



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 Peter
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9: 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

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!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Usher Ministry
Our ushers help create a warm, welcoming, safe and organized environment for all of our services. They play an important role in helping everyone feel at ease and enjoy a positive worship experience. We are grateful for all the ushers serving.
Please pray for the ushers that they would enjoy this opportunity to serve and know how grateful we are for their dedication.

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

MONDAY AUGUST 3
2:00 pm Natasha Cronje's baby shower

SATURDAY AUGUST 8
2:30 Christina Erratt's Bridal Shower. Please bring a snack to share

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

TUESDAY AUGUST 11
6:30 Youth Night

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12
6:30 pm Elders' Meeting

MONDAY AUGUST 17
7 pm SLB Meeting

Sept 4 - 6
Family Camp

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
Galatians 2:20*

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.

Gordon Russell

A quick greetings from the Russells!

It has been another whirlwind of a summer. It came upon us so fast! Here we are with two summer camps left and a mittful of rentals. The camps have been very tiring but also very fruitful! It is such a delight to help boys and girls hear the Gospel and to pour into their lives some good things! So many hurts to deal with. Such a variety of kids.

One 16 year old wanted to be baptized in the river after our second camp. So, we went through a class with them during meal times. It started with one and ended up with seven by the time we finished. So we baptized the one at camp two and another at the end of camp three, three more of them will get baptized after camp four. The other two will be baptized at their church and another boy will be baptized after camp five.

It has been a strange movement of God in these lives. Like the boy that had fear in his eyes nd asked for help to get relief from his sins! It was a great talk and a great salvation. Peace are in their eyes now! His brother received the Lord 24 hours later. So, Val has been cooking and training another cook for next year. We are getting a bit run down. Pray for us as we battle the forces of darkness for these lives. We can not do this without the Lord.

Meanwhile, we are also enjoying the Grandkids when we get to see them. They are sure growing up and are full of life.

RUSSELL is coming to camp five next week. He has been enjoying the summer and won first place in the first ever “Piston Cup” motorcycle race held at his house. What a fun day that was! MARK is such a joy and full of life. Always wanting to play with Grandpa a game where Grandpa tries to sleep on the coach and the boys push him off! Oh those boys! RYAN is talking like a real person. Enjoys singing and monster trucks and baseball! WALTER is such a little man! He sits high on the golf cart at camp when Grandpa takes him for a ride and splashes up a storm at the waterpark with Grandma! ANNA smiles and coo’s and is adored by all! May the Lord grant wisdom to the Mom’s and Dad’s of these little lives!

Our daughter’s and sons-in-laws are a treasure indeed and JULIE and JENNY are loved dearly. Pray for us and Thank you for your support!

Got Questions Article

What does it mean that everything is permissible?

“In 1 Corinthians 6:12, we read, “Everything is permissible for me” (CSB), a statement that, pulled from its context, would seem to cast off all restraint. Is everything permissible for the believer? Can we do anything we want? Here is the whole verse: “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything” (NASB). Paul repeats the idea in chapter 10, verse 23: “All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify” (NASB).

Freedom in Christ is a truth Paul constantly emphasizes. For example, Paul says, “Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law. . . . For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters” (Galatians 5:1, 13, NLT). Paul states that believers “are not under the law, but under grace” (Romans 6:14) and “by grace you have been saved, through faith . . . not by works” (Ephesians 2:8–9; cf. Romans 3:20). Paul never tires of telling Christians that “we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code” (Romans 7:6).

Evidently, some in Corinth had distorted Paul’s message of liberty and moved toward an antinomian approach of living, which sees moral law being of no use and not binding because faith alone is necessary for salvation. Because of the textual construction in the Greek, many commentators believe the statement All things are lawful for me was used by the Corinthians, and Paul is simply repeating back to them their own words. It was the Corinthians who were saying, “Everything is permissible for me,” repeating it as a mantra to cover their sinful behavior. In their minds, they probably even thought they were quoting Paul, who had taught them about Christian liberty. In his corrective letter to them, Paul’s intent was to counter that attitude. Some translations use punctuation to bring out that meaning, putting everything is permissible or its equivalent in quotation marks: “‘I have the right to do anything,’ you say—but not everything is beneficial. ‘I have the right to do anything’—but not everything is constructive” (1 Corinthians 10:23, NIV).

In both places where everything is permissible is found, Paul reminds his readers that, when he speaks of Christian freedom, it is always in relation to freedom from works-based righteousness, i.e., earning salvation by good deeds. When we try to merit salvation through the Mosaic Law, Pharisaic tradition, or any other means, we pervert the gospel. Grace is unmerited and by definition cannot be earned. The Christian is free from the burden of attempting to earn salvation, but the Corinthians had perverted Paul’s message of freedom to justify sinful lifestyles.

Grace is not license to sin. The believer should not live as if “everything is permissible.” Beyond the book of Corinthians, Paul makes it clear that freedom in Christ does not equate to freedom to sin: “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? . . . What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!” (Romans 6:1–2, 15, NASB); “For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13, NASB).

Chapters 6 and 10 in 1 Corinthians also emphasize a restraint of Christian freedom when it comes to other believers. Paul’s primary message on this subject for the Corinthians and all believers in all ages is summarized in 1 Corinthians 10:31: “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (NASB).

https://www.gotquestions.org/everything-is-permissible.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 18:1–3. Because Paul chose not to be paid for his work in Corinth, what did he have to do to provide for himself? What can we learn from Paul's willingness to work another Job for the sake of the gospel?

2. Remember that Paul was single when he arrived in Corinth. How did Paul use his circumstances and opportunities to advance the gospel? What can we learn from his example about using our own season of life for Christ's purposes?

3. Paul didn't just teach the Corinthians about the need to possibly surrender their rights; he actually modeled it. Why is it important that our lives reflect the truths we teach others as much as possible? Are there areas where your example needs to better match what you believe and teach? If so, in what way?

4. Why did Paul view preaching the gospel freely as a reward rather than as a sacrifice? What does this reveal about what Paul valued most? What can we learn from this?

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5. Paul did not give up every right he had, but he willingly surrendered rights when they could become a barrier to the gospel. How can we discern when we should hold onto a right and when we should willingly give it up?

6. How can pride keep us from surrendering our rights for the good of others? What are some ways pride causes us to focus more on what we deserve rather than how we can serve?

7. Paul followed the example of Christ, who willingly gave up His rights for our salvation. What rights and privileges did Jesus surrender for us? What did His sacrifice cost Him, and what was the reward He received? What can we learn from Jesus' example and apply to our lives when considering this?
