

Pastor's Note – June 2026

Planning. Sometimes it feels like we spend more time making plans than enjoying our life. I think about what June looked like for me when my children were school aged. There were those end of year school gatherings where many mothers – and the occasional father – would prepare snacks and deserts to share at a planned party for the last day of classes.

There was a graduation ceremony at least three times over the entire school career of each child. The parents, teachers and administrative staff were busy with all kinds of planning for final exams, grad pictures, award dinners and dances. In my day, there was what was called ‘safe grad’ where the parents volunteered to be chaperones during the evening, provide rides home or even prepare and serve breakfast for those who chose to stay until the wee hours of the morning.

This final month of school also means this is the time to begin planning for summer holiday get-aways with the family, sports or Bible camp for the younger ones or preparing the cabin to spend time away from the busy city life for a few weeks. I have often heard many people say they need a vacation from their vacation because of all the planning.

With all this planning where does it lead us to? Jeremiah 29:11 gives some insight:

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’

The prophet is writing this to the people who have been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. They find themselves in a strange land and unsure of their future or any of the plans they may have made while they lived at home.

Planning may give us a sense of being in control of our lives, but things can change in an instant and the only constant is God and His Word. Let us not forget who is really in control and trust in the plans God has for us and take the time to enjoy the blessings we have been given today. After all, the sunny summer weather in Manitoba may not last as long as we would like, so let's enjoy it!

Please feel free to share your blessings and prayers with us. Send an Email to me BroadwayFirstPastor@gmail.com or to the church office BFBC@mymts.net and if you like they can be added to the announcements during our Sunday morning services. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Blessings,

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