

Living Upstream in a Downstream World

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- John 15:19

Our Current Vision: *Outreach, Inreach, Upreach!*

Our Previous Themes: *Prayerful Courageous Faith*

Standing Strong in Christ (Firmly Rooted in the Storms of Life)

Foundational Renewal (Spiritual, Relational, Theological)

Our Theme for 2023:

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Our Focus for 2023:

- Our society is rapidly leaving behind Biblical and traditional values. What is taught in our schools, promoted by our politicians, and publicized in the media seems to be drifting farther from what most committed Christians believe.
- The recent census and surveys show that fewer and fewer Canadians call themselves Christians, attend church, or even believe in God.
- How should Christians live in these changing times? How do we stand up for God and His Word? Jesus calls us to be “salt” and “light” to our world? What does that mean?
- In 2023 we want to understand and commit to “Living Upstream In a Downstream World”.

Sermon Series this Year

January — Living Upstream

Feb. - May — What Makes a Great Church?

Easter — The Victorious Jesus

June — God’s Word: My Foundation in a Downstream World

Summer — You Asked For It! (We answer your questions)

Sept. — True Success in a Downstream World

Oct. — Friendship (and Friend Day)

November — Lordship: Who’s Boss in My Downstream World?

December — Christmas: The People Who “Got It”

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1. Christians are “in the world”, but not to be “of the world.”

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2. Christians live by the leading of the Spirit, not the sinful nature.

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”

- Galatians 5:24-25

3. Christians live for Christ, not for themselves, regardless of the cost.

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”

- Luke 9:24-25

Our Circles of Care: Opportunities to Disciple & Be Discipled

