



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

- 9:00 AM Sunday School (For both adults & kids)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service [Livestreamed]
Childrens’ Church (For ages 4-8, during sermon)
- 6:00 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 Cor. 2:1-5

“And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” - 1 Cor. 2:1-2

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

Welcome to talk to us: elders@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

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- Health Needs: Lorraine Hort, Gord Rue
- Email us your prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH

We have an amazing group of youth with an average of 15-20 coming on a Tuesday night, many of whom are believers, but with some who are just beginning to seek faith for themselves. We are going through the book of Judges

Please pray for the youths and for our leaders — Christina, Jonah, Dave, Diana, Libby, Daniel, Jianne, Allan, and me.
— Mitchell

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25
6:30 pm Kids’ Club & Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27
7:00 pm Membership Council Meeting

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30
Advent begins
10:30 am Baptism Sunday

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5
6:30 pm Men’s Night

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14
10:30 am Christmas Cantata

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16
6:30 pm Adventure Club Christmas Party

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19
6:30 pm Youth Christmas Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21
10:30 am Children’s Presentation



The entire hope of fallen humanity rests on this one thing —that there is a Savior who is eternally steadfast in redeeming, forgiving, reconciling, transforming, and delivering love.
- Paul Tripp, *40 Days of Love*

October Financial Report

General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$32,829	\$27,372.40

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

Syd and Tere Taekema

Dear friends and Partners,

Snow has come early to this part of our country along with cold temperatures, but we are alright and thankful for a warm house and the means to keep our driveway and sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. Warmer temperatures are on the way, so the snow will not last, for which we are thankful. It is also the time of year for flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. Tere and I received ours yesterday, so today our arms are very sore and we are generally not feeling that well, but this too will pass. We live in a wonderful part of the world where help is available so that we can keep well and protected from viruses, etc.

As you are all probably aware, the Philippines has been very hard hit by earthquakes and typhoons lately. We have had reports from Pastor Almer in the south as well as Pastor Joel in central Philippines. We have yet to hear from Melita in the north, where the latest super typhoon hit just a few days ago. If you have seen some of the news reports, you will be aware that the damage has been significant and lives have also been lost. We do thank the Lord that, as far as we know, our leaders in those areas are all right.

From the earthquake in the southern Philippines, Pastor Almer's house was damaged in particularly the kitchen area. We have already sent some funds to help with rebuilding, but more is needed. Cheryl, his wife, was hurt from falling debris but has recovered with medical help.

In central Philippines, Pastor Joel reported that no lives were lost in his area, but the damage to buildings was extensive. Their house was flooded with water and mud, and trees came down, causing much damage. For the camp area, the damage was worse, with cabins and houses damaged and many trees uprooted by the high winds. Of special concern was the damage to the house of the pastor of the Church that is at the camp. Part of the tree came down on the house and damaged the roof, letting in the pouring rain. Mrs. Cario and her children had to take shelter in the Church, but they lost everything in their house due to water damage. They desperately need help to replace food, clothing, and, of course, to repair the roof and all that was damaged. Pastor Cario died some time ago from cancer, so it is his wife and the children who have carried on the ministry in this area. Pastor Joel has asked for help for them and for the cleanup and repair of the campgrounds and buildings. Fortunately, the session was not damaged as it was rebuilt a few years ago using stronger materials after it had been destroyed by a typhoon earlier. We have not heard from Melita, who lives and ministers in Cavite near Manila, but from all the news reports, that area was very hard hit. She will also need help.

Please pray for our people in the Philippines, and if you can help, please send a donation to us, and we will see to it that they get it and can begin to recover from these disasters. This is urgent, so even if you haven't sent anything to us before, please consider it now, as it is desperately needed. All donations are tax-deductible. Follow the directions on how to send and where below. Thank you so much.

We are happy to report that Sri Lanka will have 31 students graduating from our school there on November 26th. It was quite the job to get the diplomas ready and sent, but praise God, we just received notice that they arrived safely. A previous graduate of Regency, Benjamin Franklin from India, will be the speaker for the graduation.

Pastor Rabindra in Nepal has asked for prayer for the need of at least two or three fresh water wells. Clean drinking water is a problem there, so please pray for this.

Reagan from Uganda has had a successful operation to remove two metal plates from his back recently. This will now enable him to gradually return to the ministry of teaching and preaching. Thank you for praying for him.

Please watch out for our letter next month, as we will be letting you know how you can send your donations, and where once John and Dorothy Zulinski take over the direction of our ministry.

Thank you for your prayers for Tere and me. We are doing well and continuing to trust the Lord regarding our health and our ability to continue this ministry until the next leaders take over. Your prayers and support are very important and essential for the ongoing of this essential ministry, and we trust you will continue to support this ministry under the new leadership. This will take place at the end of the year. We extend to you God's richest blessings, and we look forward to hearing from many of you!

In Christ, your loving missionaries,
Syd and Tere Taekema

GOT QUESTIONS ARTICLE

How can I evangelize my friends and family without pushing them away?

At some point, every Christian has had a family member, a friend, co-worker, or acquaintance who is not a Christian. Sharing the gospel with others can be difficult, and it can become even more difficult when it involves someone with whom we have close emotional ties. The Bible tells us that some people will be offended at the gospel ([Luke 12:51-53](#)). However, we are commanded to share the gospel, and there is no excuse for not doing so ([Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [1 Peter 3:15](#)).

So, how can we evangelize our family members, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances? The most important thing we can do is [pray for them](#). Pray that God would change their hearts and open their eyes to the truth of the gospel ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#)). Pray that God would convince them of His love for them and their need for salvation through Jesus Christ ([John 3:16](#)). Pray for wisdom as to how to best minister to them ([James 1:5](#)).

We must be willing and bold in our actual sharing of the [gospel](#). Proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to your friends and family ([Romans 10:9-10](#)). Always be prepared to speak of your faith ([1 Peter 3:15](#)), doing so with gentleness and respect. There is no substitute for personally sharing the gospel: "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ" ([Romans 10:17](#)).

In addition to praying and sharing our faith, we must also live godly Christian lives in front of our friends and family members so they can see the change God has made in us ([1 Peter 3:1-2](#)). Ultimately, we must leave the salvation of our loved ones up to God. It is God's power and grace that saves people, not our efforts. The best we can do is pray for them, witness to them, and live the Christian life in front of them. It is God who gives the increase ([1 Corinthians 3:6](#)).

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to take something simple and make it way more complicated than it needs to be? Maybe it's a recipe, a project at work, or even trying to explain something to a friend. Why do you think we do that? Why do we tend to overthink or over-engineer things that could be simple?

2. Paul chose not to rely on impressive language or clever arguments when he preached in Corinth. What are some ways we might unintentionally make sharing the gospel more complicated than it needs to be?

3. Paul deliberately focused on "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." What are some ways we might get distracted from keeping Christ at the center when we share our faith or even in our daily lives? How can keeping the gospel simple actually make it more powerful instead of less?

4. Can you think of a time when someone's simple focus on Jesus had a bigger impact on you than a complicated or impressive explanation ever could?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

5. Paul came to Corinth "in weakness, with fear and trembling." How does it change your perspective on sharing the gospel, knowing that God can work through our weaknesses rather than our strengths? Can you think of a time when a weakness or limitation in your life actually became an opportunity for God to work in a bigger way?

6. How can embracing our dependence on the Spirit, rather than trying to rely on our own abilities, make us more effective in everyday conversations about Jesus?

7. Paul emphasizes that faith rests in God's power, not human wisdom. How does this challenge the way we often feel pressure to perform or impress when sharing our faith?

8. In what practical ways can we trust God to do what only He can do when we share the gospel, instead of trying to control the outcome ourselves?
