

Christian Fellowship Chapel

Church Profile



City of Winnipeg

Christian Fellowship Chapel is located at 465 Osborne Street in the City of Winnipeg in Manitoba, Canada. We are located close to downtown in Fort Rouge.

Winnipeg lies at the longitudinal centre of North America. Manitoba, a resource-rich province of over 1.1 million people bordered by the provinces of Ontario to the east and Saskatchewan to the west, and by the US states of North Dakota and Minnesota to the south. The city is just 100 km (62 miles) from the United States border and is the major Canadian centre closest to Mexico.

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Facts and Figures on Winnipeg can be found in Appendix A. For tourism information on Winnipeg go to <http://www.discoverwinnipeg.ca/>

Church History and Character

Christian Fellowship Chapel began services in 1943, informally organized on 1 September 1944 and formally organized in 1948. The first building, located on Nassau Street, was occupied in 1946. The congregation purchased land at its present site and built a new church in 1957 with subsequent expansions. We are a part of the Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches (FEBC) which has evolved out of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Conference. We have been actively involved in the FEBC Lakeland Extension which sponsors Church plants and development in the region.

The Church has resided in the same neighborhood for over 50 years. Originally many of the attendees lived in the neighborhood, but over time that has changed such that the minority of current Church attendees lives within 1 Km of the Chapel. The neighborhood has a mix of lower-end housing that caters to first-time home buyers, and more expensive character homes, as well as some apartments. There are three elementary schools in the area and one high school (Churchill High School)

The Chapel has experienced as many as 250 regular attendees in the past, but has enjoyed a stable attendance of around 100 over the last 10 years.

We have a history of sending Missionaries, devoting a significant part of our budget to supporting Missions. Currently we are the home Church for several missionaries both foreign and local. We are supporters of the Union Gospel Mission, and have been for well over 25 years, as well as the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

The Chapel has gone through several trials in its history that God has used to teach us the importance of solid doctrinal understanding, a deep reliance on prayer, and the need to take action when discipline is required. Through these trials God has blessed us with unity and fellowship.

The Chapel has enjoyed the pastorate of our most recent Pastor, Allan Dueck for the past 8 years. During this time, we have seen growth in the spiritual maturity of the Church, as evidenced in strong leadership and a good number of qualified lay ministers.

The Chapel made a deliberate effort to change the Church government

over 10 years ago to focus the Pastor and Elders on spiritual and worship issues. This was done by instituting an Administration Council to deal with budgetary and administrative issues. This approach has been quite successful and helped contribute to the long service of our former Pastor. It also provided an avenue for more participation by women in the governance of the church.

We are characterized as a friendly Church and very open to individuals from all backgrounds. When people visit us they want to stay! We are deeply dependant on prayer in every aspect of Church life. We have enjoyed excellent Bible teaching. Most of the Church attendees are mature Christians who are in active Christian service.

We have been characterized as a 'healing' Church and a 'sending' Church with many who have been a part of our congregation growing in their spiritual and personal lives and with many going on to full Christian lives both within the Chapel and in other places.

We believe that God is moving us in two ways. Internally, we sense a need to place a greater emphasis on our youth and young adults. Externally, we sense a corporate need to become more proactive in sharing the good news of Christ with those who we come into daily contact, and then become more effective in bringing them into the Chapel for discipleship and Christian fellowship.

The Church Today

Membership

We currently have 72 members and a regular Sunday Church attendance of 100 to 125. Due to the character of the neighborhood a portion of the Church attendees are transient, attending for a few months or a year before moving to a new city. The Church has a vibrant Seniors population, and a growing Youth and College and Career age group. There are presently few young families and small children at the current time.

Our Mission

"To fulfill Christ's purpose for the Church by telling people about the Good News of Jesus, by helping Christians to grow and better understand God's Word, and by serving the Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical needs of others."

Our Vision

At Christian Fellowship Chapel we will:

Exalt

We will put God first in everything. We will Worship, Praise and Serve Him. Whether in our thinking, our speaking, or our actions we will offer Him the very best we can. We will do this not only on Sunday, but throughout the week

Evangelize

We are driven to tell people about the Good News of Jesus; that there is freedom from the hold of Sin in our lives that separates us from God; that we can join God in Heaven when our time here in the World is finished. We will do this personally with the people we come into contact with and more broadly by supporting, equipping and sending Missionaries out to places that need to hear the Gospel.

Equip

We will provide good teaching and offer ongoing spiritual development to everyone at the Chapel; that will be based on knowledge of the Bible, will lead Christians to greater knowledge and deeper understanding of God, will foster spiritual maturity, will build Christian leadership, will lead to actions that serve and will provide personal accountability in the Church family.

Encourage & Edify

We will provide a warm, friendly atmosphere in which to worship, and we will encourage each other, build up people, look after each other's needs, and support people facing troubles. We will nurture deep and meaningful relationships among the Church Family.

What we Believe

God...

We believe in the living one true God, who is perfect, infinite, eternal, all-knowing, and who co-exists in three Persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 4:21)

Bible...

We believe the scripture of the Old Testament and New Testament are complete and without mistakes as originally written. The Bible was written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit to do so.

Humankind...

We believe humans were created by God in his image, but through personal unbelief and rebellious attitudes to God, we became sinful creatures, “dead in trespasses and sins”, As a result we all face deserved judgment and the anger of God. All humans are sinners and are unable of themselves to restore their relationship with God. (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:20; Jeremiah 13:23; John 1:13; 2 Corinthians 4:4)

Salvation...

Because of a person’s sinful attitude or actions, they are prevented from having what God wants --- a deep relationship with us. In order to fix that relationship, salvation is necessary. We believe that our salvation is a free gift from God offered by His grace and not something we can earn by doing good. Salvation results in God declaring a person fit to come into His presence and this condition is achieved solely on the ground of the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sin in our place on the Cross. We believe that salvation is received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that, apart from Christ, there is no possible salvation. (John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 16:31; 4:12; 13:19; Romans 3:23-24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 9:22; 2 Peter 2:24)

Jesus...

We believe in the deity, virgin birth, sacrificial and substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and present high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24)

Holy Spirit...

We believe in the Personality of the Holy Spirit. We believe His ministry includes bringing our sinful attitudes and actions to our attention, renewing a proper attitude towards God, enabling us to live in a way that we want to please and obey God, and being present with us to comfort us and to guide our hearts and minds. (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19, Galatians 5:22-25)

A complete Doctrinal Statement can be made available upon request.

Our Worship and Activities

Sunday Worship

We meet for a single service every Sunday morning to worship and fellowship together as a congregation. We enjoy both traditional

Hymns as well as a Worship Team to lead us in choruses. We have been blessed with a large number of people with excellent musical talent and typically have a special music number during the worship service. The service, lasting one hour or so, is usually led by one of the Elders. Prayer is prominent in our services. The Pastor or special speaker will present a message from the Word. There are special services that focus on Communion, Prayer, and Sharing.

Family Bible Hour

Family Bible Hour is held before the Worship Service and caters to all ages from small children through adults. There are typically two different classes for adults and separate classes for children and Youth.

AWANA

We have had an AWANA children's club program for over 25 years. This ministers to our own congregation as well as reaching out into the community. AWANA is a program based on Bible memorization for children from 3 years old through Grade 6. We have 30 to 40 children attending weekly.

Youth

The Youth Group meets weekly for Bible study or "Praise and Worship" nights and a monthly special event is held. In addition we schedule a winter and spring retreat each year. We have an average attendance of 15 youth. Youth is for kids from grade 7 through grade 12

College and Career

The College and Career group meets weekly for Bible study and fellowship. There are 5-10 people who regularly attend College and Career. The group is self-led and does not have a formal "leader" assigned.

Friday Night Fellowship

Friday Night Fellowship is small cell group that meets every two weeks for Bible study and fellowship. This group is open to all ages but sees most participation from people in their 30's, 40', and 50's.

Warzone

Warzone meets on Wednesday night for Prayer and Bible study. This group is open to all ages but is mostly attended by people over 50 years of age.

Keenagers

Keenagers is our Seniors' group. They meet monthly on a Thursday for a social event or outing. Their average attendance is about 30.

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Appendix A

Winnipeg Facts and Figures

LOCATION

Winnipeg lies at the geographic centre of North America. Winnipeg is the capital city of Manitoba, a resource-rich Province of over 1.1 million people bordered by Ontario to the east, Saskatchewan to the west, and North Dakota and Minnesota to the south. The city is just 100 km (62 miles) from the United States border and is the major Canadian centre closest to Mexico.

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DIVERSITY

Winnipeg has the most diverse economy of major cities in Canada. Key industries include: transportation and distribution, aerospace, agribusiness, finance and insurance, biotechnology and life sciences, information and communications technology, media, electric power, apparel and furniture manufacturing.

Winnipeg is also one of the most culturally diverse cities anywhere. Some 100 languages are represented in the region and Winnipeg is well known for its cultural achievements and flourishing arts scene.

AREA

Total Area in City 462 sq. km (178 sq. mi.)
Riverbank Frontage 178 km (111 mi.)
Source: City of Winnipeg

POPULATION

Total Population of Census Metropolitan Area (2006)
..... 706,749

Population by Age Group

17 and Under 153,192
Age 18-24 69,406
Age 25-64 390,302
Age 65-74 44,915
Age 75 and over 48,937
Median Age 38.0

Source: Statistics Canada

Published by Destination Winnipeg Inc.

Winnipeg's economic development and tourism services agency

ROAD DISTANCE (in kilometers: 1km = 0.62 mile)

Brandon, MB	200
Regina, SK	574
Saskatoon, SK	777
Edmonton, AB	1,302
Calgary, AB	1,329
Vancouver, BC	2,372
Kenora, ON	205
Thunder Bay, ON	702
Toronto, ON	2,079
Ottawa, ON	2,171
Montreal, QC	2,291
Quebec City, QC	2,535
Grand Forks, ND	231
Fargo, ND	350
Minneapolis, MN	742
Chicago, IL	1,384
Kansas City, MO	1,315
Detroit, MI	1,749
New York, NY	2,592
Denver, CO	1,760
Los Angeles, CA	3,125

Source: Culture, Heritage & Tourism, Province of Manitoba
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CLIMATE

Average Summer Temperature	25.4°C (77.7°F)
Average Winter Temperature	-12.9°C (8.8°F)
Average Annual Precipitation	51.4cm (20.2")
Average Annual Rainfall	41.6cm (16.4")
Average Annual Snowfall	110.6cm (43.5")

Winnipeg has 2,372 hours of sunshine on average per year, among the highest of Canadian cities, and 2,727 hours of clear skies on average per year, the highest of all Canadian cities.

Source: Environment Canada

HOUSING

Average House Price Comparison (2006)

Winnipeg, MB	\$160,778
Calgary, AB	\$346,675
Edmonton, AB	\$250,915
Halifax, NS	\$203,178
Montreal, QC	\$215,659
Ottawa, ON	\$257,481
Toronto, ON	\$352,388
Vancouver, BC	\$509,876

Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, WinnipegREALTORS®

Average Two Bedroom Apartment Rent (2006)

Winnipeg, MB	\$709
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Calgary, AB	\$960
Edmonton, AB	\$808
Halifax, NS	\$799
Montreal, QC	\$636
Ottawa, ON	\$941
Toronto, ON	\$1,067
Vancouver, BC	\$1,045

Source: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation

UTILITIES

Electric and Gas: Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas

Water: City of Winnipeg

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Newspapers: Daily & Sunday: 2 Weekly: 5

Radio Stations: 24

Television Stations: CBC, CKY, Global, Citytv,
Aboriginal Peoples Television Network

Telephone Service: MTS Communications Inc.

Long Distance Services: MTS, AT&T, Primus, Sprint, Telus

Mail Service: Canada Post, Purolator, Federal Express, UPS,
Loomis

RECREATION

Park Sites	937
Park Area	10,260 acres
Golf Courses	24
Indoor Arenas	30
Curling Rinks	20
Indoor Swimming Pools	13
Recreation Centres	9
Libraries	20

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Canadian Football League Team (Winnipeg Blue Bombers)

American Hockey League Team (Manitoba Moose)

Northern Baseball League Team (Winnipeg Goldeyes)

Race Track

Casinos

Riverboat Tours

MTS Centre (seats 15,015)

Winnipeg Stadium (seats 29,000)

Winnipeg Convention Centre

Royal Winnipeg Ballet

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

IMAX Theatre

Performing Arts Organizations

Museums

Galleries

Arts Education Facilities

Assiniboine Park Zoo

Amusement Parks

Water Slides

Community Centres

Source: City of Winnipeg, Film and Cultural Affairs

MEDICAL CARE

Hospitals.....	9
Number of Beds	2,979
Personal Care Homes	41
Medical Doctors (in Manitoba)	2,074
Dentists.....	400
Doctors of Chiropractic	226

EDUCATION

Post-Secondary Enrolment (2006)

University of Manitoba	26,938
University of Winnipeg	9,341
St. Boniface College	1,187
Red River College	31,503
Canadian Mennonite University	570

Source: University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Red River College, St. Boniface College, Canadian Mennonite University

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Winnipeg CMA (2006) (1997 \$) \$22 billion

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Outlook, Winter 2007

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

WINNIPEG CMA

Employed Labour Force, by Industry (2006, in thousands)

All industries	382.2
Goods-producing sector	70.8
Primary	3.1
Utilities	4.2
Construction	17.7
Manufacturing	45.8
Services-producing sector	311.4
Trade	60.4
Transportation and warehousing	23.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	25.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.9
Management of companies and administrative	14.3
Educational services	29.4
Health care and social assistance	52.4
Information, culture and recreation	17.5
Accommodation and food services	27.9
Other services	16.4
Public administration	25.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Historical Review

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Winnipeg (2006) 4.5%

Canada (2006) 6.3%
Source: Statistics Canada

RETAIL AND INCOME DATA

Retail Sales (\$ millions, 2006) \$8,458
Source: Statistics Canada

Average Earnings Total

Average Individual Earnings (2004) \$28,600
Average Family Income (2004) \$74,400
Source: Statistics Canada

TOURISM

Annual Visitors to Winnipeg (2004) 2.7 million
U.S. Visitors (2004) 0.3 million
Total Visitor Expenditures (2004) \$523 million
Source: Statistics Canada Cities Projects
Total Hotel & Motel Rooms 6,600
Winnipeg Convention Centre (total floor space) >160,000 sq. ft.