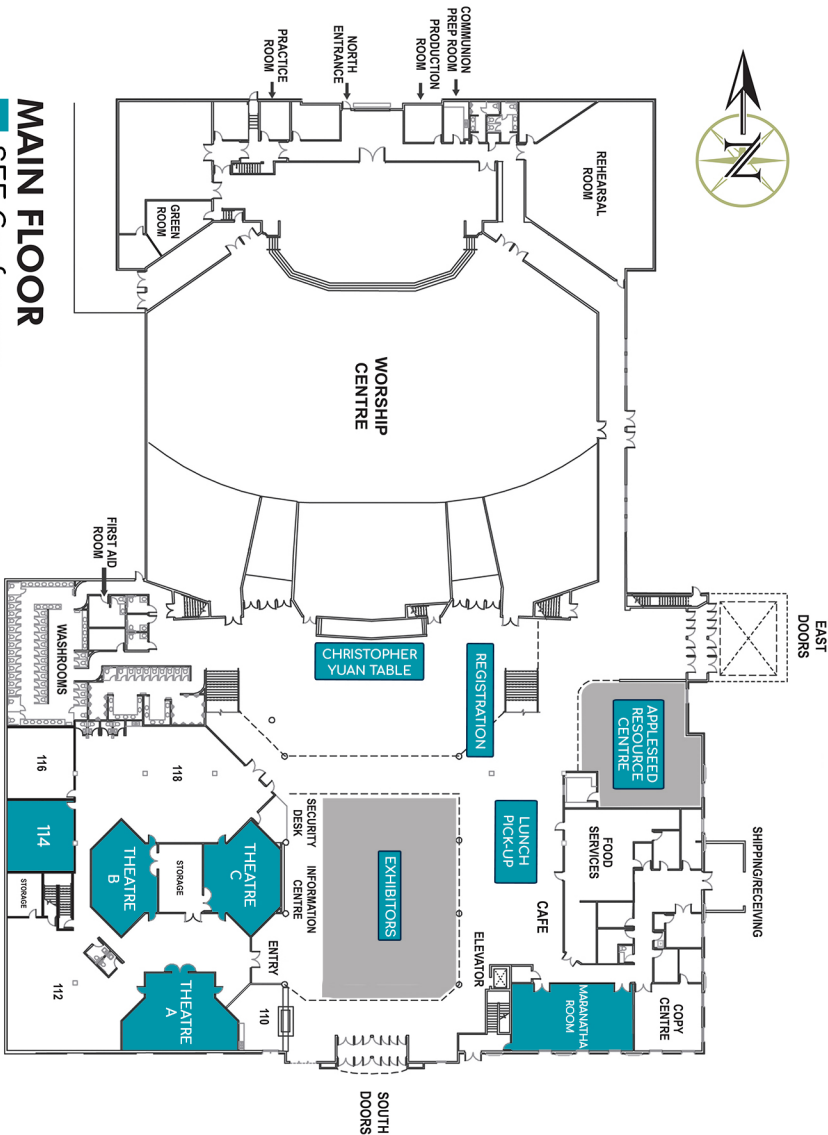
Patricia Garner | [Maranatha \(Main Floor\)](#)

CENTRE STREET CHURCH



MAIN FLOOR

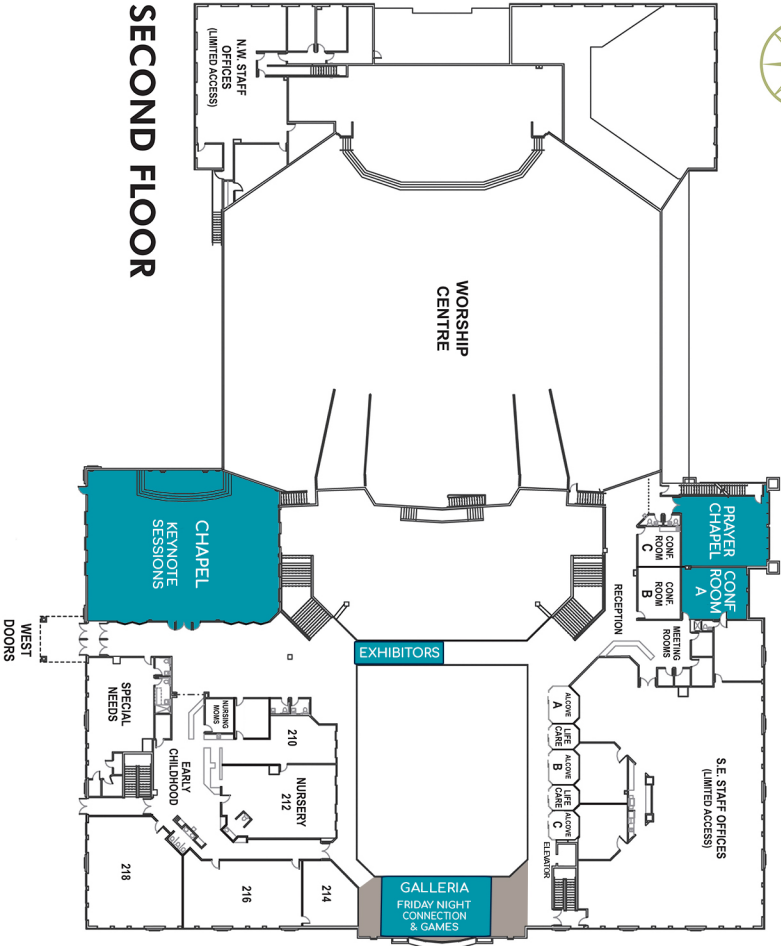
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CENTRE STREET CHURCH



SECOND FLOOR



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak



Barry currently serves as the community pastor for single adults at Centre Street Church in Calgary where he has developed a vision for integrating singles into missional community with an emphasis on disciple-making and empowered kingdom service. Barry is an international speaker and author on the topic of singleness. He is uniquely qualified in his ability to engage the topic effectively on four levels: exegetically, biblically/theologically, practically in church ministry, and personally. Barry offers deep understanding of singleness in the biblical context from his research in the ancient world and New Testament (PhD, University of Cambridge). His biblical theology of singleness (Redeeming Singleness: How the Storyline of Scripture Affirms the Single Life, Crossway: 2010) has been used in seminary courses, mission conferences and spiritual retreats. As a never-married single man himself, Barry is not only a valued expert on the subject matter, but has had opportunity to experience and live out first-hand the biblical truth as a part of his own personal journey. Barry has also served as Adjunct Professor of Theology for Rocky Mountain College in Calgary.



Dr. Christopher Yuan



Dr. Christopher Yuan has taught the Bible at Moody Bible Institute for over ten years and his speaking ministry on faith and sexuality has reached five continents. He speaks at conferences, on college campuses, and in churches. He has co-authored with his mother their memoir, *Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God, A Broken Mother's Search for Hope* (100,000 copies sold and now in seven languages). He is also the author of *Giving a Voice to the Voiceless*. Christopher graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 2005, Wheaton College Graduate School in 2007 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis and received his doctorate of ministry in 2014 from Bethel Seminary. Dr. Yuan's newest book is *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story*.



Lewie Clark



Lewie Clark is a disciple-maker. With pastoral experience in large churches, small churches, church planting, and even a stint in higher education, he has spent his life learning to love others well. Lewie's heart is to see the next generation follow Jesus, and he is currently living and ministering in Chicago, IL. Interact with Lewie more at: iconministries.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Lawrence Irwin



Lawrence has a B.Sc. degree, and became a Doctor of Chiropractic at age 25. At around the same time Jesus changed his life, and gave him a heart to share Jesus with others. Over the last 20 years he has been blessed to see people come to Christ from his family, friends, workplace, prisons, street ministry, and numerous different outreaches. Lawrence left the chiropractic world two and a half years ago to work full time at Centre Street Church in Young Adults, and various evangelism ministries. He and a group of others started Monday Night Evangelism in 2002, which is a ministry that continues today, and has birthed numerous other evangelism ministries in our city, country, and world. Lawrence is blessed with a wife of 17 years, and three children, Lela (16), Benjamin (14), and Emelia (12). He loves sports, especially playing hockey. His primary gifting is evangelism, and equipping the church in the work of evangelism.



Melanie Nelson



Melanie currently serves on Centre Street Church's Board of Governors and Ministry Health Committee as well as Sr. Community Leader in Single Adult Ministries. She is an IT Professional and enjoys serving in the church using her leadership, team building and project management skills and is passionate about building community in the body of Christ. She is currently completing a Master's degree in Christian ministry leadership at CSBS.

Melanie loves to travel and has lead missions teams and a spiritual care team to Ukraine and Philippines, respectively. Melanie loves to come alongside leaders and see them develop and grow as God leads.



Val Lieske



Val is the founder and Artistic Director of Fire Exit Theatre which is launching its 18th season in Calgary. She has a BA in Theatre & Speech from Trinity Guild (UK) and is a member of the Playwrights' Guild of Canada. She, along with her colleague, Barrett Hileman, launched the first ever Theatre Program at Ambrose University which is now part of Ambrose Arts. Val worked for 15 years with Centre Street Church in Creative Arts and Communications. She is an adjunct professor with Alberta Bible College teaching an Arts & Culture class and freelances as a speaker, educator, spoken word artist, and writer. She believes that the only way to change culture is to create culture and that storytellers are changing the world. Val is one-half of the Arts Chaplain team in Calgary and loves nothing more than drinking good coffee with creative people.

A close-up photograph of a teal-colored wooden door. The door has a vertical grain and shows signs of wear. A brass handle with an ornate, dark metal plate is mounted on the door. Below the handle is a rectangular metal latch plate. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of yellow and green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

SEE Hope

God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf.

Hebrews 6:18-20 (NIV)

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Amy Beange



Amy is a life-long Christian who has lived in Calgary for eight years. She is a speaker with Faith Beyond Belief, specializing in worldview issues and impact of religion on society. An interest in apologetics was sparked through an online conversation with someone who had questions about the Bible.

Amy also works at Rocky Mountain College as an adjunct professor of the Bible and an administrative assistant. She attends the Bridgeland campus of Centre Street Church and enjoys reading, dancing and target shooting.



Andrew Fewell



Andrew joined the staff of the Gideon's as the Regional Manager for AB, SK & North in 2018. Prior to that he worked for The City of Calgary. Andrew met Jesus in 2007, but before he met Christ he had drug and alcohol addiction, and was in trouble with the law as well.

"Before I went to prison, I accepted the Lord. He melted my heart. He changed me and took away my addictions. I got a university degree in business and He even brought my family back."

About 12 years ago Andrew went to an outdoor rave in British Columbia, and partied for four or five days straight. But what should've been a distraction for Andrew turned into deep reflection. When he returned home, he felt completely empty.

Intrigued by his Jesus-transformed friend, Andrew agreed to join him at church, then to be discipled by him in a Bible study that turned into five years of growing in God's Word.

Together with this same church family, Andrew began a ministry called "Fishers of Men." As a team, they hit the streets of Calgary twice a month to share the Good News of Jesus with people.

"We share our testimonies, hand out Scriptures and pray with people," says Andrew.

The distractions in life—partying, drugs and alcohol—that used to entertain Andrew can't compare to the new life and purpose he's found in Christ. "Our life here is so short," he concludes. "God has put us where we are in our lives for a reason; we all have a sphere of influence. We need to be bold with our faith."

"There is nothing better you can do in your entire life than introduce someone to Jesus. Absolutely nothing."

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Dr. Brad Friesen



Brad and his wife, Krista, have two daughters and they attend Centre Street Church, where Dr. Friesen is the Pastor of Global Ministries, overseeing over 150 partners globally. From Saskatoon, SK., Brad and Krista moved to Calgary in 2000. A third generation pastor, Brad quickly found a pastoral position and completed his Masters of Divinity.

Brad has been in ministry for 24 years and now holds his doctorate in Global and Contextual Leadership from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is the creator and president of the School of Identity, which helps people to know their identity in Christ, in practical terms. Brad has travelled globally and has a desire to bring global and culturally intelligent strategy to discipleship. Recognized for his global speaking and award winning research, Brad is excited to bring his expertise and heart to the SEE Conference to help people understand who they are in Christ and who others are in Christ, in practical ways.



Elizabeth Loewen



Elizabeth is a founding leader in the Koinonia community and has served on the lead team for over 5 years. She is a teacher with a BA (Hons) and a Masters in Teaching. As a junior high teacher in an Indigenous community, she realizes the importance of belonging and having a supportive community. This is one of the main reasons she is so passionate about building community and relationships for singles in Christian community.



Glen Sharegan



Glen has been involved in the early stages and leadership of three singles ministries in Ottawa and Calgary. He is a regular speaker at Centred Singles in Calgary as well as a strategic leader and small group facilitator. Glen has been a missionary to Hungary, served in relief and disaster responses in Haiti, Indonesia Samoa and Canada. He has worked in corporate sales, client service management, debt counselling and the financial industry. He currently uses his skills volunteering as a financial and debt coach, employment coach, discipler, teacher, usher and proactive welcomer at Centre Street Church and First Alliance Church in Calgary. He has a BRE in Biblical Studies from Briercrest Bible Collage and a BComm In Finance from the University of Calgary.

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Jutta Wittmeier



Jutta has served at the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre in various capacities for well over twenty-five years. She began her involvement with the Centre as a volunteer, and is currently the Executive Director. Jutta has a passion for training others in the areas of counselling and mentoring as she has seen the difference a caring, well-equipped, volunteer community can make in the lives of those served by Pregnancy Care Centres. She has a special interest in grief and trauma awareness and counselling and a firm commitment to provide relevant, sensitive, and meaningful opportunities for healing. Jutta trains Post Abortion and Adoption facilitators nationally and internationally. She has also co-authored a book on adoption called *Affirming the Birthmother's Journey*. Jutta loves learning, research and reading and admits to a serious book addiction.



Rev. Dr. Kevin Trick



Kevin serves as the Community Pastor for Men at Centre Street Church. He previously worked for Promise Keepers Canada for ten years, and before that as an Associate Pastor of a Baptist Church in Winnipeg. Kevin also holds a Teaching Certification, a Journeyman qualification as a welder, and served with the Canadian Forces Reserves (as a paratrooper and Demolitions Instructor) for twelve years.

Kevin and Joy have been married for 38 years, and have three adult children (Michael, Stephen, and Jenny). Kevin went to the University of Manitoba (B.SC (Physics), and B.Ed), and received his Masters of Divinity from the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane. He completed his Doctorate at Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. He loves the outdoors, where Joy and he hike the mountains during the summer and snowshoe/ski during the winter. He recently took up the sport of triathlon, having completed several half-Ironman and two full Ironman events. Kevin also serves as a Volunteer Chaplain with the Calgary Police Service, ministering to those serving in Traffic, Canine, and Tactical units. His personal mission statement is to "impact men with the Truth so that they might be Christ to others".

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Margaret Wright



Margaret is a long time member of St. James Anglican Church where she serves both on their worship team and Mission's committee. She is a registered nurse working part-time at the Alberta Children's Hospital and has her degree in nursing from the U. of Manitoba, with 35 years of working in her profession. She has recently stepped down from both starting and leading a worship team for one of the Singles groups at Center Street Church. Margaret was a victim of crime and suffered injustice in the court system. She brings years of research from bibliotherapy for her own healing. Margaret teaches on brain functioning, the impact of PTSD on the brain & body and how to assist a victim of crime. Her teaching includes trauma training and resiliency training for compassion fatigue and burnout. Margaret has a heart for those who are struggling to make sense of their world and a passion to see many find wholeness and healing from the brokenness of their lives. She has a heart to bring hope to those who feel there is none and, like her, discover beauty in this world. She also has a passion to use music as a bridge to bring others into a place of healing for themselves and others.



Mia Kitteringham



Mia is a registered Counsellor through Canadian Professional Counselling Association (#3875) with a specialty in ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences). Her passion is to support, validate and enrich the lives of individuals affected by life's traumatic experiences. She has extensive mentoring experience in working with families and vulnerable populations and creates weekly blogs for marginalized women. Learn more about Mia at Hope4theheart.net.



Patricia Garner



Patricia currently serves at Centre Street Church as a Community Leader in the Single Adult Teleios Ministry and Children's Ministry. She is a Program Coordinator and Facilitator and is pleased to serve the church using her experience in mentoring, conflict resolution, facilitation and leadership. Patricia's gifts of service has taken her to working with junior high school students, leading a mentoring program and mentoring a government pilot project with the Mustard Seed. Patricia is committed to sharing her faith with others in the quest to share the joy of Jesus through word and deed.

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Rosemary Flaaten



Rosemary is a long time member at Centre Street Church and is involved in the areas of leadership development, global missions, teaching and preaching. Most recently she has helped CSC plan and manage the By Design series that delved into the topics of identity and sexuality. She is an adjunct professor for a number of colleges around Alberta and also travels extensively, both nationally and internationally, to teach on the topics of spiritual formation, leadership and sexuality. She is an author and life coach.



Shafer Parker



Shafer is a Staff Apologist and works in Church Relations at Faith Beyond Belief. Shafer brings 39 years of pastoral experience to FBB, most recently finishing a 12-year stint as senior pastor of Hawkwood Baptist Church in Calgary. He has an M.Div. from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently completing a D.Min. in Applied Theology with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Shafer also spent seven years as a professional journalist and editor. Shafer has been married to his wife, Jeanne, for 43 years. Together they are parents of two sons who have blessed them with six grandchildren. Shafer has spoken at a wide variety of events and has taught at seminaries in Russia, Ukraine and Cameroon. He teaches and speaks on a wide variety of topics, giving an apologetics-related connection to each.



Verdeen Bueckert



Verdeen leads quality improvement in Alberta's health system. Her team's work to improve seniors' care is recognized nationally and internationally. Verdeen is a Registered Nurse with a Masters in Christian Leadership.

SEE Singles Differently

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Radical Discipleship: Singles at the Centre of the Discipling Vision of the Church

Lewie Clark



Session 1 November 1 7:00 PM

About this session:

At the center of the expansion of the early church was a radical commitment to discipleship that empowered both marrieds and singles. Looking closely at the model of the early church, disciple-maker, Lewie Clark, takes us on a journey in examining some of their methods of discipleship and how singles can play a vital role in disciple-making as leaders on the forefront of kingdom expansion.

Grounded Theology: The Needed Paradigm Shift in How We See Singleness in the Church

Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak



Session 2 November 2 9:00 AM

About this session:

In a culture where singles now outnumber marrieds, it is vital to ground our perspective of singleness and marriage in what Scripture really teaches. Following the storyline of Scripture, Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak provides a fresh biblical-theological foundation for the paradigm shift in how singleness is viewed within the new covenant and demonstrates how this shift is rooted in the redemptive work of Christ.

Community at the Core: Keys to Integrating Singles into the Life of the Church

Melanie Nelson



Session 3 November 2 10:30 AM

About this session:

Though the church was designed by God to be in inclusive spiritual family, singles are underrepresented in all dimensions of church life. What are the pros and cons of a dedicated Singles' ministry? Singles ministry leader, Melanie Nelson, explores community in the early church as a foundation for developing practical approaches for effectively integrating singles into the community life of churches of all sizes.

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Opportunities and Challenges: Strategies for Engaging Our LGBTQ+ Friends and Neighbours

Dr. Christopher Yuan



Session 4 November 2 11:30 AM

About this session:

Sexual identity is one of the most relevant topics of our day and most Christians know someone who is gay. How can Christians better engage with our loved ones and friends in the LGBTQ+ community? Without any compromise of truth or grace, Dr. Christopher Yuan combines his life experiences and his theological training in biblical languages to bring a fresh and unique perspective on this important topic.

Emboldened Mission: Singles Poised for Service to the Kingdom

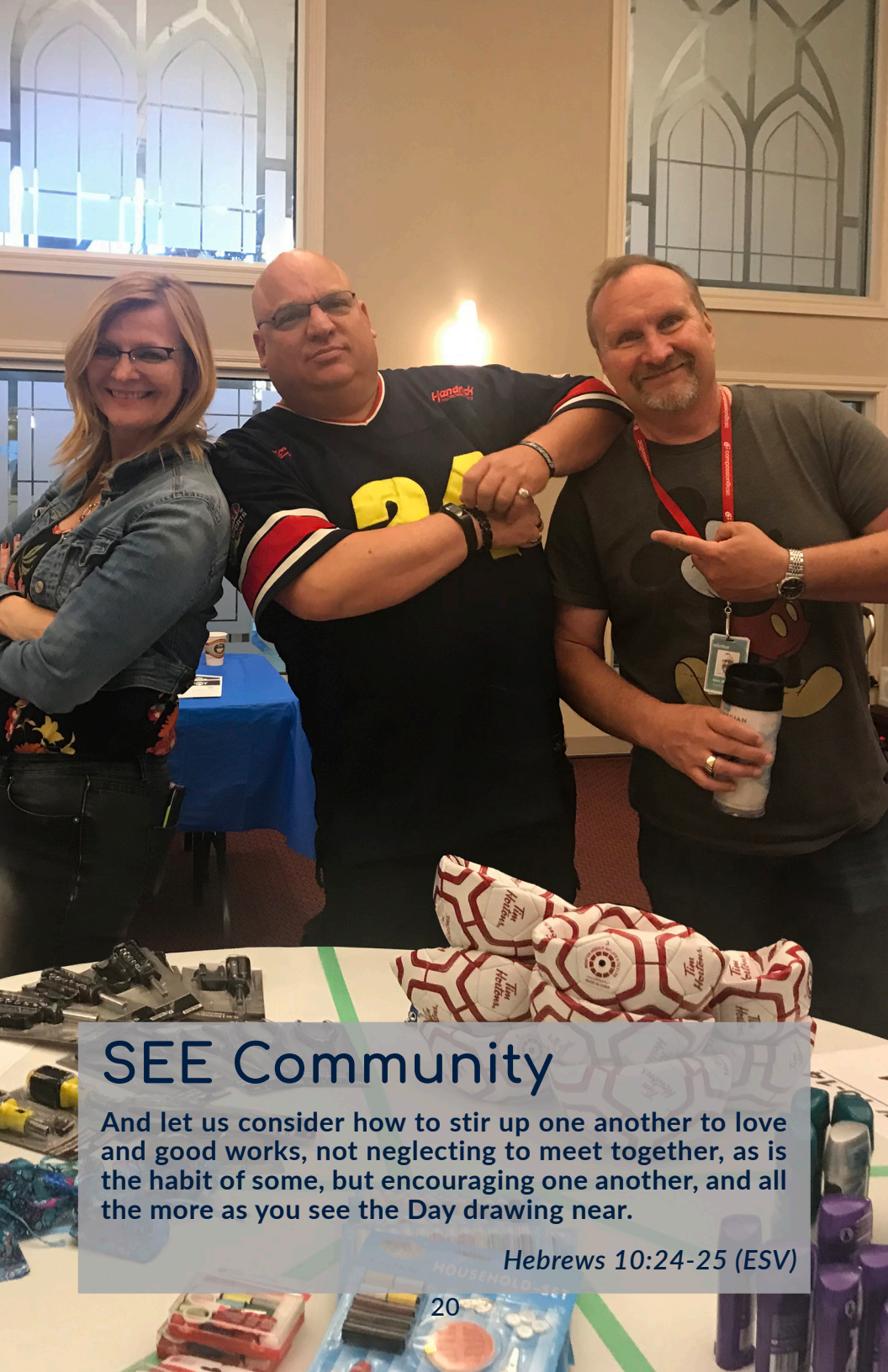
Lawrence Irwin



Session 5 November 2 1:30 PM

About this session:

In the context of Jesus' great commission to the church and the model of the early Christian expansion, singles are uniquely positioned for radical kingdom service. Lawrence Irwin explores how singles are strategically poised to be leaders in the evangelistic mission of the kingdom of God with personal examples of how to motivate and empower young adults for radical kingdom service.



SEE Community

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

A. Engaging Our LGBTQ+ Friends and Neighbours: Questions and Responses

Dr. Christopher Yuan



About this session:

This session will follow on Dr. Yuan's keynote session on how Christians can better engage with their friends and loved ones in the LGBTQ+ community. This session, moderated by Dr. Barry Danylak, will provide opportunity to address the practical challenges that arise when balancing truth and love, as we engage and invite LGBTQ persons into Christian community. There will be opportunity to take questions from the floor.

B. Single – A Plot Point in the Story You are Telling with Your Life

Val Lieske



About this session:

How to live life intentionally using all the elements of story – character, adventure, conflict, risk. Everything you need to tell a good story are exactly the things you need to live a good life.

C. Designed for Mission

Dr. Brad Friesen



About this session:

God has created you in His image, but you are unique compared to others. Too often this is why we feel like we don't fit. We assume God's mission only takes an availability from us. But He wants to use us the way He made us. He doesn't ask us to live outside of the design He created us with. In fact, His design reveals His will for our lives. Designed for Mission will look at how God has created you in His image with unique details that are all you. We will look at what our identity in Christ means in practical terms.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

D. Unleashing Your Leadership Potential in Building Community

Melanie Nelson and Elizabeth Loewen



About this session:

All of us have spiritual gifts. Learn how to recognize and unleash your potential for God's kingdom. Join Elizabeth and Melanie as they explore innovative and creative ways to use your inspired gifts and leadership skills to engage singles (and others!) in community and the broader body of Christ.

E. Sexuality and the Single Christian: Are Our Only Options "Don't!" or "Go For It!"?

Rosemary Flaaten



About this session:

All humans are created with a need for love and intimacy. Additionally, God designed men and women to have sexual desires. Culture blasts the message that sexual fulfillment is paramount and necessary to thrive. This poses a challenge for single Christians who desire to live by the traditional biblical sexual ethic. How do we live with a pure heart while also finding appropriate ways to meet our needs and desires? What hope does Scripture provide? With sensitivity and candor, Rosemary will speak to these real struggles around sexuality, and will offer biblical-based, practical ways to live a life that is rich with intimacy and relationships in ways that will not squelch desires but rather spur their fulfillment found in Christ.

F. How to Avoid an Ordinary Life

Verdeen Bueckert



About this session:

Jesus promised some audacious things. He says that anyone who believes in him will do the same works he has done, and even greater works. He says that you can ask for anything in his name and he will do it. There's just one condition. Discipleship, leadership, community and mission depend upon it. And yet this condition is frequently missed and misunderstood. It's not complicated, but it is difficult. Your mission is found in the Coles Notes version of the Sermon on the Mount. Practice these 23 verses, and embark on your extraordinary life!

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

G. Finding Resilience, Balance and Meaning When There Is Compassion Fatigue and Burnout

Margaret Wright and Mia Kitteringham



About this session:

Stress can affect all of us at work and in ministry. Margaret and Mia will be addressing traumatic stress and resilience in these areas. They will be covering the importance of soul care and how to care well for those in our communities who have experienced trauma, how to tell the differences between helpful stress and traumatic stress, how to build resilience to face your own workplace/ministry stress, and how to build the resilience of others.

H. Avoiding the Gossip Train Wreck

Glen Sharegan



About this session:

All of us have seen the impact of gossip within community and wanted to do something. This session will offer a practical discussion of how to react when you are the victim of gossip and how to prevent it from starting and spreading. Participants will leave with a pocket guide with tips on how to handle gossip.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

A. Strategies for Being a Single-Friendly Church: How to Be a Church That Attracts, Integrates and Empowers Singles

Rev. Dr. Barry Danylak



About this session:

Singles remain underrepresented in every area of church life. This session offers a pastor's perspective on some lessons learned in how to draw singles into the local church community and integrate them into every aspect of church life. Whether your church is large or small, we will address a variety of ways and approaches to engaging singles into community, effectively discipling them, and releasing them for service and leadership in the church.

B. Friendship and Singleness

Lewie Clark



About this session:

As the kingdom of God expanded we see how ministry flowed out of the friendships between singles such as Barnabas, Paul, Titus, Timothy, and Luke. In this breakout session we will look at: the factors in North American culture that inhibit singles in developing friendships; how friendship comes from the essence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and how they relate to one another and mankind; the misconceptions about friendship within the church; and practical steps a single can take to build friendships.

C. Sexual Discipleship: Living Out God's Design, God's Way, in God's Power Modeling and Teaching a Lifestyle of God's Truth as It Relates to Our Sexuality

Rev. Dr. Kevin Trick



About this session:

It's not enough to know what we, as Christ-followers, are to think; we must be trained in how to think and how to follow Christ obediently in our real-life decisions and the struggles we face. We may know that God wants us to save ourselves sexually until marriage, but we must understand why purity matters, what to do if we've made mistakes, and how God enables us to live a life that honors Him. We must learn how to apply the broader message of the gospel (Jesus' love and redemption, the power of the Holy Spirit's indwelling) to our lives in all circumstances.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

D. Roots to Branches: Thriving Through Challenging Circumstances

Jutta Wittmeier



About this session:

We all start with hopes, plans and dreams for a wonderful future. Many of us, however, find ourselves on a path we didn't anticipate. Sometimes we are there because of unanticipated results of our own choices, but often we are there because of the choices of others; choices over which we have no control. In this workshop we will explore how the unexpected losses in life can be the opportunity for growth.

E. The Improbable Romance of Jim and Elizabeth Elliot: What Happens When a Dedicated Celibate Meets the Woman of His Dreams

Shafer Parker



About this session:

Jim Elliot was committed to living the single life in service to the Lord. Then he met Elizabeth, the first woman whose single-minded determination to serve God equalled, or perhaps exceeded, his. Their diaries and letters form the basis for a deep examination of how serious-minded single Christians balance priorities under the Lordship of Christ.

F. Evangelism in Our Everyday Life

Andrew Fewell



About this session:

As our time is limited, we need to make the most of every opportunity to point people towards Jesus. No matter what stage of life you're in, God provides opportunities and wants to use you! Come join the fun and be engaged in this interactive workshop as we look at different tools on how to share your faith.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

G. Cast Your Net on the Other Side: Improving Your Odds at Finding Love

Amy Beange



About this session:

So often, Christian women think that God will simply drop the man of their dreams into their lap “when the time is right”. But what if God wants to partner with you in your love life rather than doing it for you? Remember the saying, “God can’t steer a parked car”? Let’s explore some of the ways that we accidentally sabotage ourselves and what simple things we can do to improve our odds in our quest for love.

H. Conflict Resolution

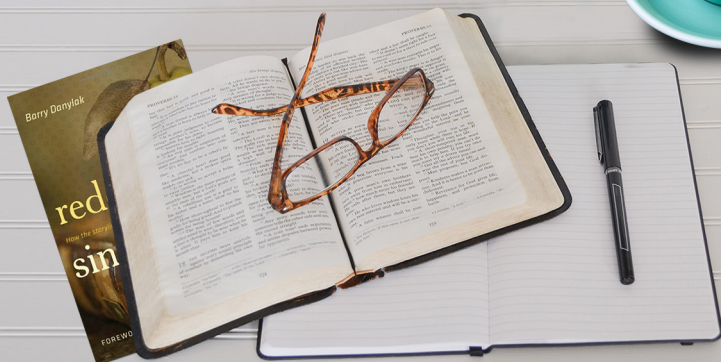
Patricia Garner



About this session:

In this session we will identify your current, and most preferred conflict management style (both strengths and weaknesses). Participants will gain some self-awareness of “the think-feel-do cycle” and we will on touch on strategies to handle emotions in self and others.

RESOURCES FOR SALE



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Dr. Christopher
Yuan's resources
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WORSHIP



Rick Lett



Rick is originally from Saskatchewan and studied music at the University of Saskatchewan, the Banff Centre, and various workshops around North America. He has spent most of his adult life teaching band and instrumental music, from elementary to university levels. He has played for symphonies in Canada and overseas, numerous jazz projects and festivals, and recorded for Canada Council projects and classical CBC national radio broadcasts. His chief joy is found in worshipping our Lord; all else pales in comparison. He has been blessed to be a part of the worship experience at Centred Singles and has a passion for sharing that joy with others.



Milton Kim



A bassist, guitar teacher, and a worship leader, Milton has been involved in worship and worship education for nearly three decades. He has taught guitar and bass, modern band concepts, jazz theory, as well as worship for churches and colleges in Southern Alberta. Milton currently plays professionally, owns a music studio, teaches privately, builds worship teams for churches and events, and is a band leader for several bands. He is the musical director for the worship teams for the SEE conference.

Milton is an avid outdoors lover, volunteers with youth outdoor groups, is a paddling instructor, a back country camper and he loves board sports. His love of God, music and people have led to a lifetime of involvement with worship teams, worship education, camps and roles as a worship pastor.



Centred Singles Worship



The heart is at the centre of Centred Singles worship at Centre Street Church. Our goal is to lift up God, and ascribe glory, beauty and honour to Him. We strive to encourage those who are on the platform to be in the Word, and to live in a spirit of worship, submission, and praise throughout the week. We have an attitude of joining together with those in the room in humble adoration rather than leading or performing music. We wish to join together as one unified voice, seeking to meld the truth contained in biblical lyrics with the passion of music.



SEE Singles in a New Light

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)





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Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. **1 Peter 4:13 (NIV)**



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I can do all this through him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*

SEE Singles Engaged



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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**



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If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **James 1:5 (NIV)**



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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*



SEE Singles Empowered



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Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)**

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Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6 (NIV)**



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)*

SEE God's Love

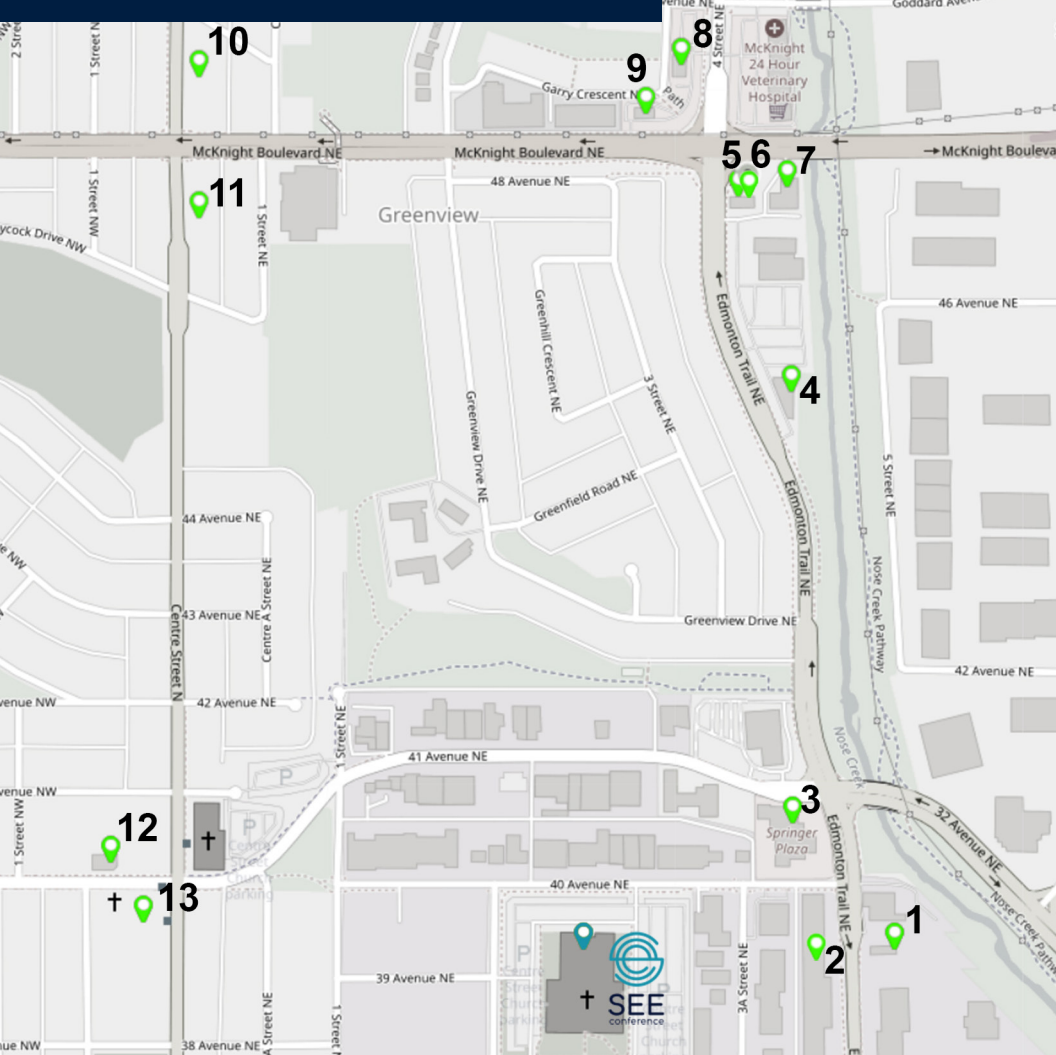
See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1 (NIV)



HOW CAN I
PRAY FOR YOU?

NEARBY RESTAURANTS



1. Subway
2. Africana BBQ Curries Drinks
3. Rea's Italian Cucina (opens at 5 pm)
4. Uncle Moe's Donair
5. Pho 501 Pizza 73
6. Pho 501
7. Fushion Sushi
8. Denny's
9. A & W
10. Golden Central Chinese
11. Tom's House of Pizza
11. Dairy Queen
12. Tim Hortons



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Saturdays: 6:30 PM

Sundays: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

All Other Campus Service Times:

Sundays: 10:30 AM

Airdrie Campus | Bridgeland Campus | Central Campus | Northwest Campus | South Campus

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NIGHT OF WORSHIP

first sunday of the month
central campus | 6 pm

SINGLE & LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY?



Young Adults (18-30's)

A community of primarily 18 - 30's, single and young marrieds. Journey with us as we create a place to belong, be empowered, and to grow!

Regularly meets Tuesdays, 6:45 pm West Campus



Centred Singles at Centre Street Church is a series of missional communities with a vision to reach out to single adults in the city of Calgary. We are a unique ministry to and for single adults "centred" on Christ (UP), Community (IN) and Calling (OUT).

Koinonia (30's-40's)

Koinonia is a vibrant community that aims to strengthen committed Christ followers while also reaching out to those looking for connection in an upbeat and supportive community.

Koinonia regularly meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (Sept to June) in the Chapel or Maranatha Room.

Teleios (40's-50's)

Teleios is a fun-loving community growing together to become mature Christ-followers with a shared vision to make Christ known to singles in similar life circumstances throughout the city.

Teleios regularly meets Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (Sept to June) in the Chapel.

Anchored Hope (50+)

Anchored Hope is a mature singles' community that seeks to demonstrate the hope of Hebrews 6:19 to all through supportive and caring relationships.

Anchored Hope regularly meets Wednesdays, 7 pm (Sept to June) in the Maranatha Room or Chapel.

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SINGLES COFFEE HOUSE

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

ALL ARE WELCOME

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
7 - 10 PM | JOYFUL JAVA
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Join us in creating a safe space for friends, neighbours, and members of the community, who are still on a spiritual journey in getting to know Jesus, but may not be ready to come to a church community. Bring along a person of peace in your life that you would like to build a purposeful friendship with.



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All Centred Singles CHRISTMAS DINNER *December 6, 2019*

See eblast or email
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Mark Your Calendars **CENTRED SINGLES RETREAT** *May 8 - 10, 2020*

This is a Christian singles retreat with a great balance of Biblical teaching, group discussion, personal time with God along with great Christ centred connection, ice breakers, outdoor activities and indoor games. Watch for details!



Singles Pilgrimage to Israel *October 30th - November 9th, 2020*

Be part of a lifechanging singles pilgrimage (tour) to the Land of the Bible with Voice for Israel and singles from around the globe!

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