



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 Fellowship Coffee
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 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: Andrew Rokeby
Missionary Update

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!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
Proverbs 3: 5-8

JOIN OUR LIFE GROUP

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

- Tim & Michelle Archibald
- 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 AUGUST 11
6:30 Youth Night

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12
6:30 pm Elders’ Meeting

MONDAY AUGUST 17
7 pm SLB Meeting

Sept 4 - 6
Family Camp

Sunday Sept 13
9:00am Ministry Kick-off
Potluck Breakfast

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Library

Leah Unger and her team of volunteers faithfully keep our church library organized and well stocked to meet the needs of our members. Thanks to their dedicated work, you can easily browse our library inventory online at www.bbclibrary.libib.com. Leah would like everyone to know that there is no time limit on book returns. Donations are always welcome, and book recommendations are greatly encouraged. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for Leah and the volunteers as they select new books and review donations. Pray that the books in our library would help our members better understand God’s Word and grow spiritually.

May Financial Report		
General Fund Donation	Monthly Budget	Received
	\$31,835	\$29,694.81
Missions Giving	Received YTD	May
	\$22,835	\$4,150

OFFERING

E-TRANSFER: treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

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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 Rokebys

We pray that this letter finds you enjoying long days, fun with family, and barbecues. Our time in Ontario has come to an end and we are now heading west. We are interested to see what the kids will learn about Canada in our travels.

"We are going to stay with John Knox!" Peter said excitedly as we pulled into the driveway. For the past two months, we have been hosted by Pastor Jon Stairs and his family at their beautiful country home in St George. Andrew recently expressed that home assignment can be lonely. Understandably, one cannot expect to connect deeply with people and share one's burdens when visiting a different church each weekend. Yet, Lelia was there every day to offer us a word of encouragement and Jon and Lori were often around to chat. While we felt loved and welcomed at all the churches we visited, it was a blessing to return to familiar faces each Sunday evening.

After a week-long visit with family in North Bay, we are now on our way out west. Lord willing, we will arrive in Vancouver on August 12 with stops along the way to visit friends and supporters in Wisconsin and Calgary. Later this month, we will also be heading to Port Angeles, WA to visit our good friends at Hillcrest Baptist. We are anticipating the opportunities the Lord will give us to bless and be blessed by the brothers and sisters on the West Coast.

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

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. We are now making our way across the continent by car with stops to visit friends in Wisconsin and Calgary. Lord willing, we will arrive in the Vancouver area on August 12. Please pray for safe and smooth travels as we drive nearly 4500 km.
2. Earlier in July, Andrew had vertigo and is still experiencing intermittent dizziness. Please pray that he will be fully healed and back to normal soon.
3. Praise the Lord, John and Anna had a fun and fruitful time at the Hespeler Baptist day camp. Please pray that they will continue to have opportunities to build meaningful relationships with other kids during our time here in Canada.

What does the Bible say about world missions?

“The Bible does not use the phrase “world missions,” but God is certainly missions-minded ([Luke 19:10](#)), and His love extends to all the world ([John 3:16](#)). The salvation of all nations is a concern for every Christian, based on at least three factors presented in Scripture:

First, world missions is important because God is the Creator of all people; second, God cares about all people equally; and, third, God desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth about Jesus Christ ([1 Timothy 2:4](#)). Because of God’s attitude toward the people of the whole world, we know that world missions—the evangelization of all the people of the world—is a worthy goal. God sent His Son into the world to fulfill this prophecy: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned” ([Isaiah 9:2](#)).

World missions has its foundation in Jesus’ command to His disciples to go into all the world and “make disciples of all nations” ([Matthew 28:19](#)). This is exactly what the disciples endeavored to do. In Syrian Antioch, Paul and Barnabas were “set apart” by the Holy Spirit and called for a special work ([Acts 13:2](#)). That work was to evangelize Cyprus and Asia Minor.

Eventually, Paul’s [missionary work](#) took him to Europe. Always, Paul strived to be a pioneer in world missions: “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation” ([Romans 15:20](#)). Paul preached the gospel “from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum” (verse 19); he had plans to go to Spain (verse 24), and he eventually made it to Rome. The book of Acts showcases the missionary fervor of the early church and emphasizes the necessity of world missions.

God does not show partiality to one race or nation above another ([Acts 10:34–35](#)). The Bible says that, without Christ, we are all in the same spiritual condition: all have fallen short of God’s glory and are under Adam’s curse. Everyone—every race, every person, every nationality—needs to hear the gospel. Everyone needs the righteousness of God that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. “How . . . can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” ([Romans 10:14–15](#)). The offer of grace is extended to all; God cares about all people equally.

We should pursue world missions because God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth ([1 Timothy 2:4](#)). The offer of salvation is made to “whosoever will” ([Revelation 22:17, KJV](#)). “Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too” ([Romans 3:29](#)). Revelation describes the new, heavenly city of Jerusalem as a place where all nations will walk in the light of the Lamb and where the glory of all nations will dwell ([Revelation 21:22–27](#)). God cares about all nations, and representatives of all nations will be present in heaven.

The angel gave the Bethlehem shepherds “good news that will cause great joy for all the people” ([Luke 2:10](#)). When we support world missions, when we share the good news of the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, we glorify God, who says, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation” ([Isaiah 52:7](#)).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/world-missions.html>

