

Sept 17, 2023

On the Calendar:

Sept 17 (Sun) @ 6:30pm - Freedom Church

Sept 19 (Tues) @ 6:00pm - Baptism Classes (6 weeks)

Sept 20 (Wed) @ 7:30am - Men's Bible Study

Sept 20 (Wed) @ 7:00pm - Discipleship and Prayer Time

Sept 22 (Fri) - Fired Up Fridays

Sept 24 (Sun) @ 3:30pm - Princess Court Service

Sept 29 (FRIDAY) @ 6:30pm - Women's Friendship Tea

Oct 1 (Sun) – a big day of remembrances and celebrations – communion and luncheon

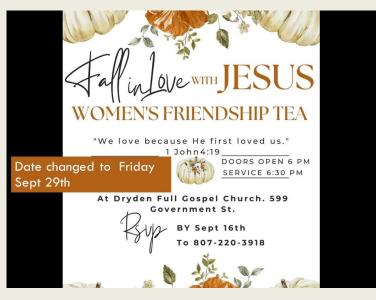
Oct 14 (Sat) - Bible Story Time @ 10:30am at the Dryden Public Library

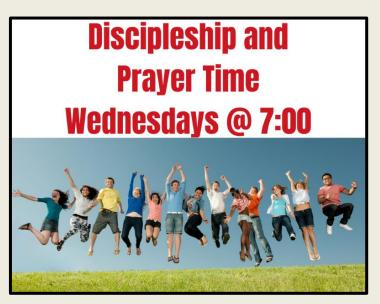
Prayer Notes:

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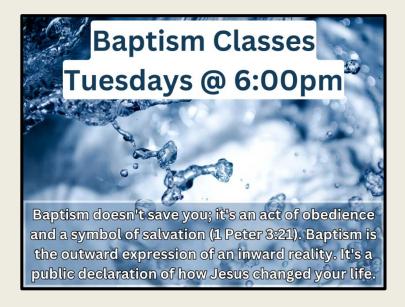
- THRIVE: the Fellowship magazine (limited copies- please return after you have read it)
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada newsletter plus postcard to send to your MP. Ask you MP to vote for Bill C-314 which would reverse the law allowing medical assistance in dying for people with mental illness.
- sign up sheet for Women's Friendship Tea Friday, Sept 29th

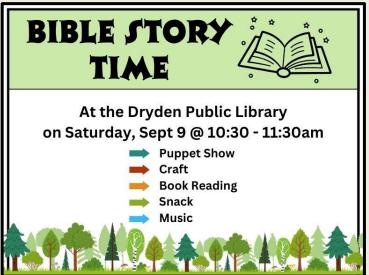












PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am
Junior Church occurs during the worship hour.
Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.
Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.
Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm
(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church Facebook - Sonshine Saturday YouTube - Christian Canuck Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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Psalm 31: Into Your Hands – Trusting God with Our Lives

- In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
 let me never be put to shame;
 in your righteousness deliver me!
 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
 Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
 you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- ⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.
- ⁷I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,
- ⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.
- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
- ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors,

- and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many terror on every side!—
- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

- ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
- ¹⁷ O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;
- let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.
- ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous

in pride and contempt.

- ¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you
- and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!
- ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;
- you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- ²¹ Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me

when I was in a besieged city.

²² I had said in my alarm,

"I am cut off from your sight."

- But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.
- ²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints!

 The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
- ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Introduction

Background

1) (31:1-18) Prayer of Trust

a) (31:1-5) Praying to the Lord

¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; ⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the whispering of many-- terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

d) (31:14) Trusting in the Lord

¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

b) (31:6-8) Trusting in the Lord

⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, ⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

e) (31:15-18) Praying to the Lord

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! ¹⁷ O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

c) (31:9-13) Lamenting

⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

- David cries out to the Lord:
- a) rescue me from my enemies and my persecutors
- b) make your face shine upon me
- c) let me not be put to shame but let the wicked go down to Sheol – God's judgment place
- d) let lying lips be silent

2) (31:19-24) Prayer of Thanksgiving

a) 31:19-22 David's Praise to the Lord for His Goodness and Faithfulness

¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. ²¹ Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. ²² I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

b) 31:23-24 – David's Exhortation
²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints! The
LORD preserves the faithful but
abundantly repays the one who acts in
pride. ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take

courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

- 1) love the Lord
- this is not just an emotional live but this love is revealed when you:

- a. hate evil
- b. obey His commands
- c. are faithful to the Lord
- d. praise the Lord
- 2) be strong in the Lord
- 3) let your heart take courage in the Lord

Application

- 1) Do You See the Beauty of Jesus in Psalm 31?
- a) a Messianic Psalm
- think about Jesus' sufferings, beatings, insults and then His death upon the cross as we hear Psalm 31 again

Psalm 31:9 for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

Matthew 26:37-38 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

Psalm 31:10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Psalm 31:11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object

of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

Psalm 31:13 For I hear the whispering of many-- terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

Matthew 27:38-44 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 "He saved others: he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said. 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

- b) be reminded of the work of Christ the Messiah
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- c) follow Jesus

2) Embrace God's Sovereignty

a) God has absolute control over all things

b) praise the Lord, God is sovereign

Psalm 31:15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

Psalm 33:10-11 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

c) because God is sovereign, we can even have joy in trials

3) Embrace the Joy and Hope of Everlasting Life

a) Jesus committed his spirit to the Lord; you can too

Luke 23:44-46 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

- b) Jesus was raised from the dead; you can be too
- c) Jesus had confidence in God's promises; you can too

Philippians 1:21-23 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

- ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.
- 1) to die is gain we will be with Christ and know Him fully
- 2) to depart and to be with Christ is far better we will be away from the life of sorrow and sin and dwell with God forever

