



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 AM Fellowship Coffee**
- 10:30 AM Worship Service**
- 6 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 Daniel

Scripture: 1 Cor. 8: 9-13

Food Offered to Idols: Part Two

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

According to the first letter of your last name, feel free to bring any questions or concerns to your assigned elder or email them at elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

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- 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

July 6 - 10
9am to 12 pm VBS
(Age 4 to Grade 6)

WEDNESDAY JULY 8
6:30 am Men's Breakfast
9:30 am Summer Moms Group
6:30 pm Elders' Meeting

TUESDAY JULY 14
6:30 pm Baptism Class
7:30 pm Membership Class

Sept 4 - 6
Family Camp

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

VBS

We are excited to welcome 39 children to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 6-10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our volunteers have been working hard to prepare Bible lessons, music, drama, crafts, games, and snacks, all centred on the theme of Psalm 23. We are grateful for this wonderful discipleship opportunity.

VBS gives us five days—900 minutes—to speak God's truth into the lives of these boys and girls. While we may not know what is happening in the heart, home, or life of each child who attends, God does. We may not know when a child needs an extra measure of Jesus' love, but God does. We may not know which child especially needs to hear that God's Word is true, but God does.

We invite you to join us in praying for our VBS this week. Please ask God to give each child exactly what he or she needs, and pray that every one of those 900 minutes will be used to point boys and girls to Jesus, strengthen their faith, and help them grow as His disciples.

May Financial Report		
General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$31,835	\$29,694.81
Missions Giving	Received YTD	May
	\$22,835	\$4,150

OFFERING

E-TRANSFER: treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

OR DROP OFF YOUR ENVELOPE 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

Camp Little Red

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12

Greetings from Camp Little Red! How good our God is and how active He has been behind the scenes and in front of the scenes and in the scenes itself! His light is bright and never fades. He is a constant source of wisdom, guidance and protection! Praise Him!

So, here is a mixed bag of highlights to ponder and pray about and praise about!

- A 2024 van purchased for the camp. Had only 375 kms on it.
- A camp fun day that saw families come and have an enjoyable time at the camp, about \$6,000 raised to help students go back to school
- A new student worker, Reuben Rand, working for the camp
- The hiring of an assistant director for 15 months. See attached letter for news on Greg and Nikki and Jay and Annie
- Rentals, camps, school chapels being spoken at and carried out
- The recent rain raised the river but not to any dangerous flood levels
- The baptism of a young man at the camp, his whole church showed up and were very blessed!
- A tired Gord and Val as more workers to help at rentals were not available, the work was heavy and it takes time to recover
- The house project on hold till we get county approval
- Camps are full but we NEED a Nurse for our first camp of the summer...how? Where? Help Lord!
- Also NEED two girl staff over 18 as counsellors and one or two boys
- We will be saying goodbye to the two families living on the camp property, they will be missed
- A good inspection from the health inspector
- A fire that brought 5 fire trucks and 9 fire fighters to the camp...all is safe and well
- A hi-hoe at the camp for extending the lake and helping with the house
- The neighbor letting us use his pasture for the horses again this year

One other thing that is happening has to do with the staff at camp. The Wrangler's salary as well as the assistant director's salary has a base amount given from the camp. We have given them permission to raise money to be paid to a maximum amount for the month. If more money is raised, then the maximum amount then the rest of the money will go to the next month's salary. With the new staff and base amounts, we will need the Lord to keep the manna coming regularly to meet the needs. Jehovah Jireh is His name. Let us call out to Him together for His faithful provision. People can give through the camp to help Greg Waddy or Emily Mundell Reimer. Just indicate that on your gift. May God use the staff to win boys and girls to Himself as we share the light of the world with them!

God is at work in some mighty ways. Pray for the hundreds of children signed up for camp that many would hear the gospel and respond. Thank God for you! Jesus is the Light of the world indeed!

Got Questions Article

Christian liberty – what does the Bible say?

Christian liberty is found in the Bible in several concepts. For example, liberty for the Christian can mean that he or she has been freed from the penalty of sin by faith in Jesus Christ ([John 8:31-36](#); [Romans 6:23](#)). Also, Christian liberty can refer to being freed from the power of sin in one's life by daily faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of one's character and conduct ([Romans 6:5-6, 14](#)). In addition, Christian liberty can mean that Christians are freed from the Jewish Law of Moses in that the Law only "exposes" sin in one's life but cannot "forgive" sin ([Romans 3:20-22](#)).

Finally, Christian liberty can mean that Christians are freed in respect to such activity that is not expressly forbidden in the Bible. Therefore one can feel free to engage in such activity as long as it doesn't "stumble" or "offend" another Christian ([Romans 14:12-16](#)). Most of these activities revolve around social "dos" and "don'ts, such as whether or not to wear certain kinds of clothes, make-up, jewelry, tattoos, piercings, and/or practicing certain things, such as smoking, social drinking, recreational gambling, dancing, or viewing movies or videos. As the passage in [Romans 14](#) says, these things may not be strictly prohibited by God's Word, but they can be bad for one's spiritual growth or Christian testimony and can cause other Christians to stumble.

Furthermore, Christians who tend to vigorously promote such liberties can sometimes fall into a loose lifestyle of undisciplined living, while, on the other hand, Christians who tend to vigorously limit such liberties can sometimes fall into a legalistic lifestyle of being defined by what they are "against." So, it is wise to seek God in prayer and His Word to determine whether or not a particular activity is actually forbidden in Scripture. If it is, it should be avoided. If it is not forbidden, then we should seek to determine how the activity reflects on our reputation as Christians and whether it will help us or hinder us in representing Jesus to unbelievers around us, whether it edifies them or not.

The ultimate goal for the Christian should be to glorify God, edify fellow believers, and have a good reputation before unbelievers ([Psalm 19:14](#); [Romans 15:1-2](#); [1 Peter 2:11-12](#)). "For you brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" ([Galatians 5:13](#)).