

SARNIA EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH

“To partner with God in developing genuine, fully devoted followers of Jesus”



Upward puppy visits



Sunday morning music



Disciplershift Workshop

Welcome to the SEMC

We are delighted to have you be a part of our SEMC family. Read on to find out what's happening at the SEMC this month and where you can join in.

Next session of *Senior Sing* is coming  
March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>



Golden Getaway

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Stayner Bible Conference Grounds

Guest Speakers: Craig & Stacy Wilson

Craig & Stacy are back for a second year with this year's theme – Joy Unspeakable. Registration forms can be obtained from Heather Blythe or by contacting the church office. Space is limited and fills up quickly.

March 4  
Senior Sing

March 1, 8, 22, 29  
Impact SR

March 4, 11, 25  
Impact JR

March 7, 14, 28  
Upward Game Days

March 15 – 21  
March Break – No Upward Practices

El Salvador Team 2020 – Are you interested? Feeling the Lord prodding you to join the team? Information meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> after the morning service. Come find out more.

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**MissionPREP**  
*Preparing for Effective Cross Cultural Ministry*

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Thanks for praying for us and MissionPREP (MP) to be good listeners as God leads us. Last year MP had the highest number of missionaries attend since we started. In September it will be 9 years since we arrived back in Canada. We have been approved for a Home Ministry Assignment from July to December which includes holidays. We will be focusing on aspects of the ministry we have not had as much time for in these busy years including connecting with supporters and churches, study, reading, reflection, prayer, etc.

Check out the SEMC website to view the entire newsletter.



Upward Basketball is still going strong! In team huddles we have covered the virtues of commitment and self control, learning to be committed to knowing God more and remembering to use self-control on our words. Next virtue we will be looking at is joy. Our season celebration is coming up on Saturday, April 4th. We would love some extra help that day. If you can make cookies, welcome families, serve juice or sit with a team during the celebration, please let us know! Thank you for your continued prayers for the families that come through these doors every week!

**Impact SR** ~ It's hard to believe it's already March! Wow! In February we finished our series on baptism. We had the chance to explore what the bible teaches about baptism, when we should or should not be baptized, and what the purpose of it is. We had lots of wonderful, and often challenging conversation about the way we can sometimes view baptism in contrast to the way Scripture speaks of it. In March we will examine the topics of Lent, Eternal Security and will have our very own Angela Metcalfe speaking to the group about Seed of Hope! Please continue to pray for our youth and the leaders as we continue to explore these important topics together.

**From Deve's desk** ~ Our Annual Meeting has become an important part of helping us to be thankful for the ways that the Lord continues to work with, through and among us. Sometimes it's in ways that are familiar to us, but often, we recognize that new forms of ministry are needed and beneficial to engage our every changing community. The Annual Meeting is also a chance to focus afresh on where the Lord would direct our steps. Our themes for this year come from Mark 1:14-15: "The time has come", (Jesus) said. "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news."



This month in KidJAM we are continuing our worship themed curriculum and then we will be moving onto a curriculum to help us prepare for Easter. It's very awesome seeing our kids use their Bibles and grow in their faith. We are also so thankful for our amazing leaders.

To serve our church family, the Lord has affirmed by unanimous congregational approval that Tim Allen, Matt da Costa and Stan Kita join with existing members: Pat Halls, Gerry Hawley, Scott Odolphy and Albert Siertsema - together with Pastor Deve Persad they will serve as the Governing Board until February 2021. Your prayer for them as they serve is needed and appreciated.

Also at this meeting Congregational approval was given, 52-2, in favour of proceeding with the renovation and installation of a new 4-stop lift. This project will make the building 100% accessible and be better positioned to serve the needs of our community. Stay tuned throughout the year for regular updates.