



**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**

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. 11:17-34**  
**The Lord's Supper and Unity**

**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](mailto:elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca)

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**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, John Eng  
→ Email us your prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line!

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Missions**

Our Missions Ministry seeks to promote and encourage participation in missions both locally and abroad. The ministry aims to foster a biblical understanding of missions within our church, encourage those who may be called to missionary service, and facilitate communication between Bethany and the missionaries we support.

Please pray for Mike Duckworth, our Missions Ministry leader, and the entire team as they serve. Pray for wisdom, encouragement, and a heart for sharing the Gospel, as well as for the missionaries Bethany supports around the world.

*“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”  
2 Corinthians 4:6*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TUE OCTOBER 13**  
6:30 pm Adventure Club & Youth  
(Review Week: Great Turkey Hunt)

**WED OCTOBER 14**  
6:30 am Men’s Breakfast  
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry

**FRI OCTOBER 16**  
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study

**SAT OCTOBER 17**  
10 am to 12 pm APP Training

**WED OCTOBER 19**  
7 pm SLB Meeting

**SUN OCTOBER 25**  
12 pm Potluck lunch with missionaries

**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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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.

## MISSIONARY UPDATES

### Andrew & Tanja Rokeby

We pray that this letter finds you enjoying fall colours and all things pumpkin spice. Tanja is a firm believer that the weather always seems to change on the first day of fall, and this year is proving her right.

Each month, when we sit down to write our update, we read over the previous month's letter. As we draw to the end of our home assignment, we are amazed by the number of places we have visited and the incredible hospitality we have been shown. At one of our stops, Central Baptist in Victoria BC, the pastor informed the congregation that 40 households had volunteered to host our family!

In our travels, we have been asked many times about the challenges of evangelism in Japan. But, on one occasion this month, we got to learn about these challenges from a Japanese woman. She recounted the story of her mother, who had connected with a church and decided to get baptized. She told her daughter that as the pastor was baptizing her, she found herself thinking, "What does the death of Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago have to do with me?" Her mother recounted being deeply moved, some time later, when she realized that she should have been the one on the cross and that Christ had died in her place. Many Japanese people struggle to understand the message of the Bible and how it is relevant to them, but the Spirit is moving in Japan in the Lord's time.

This coming month, we enter the home stretch of our home assignment. After three Sunday visits, we will return to our home church, where we have not been since May. We are looking forward to three Sundays of sweet fellowship with them.

If you would like to join us for our monthly prayer time, please see the information below. We would love to see you.

#### Prayers and Praises

- In less than six weeks we will hit the ground running in Japan. Please continue to pray that God will prepare the hearts of our new neighbours and that He will guide Andrew and Pastor Ben as they work on the weekly schedule for our internship at Yokohama International Baptist Church.
- Andrew continues to experience intermittent dizziness related to the vertigo episodes he had over the summer. Please pray for swift and complete healing.
- Recently, we have benefited a lot from meetings with a number of people who minister to missionary kids. Praise the Lord for the provision of good resources and caring hearts as we seek to shepherd our third-culture kids well.

#### Language Learning

Our return to Canada at the end of April marked the end of our season of full-time language study. However, during our home assignment, we have both continued our language learning. Andrew has been studying online with two tutors. He regularly meets with one of his tutors for one hour a week to practice speaking. His other tutor, the retired pastor, has assigned various writing reflections on the intersection of Japanese culture and Christianity. Andrew can tell that he has lost some of his language ability while away from Japan, but he is grateful for his dedicated tutors who have helped him continue to hone his language skills. Tanja is meeting twice weekly with her tutor while on home assignment. Her teacher has been flexible and accommodating to work around time zone differences and homeschooling needs. Tanja has changed to studying in the evening, as afternoon classes are not possible with all three of our kids at home.

#### Church Internship

We are looking forward to returning to Japan in November to start our time of ministry at Yokohama International Baptist Church (YIBC). By God's provision, at the end of March, we secured housing just a 10-minute walk from the church. Upon our return to Yokohama, Andrew and Pastor Ben will work on the details of our weekly schedule for the next two years. We are thankful for this opportunity to learn more about ministry in the Japanese context before joining a church-planting team.

#### Personal Health/Growth

Andrew I have been afforded some time for reading during our home assignment and have spent it finishing up Prioritizing the Church in Missions as well as reading Prioritizing Missions in the Church. I recommend both as accessible books for church mission committees. I have also added a few books on family discipleship and John Piper's exegetical study of Romans 9:1-23, The Justification of God, to my reading list. Attending an in-person Bible study over the summer proved difficult due to many ministries being on hold for the season. However, I continued to meet online for prayer with a colleague in Japan. I am looking forward to regularly attending a weekly Bible study at YIBC. On a health note, I continue to experience residual symptoms of a vertigo episode I had at the start of July. Please pray for full healing.

Tanja Anna joined our homeschool in April, and Peter, after turning four in May, wanted time at the "Mommy Table" too. So, now, I am homeschooling three. Though challenging at times, homeschooling has given us an opportunity for consistent routines as well as flexibility both in Ontario and now here in BC. I have been thankful to continue meeting with my monthly prayer partners while on home assignment. I was especially grateful to spend time in person with one of them this summer. Thank you for continuing to pray for her as she faithfully trusts God as He carries her through a battle with cancer. Along with a few parenting books, I have taken time to read some third-culture kid related material. I am happy to report that both we and our kids have been able to do some debriefing around our first term in Japan. We have also received resources to keep the conversations going and help our kids navigate their experiences as we continue to live and minister in Japan.

### What is the importance of the Lord's supper / Christian Communion?

A study of the Lord's Supper is a soul-stirring experience because of the depth of meaning it contains. It was during the age-old celebration of the Passover on the eve of His death that Jesus instituted a significant new fellowship meal that we observe to this day. It is an integral part of Christian worship. It causes us to remember our Lord's death and resurrection and to look for His glorious return in the future.

The Passover was the most sacred feast of the Jewish religious year. It commemorated the final plague on Egypt when the firstborn of the Egyptians died and the Israelites were spared because of the blood of a lamb that was sprinkled on their doorposts. The lamb was then roasted and eaten with unleavened bread. God's command was that throughout the generations to come the feast would be celebrated. The story is recorded in [Exodus 12](#).

During the Last Supper—a Passover celebration—Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God. As He broke it and gave it to His disciples, He said, “‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you’” ([Luke 22:19-21](#)). He concluded the feast by singing a hymn ([Matthew 26:30](#)), and they went out into the night to the Mount of Olives. It was there that, as predicted, Jesus was betrayed by Judas. The following day Jesus was crucified.

The accounts of the Lord's Supper are found in the Gospels ([Matthew 26:26-29](#); [Mark 14:17-25](#); [Luke 22:7-22](#); and [John 13:21-30](#)). The apostle Paul wrote concerning the Lord's Supper in [1 Corinthians 11:23-29](#). Paul includes a statement not found in the Gospels: “Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself” ([1 Corinthians 11:27-29](#)). We may ask what it means to partake of the bread and the cup “in an unworthy manner.” It may mean to disregard the true meaning of the bread and cup and to forget the tremendous price our Savior paid for our salvation. Or it may mean to allow the ceremony to become a dead and formal ritual or to come to the Lord's Supper with unconfessed sin. In keeping with Paul's instruction, we should examine ourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Another statement Paul made that is not included in the gospel accounts is “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes” ([1 Corinthians 11:26](#)). This places a time limit on the ceremony—until our Lord's return. From these brief accounts we learn how Jesus used two of the frailest of elements

as symbols of His body and blood and established them as a monument to His death. It was not a monument of carved marble or molded brass, but of bread and wine. Jesus declared that the bread spoke of His body that would be broken. There was not a broken bone, but His body was so badly tortured that it was hardly recognizable ([Psalm 22:12-17](#); [Isaiah 53:4-7](#)). The wine spoke of His blood, indicating the terrible death He would soon experience. He, the perfect Son of God, became the fulfillment of the countless Old Testament prophecies concerning a Redeemer ([Genesis 3:15](#); [Psalm 22](#); [Isaiah 53](#)). When He said, “Do this in remembrance of me,” He indicated this was a ceremony meant to continue into the future. The Passover, which required the death of a lamb and looked forward to the coming of the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world, was fulfilled in the Lord's death on the cross. The New Covenant replaced the Old Covenant when Christ, the true Passover Lamb ([1 Corinthians 5:7](#)), was sacrificed ([Hebrews 8:8-13](#)). The old Levitical system was no longer needed ([Hebrews 9:25-28](#)). The Lord's Supper/Christian Communion is a remembrance of what Christ did for us and a celebration of what we receive as a result of His sacrifice.