



WELCOME TO BETHANY

# Weekly Bulletin

*The purpose of Bethany Baptist Church is to bring glory to God by making disciples who reflect the character and priorities of Jesus Christ.*

The following Life Groups meet on a variety of different nights and locations. See website for more info  
<https://www.bethanybaptist.ab.ca/ministries/life-groups>

- **Archibald**, Tim & Michelle
- **Collier**, Don & Jan
- **Erratt**, Pastor Peter & Nancy
- **Guenther**, Mark & Shannia
- **Scholz**, Martin & Lorna
- **Smith**, Tom & Tina
- **Street**, David & Laurel
- **Unger**, Lyndon & Leah

If you are interested in leading and/or hosting a Life Group, contact the Coordinator Martin Scholz - 403-346-8026.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

**9:00 AM**

Sunday School

**10:30 AM**

Worship service[Live Streamed]

Pastor Peter

**6:00 PM**

Sunday evening prayer

## Nursery

Available in the supervised room downstairs or the unsupervised room in the back of the sanctuary with audio

## Children's Church

No children's church today

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Acute Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, Gord Rue, Stan Collier, Larry Robinson
- Ministry: Fellowship Ministry
- Fellowship Prairies Church: Calvary Baptist Church, Edmonton AB

To send a Prayer Request or join the Prayer Line: Phone or Email the church office

As a way to serve and shepherd our church family better, the Elders' Board would like to invite your prayer requests, comments, and questions to the Elder associated with your last name or email to:

[elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca](mailto:elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca).

## Elder Shepherding Groups

A-B (Lyndon Unger); C-D (Tim Archibald); E-H (David Street) I-M (Pastor Peter Erratt); N-R (Tom Smith); S (Cory Leniuk); T-Z (Dennis Burriss)

## August General Fund Donation

\$27,850

## Monthly Fund Budget

\$32,830

## SEE WEBSITE FOR GIVING OPTIONS

[treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca)

## Donation Policy

The spending of funds received by Bethany Baptist Church is confined to Church approved programs and projects. Each gift designated toward an approved program or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when any given need has been met, or the specified program or project cannot be reasonably carried out or has not been approved, designated gifts will be used where needed most. Where appropriate, an official receipt for tax purposes will be issued as soon as possible after the year end

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30pm Kids' Club & Youth

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

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#### No Seniors' Ministry

The Seniors' Group is collecting used eyeglasses to help those in need around the world. Drop them off at the church office or in the donation box during Seniors' Group on Wednesdays.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 10

9:00am- 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 10

7:00 PM Lilian's Baby Shower!

Bring a snack

### Sunday October 12

#### No Sunday School

#### No Evening Prayer

## FULL CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

## Get To Know Us

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## Interim Secretary:

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## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When you think about the kinds of divisions we see around us—in politics, culture, or even daily preferences—what do you think is at the heart of those divisions?

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2. Division in the church could be compared to cracks in a wall's foundation. What "small cracks" (loyalties, preferences, or attitudes) do you think can easily grow into bigger problems in a church if left unchecked?

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3. Unity doesn't mean sameness but harmony. What's one way you've seen differences in personality, gifts, or perspectives actually strengthen the church rather than divide it?

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4. How can we practice "theological triage" in real life, knowing which issues are essential to unity in Christ and which ones we can disagree on while still walking together in love?

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5. Why do you think we're so easily drawn to personalities, preferences, or labels...whether in church, culture, or theology? What does that reveal about our hearts?

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6. What are some practical ways we can encourage one another to keep Christ at the center, especially when differences in style, teaching, or theological emphasis come up in our church?

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7. Paul asks, "Is Christ divided?" How does division in the church distort the way the world sees Jesus and the gospel? Can you think of examples where this has happened?

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8. If our unity reflects the gospel, what is one practical step we could take this week, individually or as a group, to keep Jesus at the center and make Him more visible than our differences?

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