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From the
LBE Board Chair

Ron Klassen

Warm holiday greetings! Here are some of the latest goings on at Living Bible Explorers.

Fall Launch at LBE

The parking lot near LBE Ministry Centre was filled with people, music, and laughter on October 1st. Invited guests and passersby were able to enjoy a free meal, kid's activities, and worship music, as well as stop by the Ministry Centre at 600 Burnell to browse through our clothing giveaway. Thanks to everyone who donated clothing and shoes! LBE staff were able to sign up 10 new kids for LBE programs as a result of Family Fun Day, as well as connect with members of the community.



Programs Off to a Great Start

Our program directors have all been hard at work brainstorming creative ways to present the Gospel to Grades 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12. Overnight retreats at Gimli Bible Camp have always been a favorite for both kids and volunteers, and our youngest group

will be headed there over the November 11-13th

weekend. The middle schoolers will follow at the end of the month, and then the senior highs in January. Retreats are so valuable, not only for a change of pace away from the busy city and screen time, but an extended time of being inside of a Christ-centred bubble. We have been unable to have retreats for three years, and are so grateful for the opportunity to have them again.



Volunteers from Gospel
Mission Discipleship School

Lunch Club brings in New Faces

Staff and volunteers have enjoyed getting to know students from the two nearby schools on Thursdays over the lunch period. Students are invited to come hang out, hear a short Gospel presentation (or devotional), enjoy a hot meal, and engage with caring Christian adults. Students also enjoy



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shooting pool, and playing basketball or air hockey. This is a great outreach and a way to reach unchurched students and then plug them into weekly ministry programs. We have so appreciated *New Life Church* and *I Am Redeemer and Master Ministries*, who have partnered with us in preparing food, serving, and ministering to the students.



Expedition Now

A wonderful event for Manitoba's youth

In October, Steinbach Bible College hosted 28 youth groups that competed in 28 challenges sponsored by ministries from around Manitoba. The event was held at Mennonite Heritage Village. LBE's challenge, The LBE Big Sea Adventure, tasked teams to complete 10 mini challenges while wearing life jackets and carrying a 1-dimensional cardboard boat. The mini challenges included creating makeshift water wings out of balloons, spelling S.O.S. with sea shells, and firing a flare gun to rescue their team as they became "stranded on an island." LBE was able to put up their pull-out banners as a way of promoting LBE, and LBE's logo was included in the student's "passport" for the event. It was so encouraging to see ministries and youth groups from all over all together and in such high spirits, with everyone invited to attend a worship concert to end off the day.

Search for Staff

Regretfully, Geoff Mackay was only with us for three weeks before deciding that he did not feel the call to the ministry of LBE. Please join us in praying for an Executive Director, as well as an Office Administrator and Assistant Director program staff.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year,



A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

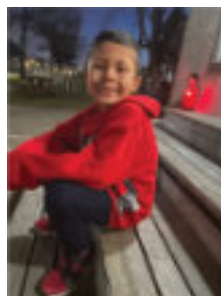
Shannon Neufeld, Children's Program Director

The Bible. It's in our name (Living Bible Explorers). There are certain stories from the Bible I think I must have heard a 100 times over the course of my life...and they're powerful. Helpful. Most of our Grades 1-4 students haven't heard these stories yet! Who is God? How does the Father reveal Himself to little ones who may not have an example of fatherhood?



I have had the kids do repeat-after-me prayers, learn actions to songs and Bible verses, watch numerous slideshow presentations and video clips, roll the Dice of Sin (cus sin is dicey!), build Towers of Babel out of sticks and clay – and participate in so many goofy games they all blur together – but at the end of the day, people don't remember what you say, but how you make them feel. I know that repetition is also a big part of it, but I am also so grateful for God's grace to be kind even when I'm tired or stressed, and so grateful for our small force of volunteers who come week after week and show these kids what God is like.

A huge prayer request right now for our RSK program is volunteers. RSK runs 5-7pm on Wednesdays and we have just enough volunteers at the moment, but will lose several at the end of November. Please pray for workers for the harvest!



THE BIBLE SAYS WHAAAAAAAAT?!

Miranda Rusere, Arise Program Director

Wow, what a rollercoaster this fall has been! We have had some highs and some lows, but what I have found great joy in is being able to run program freely and "normally" after the last couple years of not being able to. It has been so awesome to be able to see the children more often and create a routine.

This fall we have been working through a series called, "The Bible Says Whaaaaaat?!?!". In this series we have talked about how the Bible says that Jesus came to die for our sins, that we are supposed to love our enemies, to honour our parents, and to be generous. While these are all good things, the focus has been on how we need Jesus in our lives in order to accomplish any of these things, and we need to believe that He came to die for our sins so we could be set free!



The middle schoolers are a blast! They have endless amounts of energy and have so many questions burning in their brains. It is such a fun age group to work with and the opportunity to share the truth of Christ with them is so ripe! Of course, in order to do this well and effectively, we need a tremendous amount of help. The Lord has blessed us with some new volunteers this fall who are so generous with their time and have committed to coming out on Friday evenings to spend their time with some wild and awesome children!

I am starting a Question Box this month, and am excited for the questions they will have regarding God, faith, and the Bible. It is always exciting to get a little glimpse into their minds, the questions they have, and to be able to point them toward answers and truth. I am forever grateful for a God who is True, and who loves to speak the Truth over us!



Teens Update

Ashley Ginter, Teens Program Director

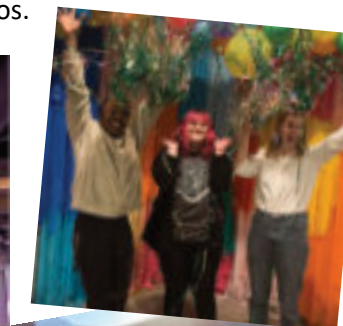
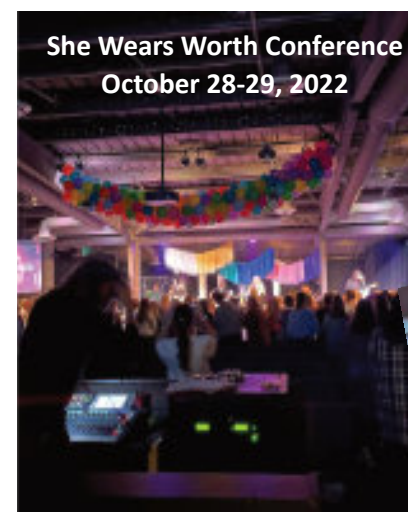
Wow God is good! The future will always be uncertain, however it keeps being affirmed to me recently that Living Bible Explorers is God's ministry; as long as He keeps breathing life into it, He will provide.

We kicked off our teens program for the 2022-23 year with a Fear Factor evening! The teens impressed me with their ability to stick their bare hands in a container of mealworms and polish off a smoothie with some less-than-ideal ingredients. We also had a guys/girls night: the boys enjoyed a bonfire and a crew of gals headed to the She Wears Worth conference.

In a moment of desperation the day before our teens kickoff, as I realized we didn't have enough volunteers to properly run the event, I asked God to provide volunteers. Lo and behold, within the next 24 hours there were 2 people who reached out to me asking if they could volunteer. Crazy!

In the midst of all of this, we have been remembering the need to operate out of a place of being filled with the Spirit. We've started a weekly time of prayer and encouragement where pastors have joined us and lead us in an hour of prayer, encouragement, etc. It's been very timely and filling for our staff team to have external encouragement and support. As we have slowed down to listen to where the Father is leading us, I have been encouraged by seeing God's hand at work through deepened connections with the teens and a sense of peace in the middle of the chaos.

**She Wears Worth Conference
October 28-29, 2022**





SWEATERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Winters are cold!

To a student in the inner city, a hoodie can mean a lot. We give away the coats we get donated but many of our kids depend on hooded sweatshirts to keep them warm.

For many of our kids these are the nicest articles of clothing they own, so they wear them until they are threadbare. They wear these shirts to school and promote our programs to other kids throughout the city.

We have over 100 students enrolled in our Middle and High School programs, and a donation towards the purchase of a hoodie can help keep a child in our city warm this winter.

Hoodies will be distributed to all Sr. Teen students as a Christmas gift during the week of December 12-16.

Middle schoolers enrolled in LBE programs will receive a t-shirt with a Scripture verse.

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Kind Thanks!

All of the LBE Christmas Shoebox gifts for Grades 1-4 have ALREADY been sponsored!

LBE is so grateful for the phone calls and emails inquiring about this fun project and offering to help.

A huge thanks for helping us put together gifts for kids in our own city again this year!



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
7:00PM

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orphans and widows, is God in his holy dwelling.
Psalm 68:5

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