

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

TUESDAY MAY 19
6:30 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Adventure Club

WEDNESDAY MAY 20
6:30 am Men's Breakfast

THURSDAY MAY 21
10:30am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY MAY 22
6:30pm Youth Night

SATURDAY MAY 23
9am Workbee

SUNDAY MAY 24
12 pm Newcomers' Lunch
4 pm Young Adults

MONDAY MAY 25
7 pm SLB Meeting

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

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
- Lyndon & Leah Unger

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Kitchen

Our Kitchen Team faithfully serves behind the scenes at many of our church gatherings – including newcomers' lunches, church picnics, apologetics conferences, fellowship coffees, funerals, cantatas, and many other events throughout the year. From preparing and serving food to setting up and cleaning up afterward, their dedication helps make fellowship and hospitality possible for our church family.

We are deeply thankful for the hard work and servant hearts of this ministry team. Though much of their work may go unseen, their service is a tremendous blessing to our congregation and guests alike.

Please keep Michelle Wallace and all the kitchen team members in your prayers as they prepare for upcoming events and continue serving faithfully during a very busy ministry season.

If you have gifts or experience in cooking, hospitality, organizing, or kitchen service, we warmly welcome you to join the team.

"Don't give away to others what you have not first given away at home." - Elizabeth George

March Financial Report

General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$31,835	\$26,382.62
Missions Giving	First Quarter Received	March
	\$13,835	\$3,625

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.



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

10:30 AM Worship Service & Children's Church during sermon

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. 6:16–20

Run Toward Life in Christ

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

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MISSIONARY UPDATES

Kevin & Micaela Miller

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

At the end of March Kevin's Professional Engineer application was approved. This return to engineering started because Kevin knew about ZOR Engineers in Pakistan and their great reputation for work they do for Christian ministries. When we considered returning to Pakistan on business visas we wanted our work to be of benefit to the local church. As this was how we felt God leading us, Kevin was encouraged to consider this not to be our plan B but God's plan A.

After deciding this was the path forward we have grown in seeing how Kevin's engineering can compliment our ministry and be a benefit to the kingdom. Kevin has grown in confidence in his own skills and abilities as an engineer and in his trust in God's leading. It is immensely affirming for Kevin to have received his Professional Engineer designation and received it even sooner than we expected. We are praising and thanking God for his great faithfulness, his provision, and hope at what he will do next.

After receiving the P. Eng. we held a meeting between ZOR Engineers in Pakistan and Fellowship International. We all worshiped God together at how this answered the prayers of ourselves, ZOR and Fellowship. We will remain full-time employees of Fellowship International with part-time hours devoted to ZOR Engineers through a memorandum of understanding. Once the agreement is finalized and ZOR has provided a letter of invitation we will apply for our visas to Pakistan. We hope to return sometime in the fall.

Kevin has been working at wrapping up his remaining EMI projects. One project Kevin completed this last month was an integrated farming system for a ministry in Peru. We have also been preparing for Pakistan. We will be taking some training courses including predeparture training in June. Kevin & Micaela took this training in 2018 (before kids) and want to retake it as it includes training for children as well. Kevin will also begin to develop skills for his role with ZOR and we will both be focusing further on our Urdu language studies.

At the end of March Caleb grabbed a bottle of Tylenol and drank a bunch of it. Kevin took him to the hospital and he was fine but two days later Caleb was violently sick and it soon spread to the rest of the family. He picked up a bad gastro virus at the hospital. We spent a week taking care of sick kids and cleaning up messes after. The following week Caleb learned to get out of his crib and was up repeatedly throughout the night. Caleb is over two now and slept through the night for one month total of that. We're exhausted but still praising God for all he's doing in our lives.

Three young men from India just moved into the basement of the house we rent in Calgary. Kevin shared with them that we lived as missionaries in Pakistan and they were impressed with his Urdu (Hindi and Urdu are virtually the same language but with different scripts and some vocabulary differences). They told him "Any time you want to come and practice come on over! We will teach you!" So he is excited to have three free language tutors and new friends now living in our basement.

Other Highlights

- March 9: Kids started swim lessons
- Mar 19: Kevin received P. Eng. status
- Mar 20-24: Edmonton trip and an early birthday party for our nephew Judah
- Mar 26: Meeting with ZOR Engineers & Fellowship International
- Apr 5: Kids were sick over easter but we did an easter egg hunt
- Apr 16: One of Kevin's coworkers has helped babysit so we can get a break together. On the 16th she babysat so we could celebrate his P. Eng. together
- Apr 18: Kids got their first "pets" three hornworms to study for science lessons
- Apr 29-May 4: Edmonton visit to attend the Fellowship Prairies Equip conference

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our visas. Many of our friends who were previously on missionary visas have received business visas but some of them have had conditions that they would have to leave the country and re-enter every 30/45 days. ZOR requests their letter of invitation from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and assures us it is almost unheard of to be refused a visa. Even so, please pray we receive our visas and that we be granted a long duration.
- Continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East. Thankfully, Pakistan and Afghanistan seem to be positively working towards an agreement thanks to talks in China and we have been assured anecdotally that things have calmed there. Pakistan is not directly involved in the conflict with Iran but they are economically dependent on the region and so have been affected indirectly.
- Pray for Kevin's connection with the three men now living in our basement and for our continued improvement in Urdu.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Got Questions Article

What does it mean that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?

1. In the opening illustration, what stands out about the difference between simply knowing there is danger and actually knowing where to run, and how does that shape the way people respond to temptation today?

2. Why do you think sexual sin often begins with “small compromises” rather than obvious decisions? What are some cultural messages today that make sexual immorality feel “normal” or “not a big deal”?

3. Why is it so hard for Christians to talk honestly about sexual temptations and struggles? How can we, as a church family, address this appropriately, seeing that it is such a significant issue today?

4. What does it practically look like in your life to “run toward Christ” instead of just trying harder to avoid sin with sheer willpower?

5. How does understanding that your body is a “temple of the Holy Spirit” change the way you think about everyday choices?

6. In what ways can the church function more like a “hospital” for people struggling with sin rather than a place where people hide?

7. The sermon emphasizes that believers belong to Christ. How does identity (“you are not your own”) affect how we respond to temptation?

8. Which part of the F.L.E.E. acronym, given at the conclusion, do you think is most needed in your life right now, and why?

Instructing the Christians in Corinth to flee from sexual immorality, the apostle Paul exhorted, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Indeed, God the Father created our bodies, God the Son redeemed them, and God the Holy Spirit indwells them. This makes our body the very temple of the Holy Spirit of God.

Those who do not belong to Christ do not have the Spirit of Christ residing in them (Romans 8:9). Thus, their bodies are not a temple of the Holy Spirit. Clearly, then, the greatest thing we can do for our bodies is to make them into a temple for God’s Spirit. And we do this by placing our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. The moment we do this, the indwelling of God’s Spirit takes place (1 Corinthians 12:13). Our salvation is then sealed and guaranteed (Ephesians 1:13-14). The Holy Spirit will then be with us forever (John 14:16), given by God as His pledge of the believer’s future inheritance in glory (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).

As the Holy Spirit resides in us, therefore, we are to honor God with our bodies as they “are not [our] own,” as Paul said. We have indeed been bought with a price. And it was not gold or silver or other perishable things by which we were redeemed; it was with the precious, unblemished blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19). Ordained by God before the foundation of the world (Acts 2:23), Christ’s blood purchased us out of the slavery of sin and set us free forever. And as Christian’s bodies are God’s temple, we are to use them to glorify God.

If God meant simply to convey the idea that the Spirit lives within the believer, He could well have used words such as “home,” “house,” or “residence.” But by choosing the word “temple” to describe the Spirit’s dwelling, He conveys the idea that our bodies are the shrine, or the sacred place, in which the Spirit not only lives, but is worshiped, revered, and honored. Therefore, how we behave, think and speak, and what we let into the temple through our eyes and ears becomes critically important as well, for every thought, word and deed is in His view. Even though He will never leave us, it is entirely possible to grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4: 30). Instructing the Ephesians to not grieve the Spirit, Paul told them to “get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:31-32). When we live by the Spirit, we will no longer gratify the desires of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:16).