NOVEMBER 1 **WEEKLY BULLETIN** **2026**



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 Q&A Session with Greg Musselman
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: Greg Musselman

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

Greeters

Greeting people at church is not just for extroverts; it requires spiritual maturity and reflects the biblical call to hospitality. Faithful greeters also pray for visitors and remember them when they return, helping the church become a welcoming spiritual home. We are grateful to have amazing greeters at Bethany. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please let Lilian know!

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

TUE NOVEMBER 3
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth

WED NOVEMBER 4
6:30 am Men's Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors' Ministry

FRI NOVEMBER 6
9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 pm Ladies' Night

SAT NOVEMBER 7
5 pm Camp Little Red Annual Fundraising Banquet

SAT NOVEMBER 14
10 am Music Workshop

THU NOVEMBER 19
7 pm Council Meeting

FRI NOVEMBER 20
6:30 pm Youth Night

SAT NOVEMBER 21
6 pm Marriage Check-up Dessert Night

"This life is not about getting all the pleasure you can, but rather about preparing for the glorious pleasures to come." -Paul Tripp

September Financial Report

General Fund Donation	**Monthly Budget**	**Received**
	$31,835	**$27,555**
Missions Giving	**Received YTD**	**September**
	$35,835	**$3,900**

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.

Got Questions Article
How should a Christian respond to persecution?

There is no doubt that persecution is a stark reality of living the Christian life. Christian persecution is to be expected: the apostle Paul warned that "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12). Jesus said that, if they persecuted Him, they will also persecute His followers (John 15:20). Jesus made it clear that those of the world will hate Christians because the world hates Christ. If Christians were like the world—vain, earthly, sensual, and given to pleasure, wealth, and ambition—the world would not oppose us. But Christians do not belong to the world, which is why the world engages in Christian persecution (see John 15:18–19). Christians are influenced by different principles from those of the world. We are motivated by the love of God and holiness, while the world is driven by the love of sin. It is our very separation from the world that arouses the world's animosity (1 Peter 4:3–4).

Christians must learn to recognize the value of persecution and even to rejoice in it, not in an ostentatious way but quietly and humbly because persecution has great spiritual value. First, the persecution of Christians allows them to share in a unique fellowship with the Lord. Paul outlined a number of things he had surrendered for the cause of Christ. Such losses, however, he viewed as "rubbish" (Philippians 3:8) or "dung" (KJV) that he might share in the "fellowship of [Christ's] sufferings" (Philippians 3:10). The noble apostle even counted his chains as a grace (favor) that God had bestowed upon him (Philippians 1:7).

Second, in all truth, Christian persecution is good for believers. James argues that trials test the Christian's faith, develop endurance in his life, and help develop maturity (James 1:2–4). As steel is tempered in the forge, trials and persecution serve to strengthen the character of believers. A Christian yielding graciously to persecution demonstrates that he is of superior quality as compared to his adversaries (see Hebrews 11:38). It's easy to be hateful, but Christlikeness produces kindness and blessing in the face of evil opposition. Peter says of Jesus, "When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:23).

Third, Christian persecution enables believers to better value the support of true friends. Conflict can bring faithful children of God together in an encouraging and supportive way they might not have known otherwise. Hardship can stimulate the Lord's people toward a greater resolve to love and comfort one another and lift one another to the throne of grace in prayer. There's nothing like an unpleasant incident to help us reach a greater level of brotherly love.

Even in the face of Christian persecution, we can press on. We can thank God for His grace and patience with us. We can express gratitude for those whom we love in the Lord and who stand with us in times of distress. And we can pray for those who would accuse, misuse, or abuse us (2 Corinthians 11:24; Romans 10:1).

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Tony & Tsering Malik

Dear Friends,
Due to a monthlong bout of influenza, our postmonsoon update has morphed into a post "postmonsoon" letter. Despite ongoing fatigue, Tsering is back at Woodstock, and Tony has returned to his ministry. Breakfast with the birds begins our morning routine. Our verandah is a musical aviary!

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall [not necessarily to its death, as explained by a Bible commentator, but that its 'fall' is its every hop—when it is most vulnerable to attack] to the ground outside your Father's care" (Matthew 10:29-31).
"His mercies are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23). How wonderful, indeed!

The monsoon hasn't been without its share of the expected (landslides, risky roads, seepage and mold) and also the sadly unexpected—Nepal's flash floods with an estimated 1,400 deaths, 6,150 missing, 84,000 affected, including 32,000 children! About 25 years ago, we drove through a similar gorge from Tibet to Nepal. Pray that the country and its people will not be forgotten.

Tsering continues her nearly three-decades-long ministry at Woodstock School. Woodstock boasts of being Asia's oldest international boarding school with over 30 nationalities and 40 spoken languages. As primary dorm parent, her scope of influence extends to the parents as well. Last semester, Dr. Blair Lee was appointed as the new principal. He is a Canadian from Estevan, SK, who received his early education at Caronport High School. Pray that God will help him steer the school to
its original spiritual roots.

We remain grateful for the opportunity God continues to provide us among our ethnically and religiously diverse neighbors. We continue to welcome a diverse range of visitors, including Woodstock parents, field workers, and overseas guests. Each brings a unique richness and blessing. God encourages hospitality because—when you think about it—the alternative is hostility.

As ever, we remain grateful to God and appreciative of you. May God continue to bless and keep you!