



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 Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service & Children’s Church during the sermon
- 12 PM Life Group Kick-off Potluck Lunch
- 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

Topic: 4 Chair Discipleship Part 2

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

Men’s Ministry
Our Men’s Ministry exists to provide outreach, community, and discipleship opportunities for the men of BBC. We seek to encourage one another to embrace biblical manhood—to lead our families with love, faith, humility, and integrity.
As men, we are called to faithfully care for and lead our own households so that we are equipped to serve and care for God’s household. Through fellowship, Bible study, discipleship, and service, we encourage one another to grow in our relationship with Christ and live out our calling as godly men in our homes, church, workplaces, and communities. Please pray for Pastor Peter, Pastor Daniel, and all the men of Bethany. May God bless them, strengthen them, and equip them to live exemplary lives as men of God, faithfully reflecting Christ in every area of their lives.

“Independent Christianity is a delusion and a rejection of God’s loving and wise design. Your walk with God is a total-body project.” - Paul Tripp

- MON SEPTEMBER 21**
7 pm SLB Meeting

TUE SEPTEMBER 22
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth

WED SEPTEMBER 23
6:30 am Men’s Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry

FRI SEPTEMBER 25
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study
6:30 pm Men’s Night

SUN SEPTEMBER 27
12 pm Newcomers’ Lunch

TUE SEPTEMBER 29 to 30
Pastors’ Retreat

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

August Financial Report		
General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$31,835	\$32,099.75
Missions Giving	Received YTD	August
	\$35,835	\$5,145

OFFERING
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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

Kevin & Micaela Miller

We are moving closer to being able to return to Pakistan. Over the past few months we've tried to walk the line between eager excitement at what God has next for us and being present and grateful for the place he has us now. We have made great friends here in Calgary. We have been a part of a great church community and Kevin's valued his colleagues with EMI. We've been able to have great moments with family over the past few months. We've also worked diligently towards preparing for Pakistan. Micaela has been doing Urdu lessons along with the kids and we've begun packing and planning things to take and things to store. We live in gratitude that God has been good to us, giving us the moments we have now and hope for what he has in store for the future.

We reached an agreement between the engineering organization in Pakistan, Fellowship International and ourselves. This took a little longer than we'd hoped but it required some good conversations around expectations as well as some practical details such as visa requirements. The extra work feels worth it though and we're satisfied this will be a mutually beneficial relationship for all parties!

At the end of June and start of July we participated in pre-departure training for Pakistan. This was our second time taking this training but our kids first. Many of the other participants were also seasoned missionaries. It was not only a good refresher but also led to enriching and challenging conversations helping us prepare mentally and spiritually for our return to Pakistan. The kids loved this time and it's helped them with processing the change in returning to Pakistan.

Over the past few months Kevin worked to finish his final remaining project with EMI. In completing this project he was able to use his Professional Engineer stamp for the first time! Kevin has also been helping EMI with transition as they begin to find a replacement for the Emerging Leaders Manager position.

We have visited with as many churches as we've been able to over the past few months. Hoping to fit in as many as we can before we return to Pakistan! Kevin has been able to visit with, update and sometimes preach at over nine churches the last four months.

In preparation for Pakistan we have gone through routine assessments to prepare ourselves healthwise for Pakistan. Taking some of these assessments Kevin realized he needs to take better care of his health and enrolled in a program run by Alberta health called LifestyleRX. Kevin already feels like he has more energy and is living healthier and losing weight. He ran the 10K in the Calgary Marathon this year!

Now that we have finalized the agreement with the engineering firm in Pakistan we are beginning to apply for our visas. Our current hope is to be done the visa application this month and returning Pakistan this fall. While we wait on visas we will be preparing for Pakistan. We are both taking a course that helps expand your language learning toolbox at the end of September. We'll also be packing what we can and Kevin will be taking short courses for development credits required to maintain his Professional Engineer designation.

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for our visa applications that we receive multiple year visas and are able to return to Pakistan this year!**
- **Pray for our kids that we would be able to establish good relationships for them to be able to thrive and love Pakistan**
- **Pray for some of our friends that are awaiting visas to return to Pakistan.**

What is the Great Commission?

Matthew 28:19–20 contains what has come to be called the Great Commission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus gave this command to the apostles shortly before He ascended into heaven, and it essentially outlines what Jesus expected the apostles and those who followed them to do in His absence.

It is interesting that, in the original Greek, the only direct command in Matthew 28:19–20 is “make disciples.” The Great Commission instructs us to make disciples while we are going throughout the world. The instructions to “go,” “baptize,” and “teach” are indirect commands—participles in the original. How are we to make disciples? By baptizing them and teaching them all that Jesus commanded. “Make disciples” is the primary command of the Great Commission. “Going,” “baptizing,” and “teaching” are the means by which we fulfill the command to “make disciples.”

A disciple is someone who receives instruction from another person; a Christian disciple is a baptized follower of Christ, one who believes the teaching of Christ. A disciple of Christ imitates Jesus’ example, clings to His sacrifice, believes in His resurrection, possesses the Holy Spirit, and lives to do His work. The command in the Great Commission to “make disciples” means to teach or train people to follow and obey Christ.

Many understand Acts 1:8 as part of the Great Commission as well: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The Great Commission is enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to be Christ’s witnesses, fulfilling the Great Commission in our cities (Jerusalem), in our states and countries (Judea and Samaria), and anywhere else God sends us (to the ends of the earth).

Throughout the book of Acts, we see how the apostles began to fulfill the Great Commission, as outlined in Acts 1:8. First, Jerusalem is evangelized (Acts 1 – 7); then the Spirit expands the church through Judea and Samaria (Acts 8 – 12); finally, the gospel reaches into “the ends of the earth” (Acts 13 – 28). Today, we continue to act as ambassadors for Christ, and “we plead on Christ’s behalf: ‘Be reconciled to God’” (2 Corinthians 5:20, CSB).

We have received a precious gift: “the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people” (Jude 1:3). Jesus’ words in the Great Commission reveal the heart of God, who desires “all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). The Great Commission compels us to share the good news until everyone has heard. Like the servants in Jesus’ parable, we are to be about the business of the kingdom, making disciples of all nations: “He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13, KJV).

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is one area of your life where Jesus is currently teaching you to grow in obedience and become more like Him?

2. What do you think is the difference between simply serving in a church ministry and intentionally helping someone grow spiritually?

3. Ephesians 4 says that believers are to be equipped “for the work of ministry.” What is something you believe God has equipped you to do that could be used to serve others?

4. Jesus says, “Abide in me.” What does abiding in Christ practically look like in your life through His Word, prayer, obedience, and dependence on Him?

5. What kind of “fruit” do you see God producing in your life right now? Where would you like to see more fruit?

6. Who has had a spiritual influence on your life that has continued to bear fruit? What did that person do that made an impact on you?

7. Where would you say you are currently on the Four Chairs: “Come and See,” “Follow Me,” “Fish for Men,” or “Go and Make Disciples”? Why do you think so?

8. As you think about Ministry Opportunity Sundays and the Discipleship Pathway, what might be one next step God is calling you to take in order to grow, serve, or help someone else follow Jesus? Discuss