



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
- 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: Missionary Carlos Mendivelso

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Praying for Gospel-Centered Fellowship

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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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Life Group

Our Life Group Ministry aims to develop biblically healthy small groups within the congregation, encourage existing leaders, and provide mentorship when requested. We currently have eight Life Groups. If you are interested in joining a group or leading a new one, please speak with one of the elders or our ministry leader, Martin Scholz. We pray that our Life Groups will help everyone grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and support one another in their walk with Christ.

Part of being “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” means that we are called to support one another and help each other understand and follow God’s will (1 Peter 2:9).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TUE OCTOBER 27**
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth
- WED OCTOBER 28**
6:30 am Men’s Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors’ Ministry
- THU OCTOBER 29**
9:30 am Youth For Christ Young Families Group
- FRI OCTOBER 30**
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study
- SAT OCTOBER 31**
6:30 pm Halloween Food Drive
- FRI NOVEMBER 6**
6:30 pm Ladies’ Night
- FRI NOVEMBER 13**
6:30 pm Men’s Night

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

E-TRANSFER: treasurer@bethanybaptist.ab.ca

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.

What is Christian missions?

Christian missions is following Christ's call: sharing the [gospel](#) with the lost world through God's wisdom and strength.

Christian missions is obeying Christ

After Christ's death and resurrection, the Lord commanded the disciples to share the gospel, the message of His redemption: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)).

This [Great Commission](#) applies to Christians today. Rather than weighing us down with a burden, obeying God's call brings joy and reward in heaven. We should fulfill our mission not out of duty but love: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. . . . All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" ([2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#)).

God could convert everyone using a [blinding light](#) and the voice of Christ as He did with the apostle Paul. Instead, He gives Christians the mission of reconciliation ([Acts 1:8-9](#)). He works through us, calling sinners to turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

Christian missions is sharing Christ

Our mission is proclaiming Christ as the only Savior from sin and the only way to abundant, eternal life. Whom do we tell? Jesus told Christians to reach out to "all nations" ([Matthew 28:19](#)). Jesus sends us to all people groups, to every ethnic culture without a gospel witness.

Christian missions, however, is not limited to international ministry. While believers should faithfully support those who go to the unreached on foreign soil, all Christians have the mission to share Christ on the home field with family, friends, coworkers, and the community.

The Christian mission of sharing Christ does not end with a sinner's salvation. The commission was to make disciples—not immature believers. Thus, Christian missions involves not only evangelism but also discipleship.

Christian missions is relying on Christ

Sharing the gospel humbly, boldly, and passionately is our Christian mission. But we cannot do it alone. The power and results of Christian missions come from the Lord. He gives us the wisdom, strength, and desire to witness! Through our witness, He works repentance and faith in the sinner's heart ([2 Corinthians 5:20-21](#)).

Although missions is ultimately God's work, Christians are responsible to understand and share the gospel and to have a strong relationship with Christ. Such a relationship guards against hypocrisy. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander" ([1 Peter 3:15-16](#)). Jesus assured us that suffering would accompany missions, but God uses even suffering for good ([Romans 8:28](#)).

In sum, Christian missions is obeying Christ, sharing Christ, and relying on Christ. Specifically, God sends missionaries through the support of the church to the unreached. All Christians, however, have the mission of reconciliation. The Lord works through them to rescue the lost. What greater mission can one fulfill?

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Camp Little Red

Proverbs 13:7 tells us, “A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health.” What a great verse of wisdom for us all. Of course, a wicked messenger does not have the truth to give. He or she does not have a good message and will fall into trouble. How many individuals are doomed to eternal destruction because of evil messengers? BUT a faithful ambassador brings health. What better news could we ever receive then what the great Ambassador Jesus brought us when he died and rose from the dead so we can have eternal life! How sweet it is!

Camp is attempting to be a faithful ambassador for the Lord. We just had 40 boys at a rocket camp. There were prayers for salvation and growth among the staff and only about five rockets blew up in mid-flight. We have an upcoming full M.O.R.E. camp coming in November and a Christmas camp in December. Forty-two signed up already. Praise the Lord for the Gospel to share!

God has His faithful ambassadors everywhere! The Camp Board has found a gift from God. The gift is a humble contractor that will take charge in building the house at the camp. This was voted on a Monday and on the Tuesday, there was a county meeting that approved the camp for a development permit. Two very big answers to prayer. God is so good. And that is an understatement!

So, the ground is being prepared, which is amazing. We will send pictures as the building progresses.

There are a few other things to pray for, if you don't mind. We have had many expenses and some more upcoming. For example, this year we are buying hay for horses. \$16,800 We had someone walk away with the camp computer. So, discouraging as this is the third one taken. \$800 to \$1,000. We need to upgrade a wash-machine to \$1,200. Then there are the regular things that need provision. Winter tires, safety checks on equipment, salaries, field aeration and on and on it goes! May God help you and I to cry out to Him for His good hand of provision. He is Jehovah Jireh!

Our annual Camp Fundraising Banquet is coming up on November 7 at 5:00pm at the camp! Please plan to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and encouragement.

Pray that God would be honored to help us be faithful Ambassadors for Him!