



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]
Childrens’ Church (For ages 4-8, 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

SERMON

Speaker: Pastor Peter
Scripture: 1 Cor. 1: 18 - 25
“ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” - 1 Cor. 1:18

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

Welcome to talk to us: elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

GET TO KNOW US

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Lilian Lara
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- PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES
- Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, Gord Rue
 - Ministry: Seniors’ Ministry
 - Fellowship: West Edmonton 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 THURSDAY
- Mark & Shannia Guenther
- EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
- Lyndon & Leah Unger

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
6:30 pm Kids’ Club & Youth Group
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study
6:30 pm Women’s Night
- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16
6:00 pm Evening of Prayer
- NOVEMBER 16 - 21
Operation Christmas Boxes Collection
- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21
6:30 pm Youth Night
- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22
7:00 pm SingPlus at Waskasoo
- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23
12:00 pm Newcomers’ Lunch
- THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27
7:00 pm Membership Council Meeting

September Financial Report

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

OFFERING

E-TRANSFER: treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

OR DROP OFF YOUR EVELOPE AT THE OFFICE

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.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Jim & Kathy Hansen

Dear Prayer Partner,
People often ask me about Ethnos360 Bible Institute where I serve preparing people for missionary service. Our motto is “Where Bible and Missions are One.” Some students just come for the Bible, and they are welcome, but we let them know from the start that we are all about Missions. Our two-year program emphasizes Bible preparation for cross-cultural ministry.

I have been in theological education as a student and as a teacher for over 40 years, and I can honestly say that this is the best school I have ever been at. And I have been at some GREAT Bible schools before I arrived at EBI!

I am delighted to tell you that I am not the only one who believes that about our school. We are in the final process of full accreditation. Before I came to EBI, I walked through that process at two other schools where I served, but the report we just received for EBI is above and beyond any I have seen before. What did the reviewers say about EBI? Read for yourself.

Some encouraging words:

- One said said our "level of teaching is outstanding."
- The lead reviewer said the interviews with students was the most impressive. She said that she "got chills as students talked of their love for EBI, love for the staff and the impact on their lives and passion for mission."
- Another reviewer said these were the best student interviews she has ever had.
- Another said that the building and grounds "far exceeded expectations."
- They remarked about the tasteful design, furnishings, colors, and decor, taking pictures of spaces along the way. They were over and over impressed that such a professional level is accomplished in-house (building, design, even the gym floor repair).
- They were blown away by all the non-academic opportunities students have for service and development: Campus Ministry, Outreach, dish crew, veggie crew, snow crew, student leadership.

That is rather amazing for a school of 200 students and an all volunteer staff who are supported by local churches and individuals. I thank God for calling me to serve here and have a part in sending others to the mission field.

Know anyone looking for Bible training? Please tell them about Ethnos360 Bible Institute!

Prayer requests:

- Our student body is one of the largest ever, but our staff numbers are down this year. Pray that God will provide all the staff we need.
- This has turned into an extra busy semester for me with EBI and with opportunities to minister outside of the school. Please pray for strength and for good management of my time.
- Kathy’s knee has healed well, and she is back at school helping her special needs students. Her leg, however, is weak after three months of rest, and her knee hurts as she exercises and regains her strength. Pray that her leg will strengthen quickly.

By God’s grace,

Jim and Kathy Hansen
SIMUSA serving at Ethnos360 Bible Institute

GOT QUESTIONS ARTICLE

What is Christian apologetics?

The English word “apology” comes from a Greek word which basically means “to give a defense.” Christian apologetics, then, is the science of giving a defense of the Christian faith. There are many skeptics who doubt the existence of God and/or attack belief in the God of the Bible. There are many critics who attack the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible. There are many false teachers who promote false doctrines and deny the key truths of the Christian faith. The mission of Christian apologetics is to combat these movements and instead promote the Christian God and Christian truth.

Probably the key verse for Christian apologetics is 1 Peter 3:15, “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” There is no excuse for a Christian to be completely unable to defend his or her faith. Every Christian should be able to give a reasonable presentation of his or her faith in Christ. No, not every Christian needs to be an expert in apologetics. Every Christian, though, should know what he believes, why he believes it, how to share it with others, and how to defend it against lies and attacks.

A second aspect of Christian apologetics that is often ignored is the second half of 1 Peter 3:15, “but do this with gentleness and respect...” Defending the Christian faith with apologetics should never involve being rude, angry, or disrespectful. While practicing Christian apologetics, we should strive to be strong in our defense and at the same time Christlike in our presentation. If we win a debate but turn a person even further away from Christ by our attitude, we have lost the true purpose of Christian apologetics.

There are two primary methods of Christian apologetics. The first, commonly known as classical apologetics, involves sharing proofs and evidences that the Christian message is true. The second, commonly known as “presuppositional” apologetics, involves confronting the presuppositions (preconceived ideas, assumptions) behind anti-Christian positions. Proponents of the two methods of Christian apologetics often debate each other as to which method is most effective. It would seem to be far more productive to be using both methods, depending on the person and situation.

Christian apologetics is simply presenting a reasonable defense of the Christian faith and truth to those who disagree. Christian apologetics is a necessary aspect of the Christian life. We are all commanded to be ready and equipped to proclaim the gospel and defend our faith (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15). That is the essence of Christian apologetics.

NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS 2026

Membership Council & Servant Leadership Board:

Clerk: Gwen Ryder
Treasurer: Lyndon Unger
Elders Board: Cory Leniuk
Tom Smith
Tim Archibald

Servant Leadership Board Positions:

Abuse Prevention and Procedures: Jenni Duke
Benevolence: Lois Collier
Bethany Kid's Club: Tim & Michelle Archibald
Building and Grounds: Tim Archibald
Children's Church: Morgan Duke
College & Career: -----
Furnishings and Equipment: Tim Archibald
Life Groups: Martin Scholz
Men's Ministry: Jonah Braun
Music: Lorna Scholz
Nursery: Sari Powell
Seniors Ministry: Dennis & Ruth Burriss
Sunday School: Cory & Diana Leniuk
Vice Moderator: Tim Archibald
Women's Ministry: Nancy Erratt
Youth Ministry: Mitchell Babbitt

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Other Leadership Positions:

Camp Little Red Board Members: Don Collier
Doug Shortt
Decorations: Shay Flyer
Fellowship: Michelle Wallace
Head Usher: Luke Wagner
Kitchen: Michelle Wallace
Library: Leah Unger
Missions Treasurer: Leah Unger
Nominating Committee Members: Jenni Duke
Shay Flyer
Laurel Street
Michelle Wallace
Charles Powell
Ordinances: Libby Flinn
Planning Center: Morgan Duke
Prayer Ministry: Martin Scholz
Stewardship: Charles Powell
Curtis Radke
Lyndon Unger
Ernesto Vinoya
Chris Wallace
Erik Babbitt
Peter Braun
Tellers: Lucien Brodeur
Lonnie Flyer
Barbara Marian
Doug Nelson
Curtis Radke
Mitchell Babbitt
Marionne Vinoya
Luke Wagner
Chris Wallace
Dallas Lambe
Shelly Brown
Kelly Edwards

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When you think about how the world views Christianity, why do you think so many see it as foolish or hard to believe? What helped you come to see it differently?

2. Have you ever had a moment in your faith where trusting God felt a bit like “leaning out over the edge,” risky at first, but later you saw His wisdom in it? What was that like for you?

3. When you think about how the world defines wisdom, what kinds of things usually come to mind, and how is God’s wisdom in the cross completely different from that?

4. Paul says Jews demanded signs and Greeks sought wisdom. Why do you think people today still try to set conditions for believing in God, and how do you see that happening in our culture?

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5. When sharing the gospel, have you ever felt like it might be “foolish” or ineffective in the eyes of others? How do you handle that tension? What are some ways we can faithfully proclaim the Gospel without being discouraged when people reject it?

6. When someone seems resistant or indifferent to the gospel, what are practical ways we can pray, listen, and witness without being pushy or defensive? How can we balance using reason, evidence, or explanations with trusting that God’s power alone brings transformation?

7. What does it mean to you that God “calls” people and opens their hearts? How have you seen that work in your own faith journey or in the lives of others?
