



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: Psalm 23

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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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, Gord Rue
→ 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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Men’s breakfast

Men’s Breakfast takes place every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. All men are welcome! Join us for a time of fellowship, sharing a meal, and praying for one another before heading to work. Please pray for Dennis Burriss as he leads the breakfast ministry, and for the team who faithfully prepare the meal and set up the space each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 15
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

SATURDAY AUGUST 8
Christina Erratt’s Bridal Shower

SUNDAY AUGUST 9
10:30 am Rokeby Sharing & Potluck after the service

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12
6:30 pm Elders’ Meeting

MONDAY AUGUST 17
7 pm SLB Meeting

Sept 4 - 6
Family Camp

And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” - 1 Sam. 17:37

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
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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.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Phil and Deene Webb

I last wrote just before going to Colombia in March, so I am excited to share all that has taken place since. I am full of gratitude for the results of that trip, as well as my trip to Spain in May.

The main reason for the trip to Colombia was to train Freedom Session facilitators. For three days 120 Pastors and leaders from about 40 churches and organizations attended the intensive training. The participants experienced 30 percent of all the material. This quick demanding dive required real vulnerability from everyone. The Holy Spirit gave these leaders the disposition to not only look at personal issues but also the willingness to share with other leaders, even strangers. It was amazing to see how quickly they fully embraced the process.

What impacted me most is what happened beneath the surface...moments of healing: a man chose to forgive both his wife and his friend for committing adultery, a woman confessed to a theft she had carried in secret for more than 50 years and was relieved of that weight. Pastors and leaders who carried pain and hidden struggles received healing.

When leaders find a place for vulnerability and authenticity, they are set free and are empowered to lead others into the same freedom. The participants bought over 600 pairs of workbooks to use in their churches. I felt a special grace on this event. When I began to raise support for it, I thought I would need 6000 dollars to cover all the expenses. God graciously gave me 11,000. Guess what? It cost us 11,000. This generosity provided for the printing of the next 1000 pairs of workbooks.

One of the lessons I have been learning lately is the power of “rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep”. Romans 12:15. This vulnerability has powerful effects.

While in Colombia I had various experiences where I literally caught myself crying with those who were suffering. Sometimes with nothing to say, I simply cried with the person. And that was enough, it spoke louder than many words. At this time, I was feeling weaker than normal and wondered if that is what it means when Paul says, “When I am weak then I am strong.” I believe God was preparing me for the talks I gave in Spain on the importance of vulnerability in discipleship.

A group of the 1700 Coalition of Disciple Makers of Spain met in Seville to learn and encourage each other. It is called 1700 because they plan to have 1700 small groups of disciples running by 2034. They have already started 100. These are a group of missionaries and pastors all over Spain hoping to make a difference in the thousands of towns that have NO evangelical church. It was very encouraging to see leaders from various denominations working together for the sake of the Gospel.

I met 5 missionaries from Venezuela who had been influenced by our Fellowship Missionaries when they worked in Caracas. Talk about missions’ full circle!

Spain has an honour-shame culture where authenticity is not always appreciated and where one’s own vulnerability may dishonour the family. So, hiding one’s own weakness is prevalent and shame is not treated. However, this group is committed to providing a safe place for leaders to meet, in what is called, “Iron on Iron”. Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

They give each leader an hour in which they share how they are doing personally, as well as, in their ministry. In groups of 3 or 4, they listen and then ask each other questions for clarification and perspective and then pray for the individual. It is a beautiful experience of honesty and encouragement. After my time in Seville, I had the joy of meeting up with my sister, brother and his wife for a few days on the Mediterranean coast. A great time of sharing and seeing places of interest.

I then flew to England to meet up with Deene and enjoy a week in the Lake District, and then we had a few days back with my brother and sister. We really appreciated this time of rest which came at a moment of transition. Back in Edmonton: starting in 2021, Deene and I have been part of a team responsible for the replant of Calvary Baptist Church. We now have hired a half time as well as a full time pastor who will start early next year. This means our roles will change. It is a time of letting go and encouraging others to lead. I do hope you all can be renewed over the summer as you take advantage of every warm day.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support which has allowed us to continue to serve Christ’s church in various places.

What does the Bible say about fear?

The Bible mentions two specific types of fear. The first type is beneficial and is to be encouraged. The second type is a detriment and is to be overcome. The first type of fear is fear of the Lord. This type of fear does not necessarily mean to be afraid of something. Rather, it is a reverential awe of God, a reverence for His power and glory. However, it is also a proper respect for His wrath and anger. In other words, the fear of the Lord is a total acknowledgement of all that God is, which comes through knowing Him and His attributes.

Fear of the Lord brings with it many blessings and benefits. It is the beginning of wisdom and leads to good understanding ([Psalm 111:10](#)). Only fools despise wisdom and discipline ([Proverbs 1:7](#)). Furthermore, fear of the Lord leads to life, rest, peace, and contentment ([Proverbs 19:23](#)). It is the fountain and life ([Proverbs 14:27](#)) and provides a security and a place of safety for us ([Proverbs 14:26](#)).

Thus, one can see how fearing God should be encouraged. However, the second type of fear mentioned in the Bible is not beneficial at all. This is the “spirit of fear” mentioned in [2 Timothy 1:7](#): “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (NKJV). A spirit of fearfulness and timidity does not come from God.

However, sometimes we are afraid, sometimes this “spirit of fear” overcomes us, and to overcome it we need to trust in and love God completely. “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love” ([1 John 4:18](#)). No one is perfect, and God knows this. That is why He has liberally sprinkled encouragement against fear throughout the Bible. Beginning in the book of Genesis and continuing throughout the book of Revelation, God reminds us to “Fear not.”

For example, [Isaiah 41:10](#) encourages us, “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Often we fear the future and what will become of us. But Jesus reminds us that God cares for the birds of the air, so how much more will He provide for His children? “So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” ([Matthew 10:31](#)). Just these few verses cover many different types of fear. God tells us not to be afraid of being alone, of being too weak, of not being heard, and of lacking physical necessities. These admonishments continue throughout the Bible, covering the many different aspects of the “spirit of fear.”

In [Psalm 56:11](#) the psalmist writes, “In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” This is an awesome testimony to the power of trusting in God. Regardless of what happens, the psalmist will trust in God because he knows and understands the power of God. The key to overcoming fear, then, is total and complete trust in God. Trusting God is a refusal to give in to fear. It is a turning to God even in the darkest times and trusting Him to make things right. This trust comes from knowing God and knowing that He is good. As Job said when he was experiencing some of the most difficult trials recorded in the Bible, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him” ([Job 13:15 NKJV](#)).

Once we have learned to put our trust in God, we will no longer be afraid of the things that come against us. We will be like the psalmist who said with confidence “...let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you” ([Psalm 5:11](#)).