

2026 EFCC CONFERENCE AND AGM

The EFCC invites you to the 2026 EFCC Conference, *In All Things – The Centrality of Jesus Christ*. This year’s theme reminds us that Jesus Christ is present in all things—as sovereign King, unifying Lord, and the foundation of our shared mission as the EFCC. Together, we will celebrate what it means to live with Christ at the center of our lives, churches, and ministry.

The conference will take place June 18–20, 2026, at Winnipeg EFC in Manitoba, offering a meaningful opportunity to gather as a national EFCC family.

We’re also pleased to welcome guest speaker Matthew St. John, senior pastor of New Hope Church in Minneapolis and Board Chair of Trinity Western University. With a passion for teaching God’s Word, Matthew equips leaders and encourages people from all walks of life to move toward Jesus and bring others with them.



Matthew St. John

This gathering is a meaningful opportunity to connect with the others, be encouraged in your faith, and be renewed in your calling. For the full schedule and registration details, visit: <https://efcc.ca/con2026/>.

A gentle reminder of the vital role each church plays by sending delegates—whether in person or online to the EFCC AGM.

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T Words- by Marvin Penner

Truth and Trust are two important words. They are intimately related to each other.

It is common these days for people to ask the question that Pilot asked of Jesus, what is truth? Pick an issue - any issue, and the internet will serve up persuasive but contradictory facts on every side.

This is where trust comes in. Because there is too much information for us to determine truth we turn to trust, or trusted sources. For many of us the first trusted source of truth was our parents, but part of growing up is realising that they sometimes miss the truth. This realization can be devastating but we grow and become wiser. We then turn to additional trusted sources for truth; authors, professors, political parties, news outlets, podcasters, friends, and colleagues. In every case there have been instances where truth was compromised and we’ve had to consider whether or not trust was justified.

Pilot asked Jesus, what is Truth? We’re still asking. Jesus had just said, “You say that I am a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world - to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37 NET). This is different. Jesus is not talking about knowing the truth or trusting someone or something for truth. He is talking about where your allegiance lies. I looked His words up in several good translations and found this concept expressed in different ways such as “belongs to the truth” (NET),

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CALENDAR

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“loves the truth” (NLT), “is on the side of truth” (NIV), “bears witness to the truth” (NKJ), and “cares for truth” (MSG). You get the idea that Jesus is talking about a devotion or commitment to truth. This devotion will inevitably be frustrated. We find it impossible to know enough to be able to determine what is true. The sources we trust to lead us to truth will fail to be trustworthy. One option that is very tempting for many is to give up on devotion to truth. It seems this is not a new temptation as Pilot came to this conclusion in the 1st century.

Jesus encourages us to love truth and to be devoted to it. When faced with Pilot’s indifference towards truth He says that if the truth is important to us, we ought to listen to his voice for he testifies to the truth. These words of Jesus lead me to several observations that are worth thinking about.

- 1) We should in fact be devoted to truth
- 2) Truth has a starting point. It starts with God in the person of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Truth is relational. Our ability to know truth begins with the voice of Jesus.
- 4) Truth does not start from what I think or say but it begins in the humility of listening.



By Marvin Penner

Where you start from makes all the difference. Foundations are important.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHT - LACOMBE EFC

Lacombe Evangelical Free Church has served the community of Lacombe for over 80 years. During this time there have been many changes, both in the community and in the congregation. Pastors have come and gone. New ministries have developed. The church has even gone through a few name changes, from Calvary Mission to Calvary Tabernacle to Calvary Evangelical Free Church. Yet, through it all God has been and continues to be faithful.

Pastor Dan Berger has been leading the congregation for 22.5 years. It is not just pastor Dan, though. The whole family is involved. At present his wife Julie leads a Ladies Bible study and his children are involved in everything from worship to sound to children’s ministry. Now the next generation of Bergers is starting to serve in the church as well! Along with the Berger family, we are grateful for all the other people who serve the congregation in various ways. Some ministries are more “seen” such as the Kids4Truth children’s ministry, the young adult’s Bible study, or the creative Ladies Ministry events (such as paint night,

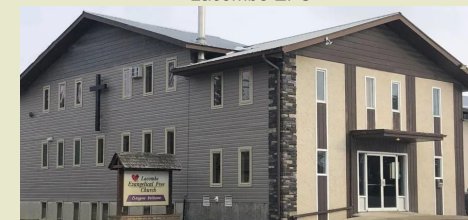
plant exchange, or fondue luncheon). Others serve “behind the scenes” such as the church librarians, those who organize the wonderful potluck meals, and those who meet to pray on Wednesday mornings. Each member of the Body is important. (1 Corinthians 12).

As we look back these eight decades, we can truly say “Thus far the Lord has helped us” (1 Samuel 7:12). We look forward to seeing what God has for LEFC in 2026 and beyond.



Pastor Dan Berger
"Dan and the Giant"

Lacombe EFC



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<u>General Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Monthly	6,549	10,200	(3,651)
Year-to-Date	77,083	71,400	5,683
General Fund Balance/(Deficit)	16,257		



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