



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 Church-wide Quarterly 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

Scriptures: 1 Cor. 10:14- 11:1

Flee from Idolatry

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
Elders

Our elders meet monthly to talk about the health of the church and address current concerns. They are also involved in different ministries and oversee the spiritual health of our church.
Please pray for our elders—that God would give them wisdom, discernment, humility, and strength as they lead and serve our church. Pray that they would remain faithful to God’s Word, united in their decisions, and sensitive to the needs of our church family. Pray also for their families, that God would strengthen and encourage them as they serve.

- 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

- MON AUGUST 31
7 pm APP Training
- TUE SEPTEMBER 1
9 am Pastoral Meeting
6 pm Adventure Club Leaders’ Meeting
7 pm APP Training
- WED SEPTEMBER 2
6:30 am Men’s Breakfast
9:30 am Summer Mom’s Group
- Sept 4 - 6
Family Camp
- TUE SEPTEMBER 8
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth
- WED SEPTEMBER 9
6 pm Shelly Brown’s Bridal Shower
6:30 pm Elders’ Meeting
- SAT SEPTEMBER 12
11 am Shelly & Ted’s Wedding
- SUN SEPTEMBER 13
9 am Ministry Kick-off Potluck Breakfast

“The Christian life is not a sprint, but an extended journey. Will you endure to the end?” - Paul Tripp

July Financial Report		
General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$31,835	\$32,590.42
Missions Giving	Received YTD	July
	\$22,835	\$3,825

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.

What does it mean that no temptation has overtaken you (1 Corinthians 10:13)?

Temptation is a battle for every Christian, and the Bible has much to say about this. One common passage is 1 Corinthians 10:13, which states, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

The New Living Translation puts it this way: “The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.”

This verse is part of a discourse on food sacrificed to idols, which began in chapter 8. Later, Paul offers words of caution for his readers regarding sin and temptation. He cites the failures of the Israelites in the Old Testament as a warning against indulging in evil. Idolatry, sexual immorality, and even grumbling against God are actions a Christian should avoid. This applies to both the strong and weak. The former should be careful not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:12), and the weak should not be led astray by the freedom of the strong.

We know we should avoid sin, but, to our dismay, we still face temptations. This is a consequence of the sinful world in which we live and the sinful nature within that desires what is contrary to God’s will (see Galatians 5:17). There will come a time when we’re glorified and completely free of sin (Romans 8:30; 1 John 3:2). For now, as we go through the process of sanctification, Christians long for eternity (2 Corinthians 5:1–5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–2).

First Corinthians 10:13 addresses our inclination to sin with a fact: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.” This can be paraphrased as “there’s nothing you are tempted by that no one has ever gone through before.” Our temptations are not unique to us; others have battled with something similar. This is encouraging for tempted Christians who feel no one will understand what they are being enticed to. It also prevents despair. If someone else has overcome the same temptation, there’s an open door for more overcomers.

The remaining part of the verse provides further encouragement: “And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” The popular slogan “God will not give you more than you can handle” comes from a misinterpretation of this verse. We will face hardship, and some of those difficulties might very well be things we cannot handle on our own. But, if we belong to Christ, God will not allow any difficulty to come our way that we are incapable of bearing in the power of Christ. With every temptation and every testing we face, God will remain faithful to us. He might not keep us from the test, but He will provide a way to endure the test.

It is worth noting that God does not tempt anyone (James 1:13). However, He is sovereign over everything, including our temptations. He knows our weaknesses, and we can trust in His faithfulness when facing temptation. It may not always seem so, but there’s always a way out. God provides an escape. We should rest in God’s sovereignty, faithfulness, and strength to overcome.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Antakya Christian Church (Ric & Darlene Munro)

Previously, we wrote to you by email about what is happening in our church, and we specifically asked you to pray for us. The reason is that we are genuinely living among people whose lives are deeply broken. We have become involved right in the midst of their lives because these people have come to the church and believed. They have believed very deeply. Their troubles have become our troubles. They are going through some very difficult things— extremely difficult things—and it has become very heavy for us too. I would like to share with you a little about how their lives are continuing now.

The life of one of our sisters seems to have started improving somewhat. Praise God, her determined stand has helped bring about a small change in her husband—not a great deal, but some change. We spoke with her husband and told him very clearly that he must not practise fortune-telling, because fortune-telling belongs to Satan. He actually did not know that it was something associated with Satan.

The four of us sat down and talked with him. We discussed their expectations of one another. It became something like counselling, and it was a good time together. Although her husband is not a believer, he has a great deal of respect for us. He respects what we say so much that he is willing to listen to us and obey what we tell him. His heart has changed. And of course, I am sure that your prayers have helped bring about this change in his heart.

Please continue to pray. You can pray that this man will come to faith. Their lives are actually so broken that I could tell you about another situation with them - Their marriage is not legally recognised. This is a situation that exists in this Middle Eastern, Muslim country, where polygamy has traditionally been part of the culture. This man has two wives, and this woman is the second wife. This woman came to the church and believed. She is the second wife and has come to faith in Christ. So, technically, she is the kuma—the second wife. She is not legally married to him, although this happened about 25 years ago. They have two children: a 24-year-old son and another son who is 10.

In everyone's eyes, these people are married, but legally they are not. They are not married in the eyes of the state. However, in another sense they are regarded as married because there is such a thing as an imam nikâhı (a religious Islamic marriage), which is recognised within Muslim society. She has come to faith, and praise God, she understands the situation completely, but unfortunately she cannot change it.

Please pray that the Lord will touch this situation, resolve it, and glorify His name through it.

Hamdullah & Elmas Akin