



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

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

- 9:00 AM Sunday School (For both adults & Kids)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service [Livestreamed]
Children's Church (For ages 4 to 8, during sermon)
- 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
- Nursery is available in the supervised room downstairs or the unsupervised room in the back of the sanctuary with audio

TODAY'S SERMON
Scripture: Psalm 107
Speaker: Jonah Braun

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!” - Ps 107: 1

OUR ELDER SHEPHERDING GROUP

- 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

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, Gord Rue, Larry Robinson
- Ministry: Youth Group
- Fellowship: Northlife Fellowship Baptist Church

Email us your prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line

JOIN OUR LIFE GROUP

- EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
- Tim & Michelle Archibald
- EVERY OTHER SUNDAY
- Martin & Lorna Scholz
 - Tom & Tina Smith
 - Peter & Nancy Erratt
- EVERY WEDNESDAY
- Don & Jan Collier
 - David & Laurel Street
- EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
- Lyndon & Leah Unger
 - Mark & Shannia Guenther

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
6:30 pm Kids’ Club & Youth Group
- FRIDAY OCTOBER 24
6:30 pm Youth Night
- SATURDAY OCTOBER 25
7:00 pm Sing Plus @ BBC
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry
- FRIDAY OCTOBER 31
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study
6:30 pm Halloween food drive
- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1
2:00 am Set your clocks back one hour
- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7
1:30 pm Stan Collier’s Memorial Service
- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16
6:00 pm Evening of Prayer
- November 16 - 21
Operation Christmas Boxes Collection
- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23
12:00 pm Newcomers’ Lunch

September Financial Report

General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$32,829	\$28,495

OFFERING

E-TRANSFER: treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

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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.

Dear Family and Friends,
We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the sights and smells of fall. Here, the summer song of the cicadas has been replaced by the chirp of crickets. The other evening, we opened the windows to let in some cool evening air, and the room was filled with the sound of crickets in the fruit orchard next door.

This month has been filled with a return to routines and some new beginnings. Anna returned to kindergarten, and John is back homeschooling full-time. Andrew started at a new language school and is thinking about how he can immerse himself more in Japanese to improve his speaking and comprehension skills. Tanja has also started meeting with Andrew's conversation tutor to train more for conversations with the "rose lady" (Mrs. T) and moms at Anna's kindergarten. Our friends and colleagues, the Flemings, have also started a new phase as they returned to Canada to see how God might use them going forward. They have been a part of our lives throughout our decade long journey from newlyweds visiting Japan, to mid-term missionaries, deputation, and finally arriving here as long-term missionaries. We are definitely going to miss them!

October is looking like an important month for the next few years of our ministry. Together with our field team leader, we will be drafting a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to present to the leadership of Mizonokuchi Chapel in a meeting November 2nd. The MOU will provide an outline of what our relationship with Mizonokuchi Chapel would look like should we agree to join in partnership. The leadership of the church will also be thinking through their hopes and expectations of how we might work together. It is exciting for us to think about moving forward to the next phase of our ministry here.

In Christ,
Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. This month, we will work with our field team leader to draft a memorandum of understanding to present to Mizonokuchi Chapel leadership. Please pray for us as we think about and put to words a framework for a partnership with Mizonokuchi Chapel.
2. Our friends and colleagues, the Flemings, have returned to Canada and are starting a new season of ministry. Please pray that God would help them adjust to Canada and guide them about future service.
3. Andrew recently had coffee with Mr. S, a member of our current church. Previously, we wrote that Mr. S is discouraged by his work situation and spiritual health. Please pray that God would encourage him in his circumstances and guide him as he seeks God's Will for future ministry plans.

Q: How can a church achieve a true, biblical unity?
A: The Bible underscores the importance of “unity” and “oneness.” Unity with others is “good” and “pleasant” ([Psalm 133:1](#)). Unity is absolutely essential because the church is the “body of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#)), and a body cannot be in disunity or disharmony with itself. If disunity occurs, it essentially ceases to be a body and becomes a disjointed group of individuals. Jesus’ plan for His church is people unified in the faith.

The secret to unity begins with how we view ourselves within the body and how we view others. The key verse that addresses this is [Philippians 2:3](#): “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” Disunity in a church is most often caused when we act selfishly and consider ourselves better than others. Paul goes on to explain further in the following verse: “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Sadly, churches that experience disunity and are in conflict and turmoil are generally filled with people looking to their own needs, their own desires, and their own ambitions. Such behavior is characteristic of unbelievers, not those with the mind of Christ. Worldliness, not godliness, is the hallmark of the disunified church, as Paul reminded the Corinthians: “For you are yet carnal. For in that there is among you envyings and strife and divisions, are you not carnal, and do you not walk according to men?” ([1 Corinthians 3:3](#)).

But Paul tells us that we are to consider others’ needs before our own. In all modesty, humility and lowliness of mind, we are to “be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” ([Ephesians 4:2](#)). A church filled with such people cannot help but have peace, unity, and harmony. The truly humble person sees his own faults in light of the perfections of Christ; he does not seek to see the faults of others, but when he does, he speaks the truth in love and desires their sanctification so they will be built up in the image of Christ. He sees his own heart and the corruption that lies hidden there, along with impure motives and evil ambitions. But he does not seek to notice the errors, defects, and follies of others. He sees the depravity of his own heart and hopes charitably in the goodness of others and believes their hearts are more pure than his.

Most importantly, as Christians, we are to see one another in the light of the cross. Fellow Christians are those for whom Christ died a horrible and painful death so that He might exchange His righteous perfection for their sin ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). How can we not extend to them the love, compassion, and grace of our heavenly Father? How can we demean, criticize, and defame those covered with the precious blood of Christ? Were we not slaves to sin when He called us, hopelessly lost, dead in our own transgressions and sins ([Ephesians 2:1](#))? But we are now slaves of Christ, slaves to righteousness, and as slaves of the Master, the task before us is not to quarrel and demand our needs be met but to reflect His grace and love to those who are also His by His mercy. A church full of such people enjoying their “common salvation” will be a true, biblical church unified in, and earnestly contending for, the “faith once delivered to the saints” ([Jude 1:3](#)).