



**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 sermon**
- 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 Daniel**  
 Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-16

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Stewardship**  
 Our stewardship committees work with the Treasurer to review budgets and financial reports. They monitor the church's financial health, review statements, research investments, and ensure fair staff compensation. They also manage operational tasks such as teller training and scheduling, maintain relationships with bookkeeping services, and review their performance and fees.  
 Please pray for our Treasurer Lyndon Unger, Chair Chris Wallace, and committee members Charles Powell, Curtis Radke, Ernesto Vinoya, Erik Babbitt, and Peter Braun as they use their gifts to steward and monitor the church's financial health.

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

**TUESDAY MAY 12**  
 6:30 pm Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Adventure Club

**WEDNESDAY MAY 13**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast  
 9:30 am Seniors' Ministry  
 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting

**THURSDAY MAY 7**  
 9:30 am Youth for Christ Moms' Group  
 10:30am Staff Meeting

**FRIDAY MAY 15**  
 6:30 pm Men's Night

**FRIDAY MAY 22**  
 6:30pm Youth Night

**SATURDAY MAY 23**  
 9am Workbee

**SUNDAY MAY 24**  
 12 pm Newcomers' Lunch

**MONDAY MAY 25**  
 7 pm SLB Meeting

**July 6 - July 10**  
 9am to 12 pm VBS  
 (Age 4 to Grade 6)

*We cannot always fathom the reason for God's will; our responsibility is to obey.*

March Financial Report		
General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
		\$31,835
Missions Giving	First Quarter Received	March
		\$13,835

**OFFERING**

E-TRANSFER: [treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca)

OR DROP OFF YOUR ENVELOPE 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.

Vance teaching at the Southern Manitoba Prophecy Conference earlier this month. In February (third photo) we were at the Saskatchewan Home Based Education Convention where we sold books and Vance spoke on the Ark of Noah (Standing Room Only). After the Convention, we spoke at a church near Saskatoon (second photo).her husband David live in Lethbridge with their son, and another child is due in May.

Extensive work has continued in procuring fossils for the next book.

Dozens of fossil examples have already been procured for the newest book project. These plants, aquatic organisms, and insect life show organisms have reproduced after their own kinds. Your Bible can be trusted.

Work has continued on the expansion Untold Secrets of Planet Earth: Dire Dragons. New examples of dinosaurs, or supposedly extinct reptiles in old artwork, have been discovered, and have gone through a protocol developed by Vance over the last 26 years. This assures that the examples are solid evidence. There is another 4-8 weeks work left on this project.

Printing will cost about \$30,000.00 and your help is always greatly appreciated. To date we have printed nearly 70,000 books.

*On the Road*

#### **Please pray with us:**

- for health and safety while travelling
- for open hearts and minds
- for changed minds and salvation
- for funding for books & ministry

God has been sustaining us in ministry for about 25 years. We have grown to trust in Him, and His leading. The Lord has been good to us, and we are caught up on bills at present, but the book printing is going to take an additional \$25,000.00 to bring the new Dire Dragons to fruition, please prayerfully consider helping us get the truth out to a lost world.

#### What does the bible say?

There are numerous options involving the best way to evangelize the lost. How do we know the best, most effective, and most biblical method of evangelism? Prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit, and adherence to the full truth of the gospel are essential. If we are to truly evangelize people according to the Bible, we have to tell them the whole truth, even if some react badly to it—and some people will. Others will respond and be saved. As Paul said, "For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life" ([2 Corinthians 2:15-16](#)). The best approach for evangelism is dependent on the person, the circumstances, and the way God uniquely made us. Relying on the Holy Spirit and knowing the gospel are what we need to be prepared for evangelism.

#### Implications for today

A biblical approach to evangelism requires a deep reliance on the Holy Spirit, prayer, and a commitment to sharing the full truth of the gospel, even if it challenges or offends. Effective evangelism is not about following a one-size-fits-all method but about being adaptable, understanding the unique circumstances and needs of each person we encounter. Our role is simply to sow seeds; it is God who works in the hearts and lives of others (Matthew 13:1-23; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9). We cannot evangelize without considering the other person, and the first step of doing that is having the right heart toward them. Second Peter 3:9 tells us that God is patient toward us, not willing that any of us should perish but that all should reach repentance. We should have the same heart toward those who are not saved. As for the method, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to present the truth of the gospel in a way that will resonate with the person we are evangelizing. Just as Paul tailored his message to his audience, we must also engage people where they are, asking thoughtful questions to understand their beliefs and needs. Ultimately, evangelism is about faithfully communicating the reality of sin, the holiness of God, and the good news of Jesus Christ, trusting the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those we reach.

#### Understand

- The biblical approach for evangelism is to know the gospel and to share it because it is good news.
- Biblical evangelism requires knowing the gospel, being prepared to share it, and presenting the complete message of sin, God's holiness, and salvation through Jesus.
- Biblical evangelism requires seeking guidance and wisdom through prayer and the Holy Spirit to know how to share based on the person whom you are evangelizing. Prayer for God's work in the life of the other, as well as His wisdom for yourself, is vital.

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How can you better rely on the Holy Spirit in my personal evangelism efforts?

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2. How do you struggle with sharing the full truth of the gospel, and how can you overcome these challenges?

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3. How do you balance the need for sharing the full truth of the gospel with the need to be sensitive and relational in your approach?

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4. How can we decide which method of evangelism to use in a particular situation, and how can we know when it's time to adjust our approach?

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5. What role do personal experiences and testimonies play in the effectiveness of different evangelistic methods?

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*Summer Moms Group*



**Dates:** Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. June 3 to August 26 (12 mornings total)

**Location:** Various backyards of people in the group - *contact Morgan Duke for the monthly meeting schedule*

**Book:** *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley

**Childcare:** Bring your children with you! No formal childcare, they all play outside with the other children while we discuss and fellowship

**Contact:** Morgan Duke (403-396-2266)

