NOVEMBER 8 **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 Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service & Communion
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 Peter

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Many Gifts, One Spirit: Part One - Why the Spirit gives the gifts

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

Nursery

Our Nursery Ministry cares for children from newborn to age three during Sunday morning worship, nurturing them in a safe and loving environment while reflecting Christ's love. The ministry also recruits, trains, and schedules caregivers.
Please pray for Sari Powell and her team as they care for our youngest children.

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 10
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth

WED NOVEMBER 11
No Seniors' Ministry

FRI NOVEMBER 13
9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 pm Men's Night

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

TUE NOVEMBER 24
6:30 pm Baptism Class
7:30 pm Membership Class

"Only grace can turn an entitled person into a thankful one. Only grace can transform a demanding and envious heart into one that is truly content." - 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
What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

The purpose of spiritual gifts is to promote "the common good" of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7), to build up the church (1 Corinthians 14:12), and to prepare us each for "works of service . . . until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12–13). Each person upon accepting the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ receives the Holy Spirit inside as a seal of salvation (Ephesians 1:12–14). The Spirit then gives to each believer certain gifts from God to do the work of God (1 Corinthians 12:4–6).

Scripture contains several passages about spiritual gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:1–31, 1 Corinthians 14:1–33, Romans 12:1–8, Ephesians 4:1–13, Hebrews 2:3–4, and 1 Peter 4:10–11. No matter what the gift, its purpose is to edify and mature the church and to glorify God in serving others.

In no way are the spiritual gifts to be used to draw attention to oneself or put on a showy display. This was part of the problem in the church in Corinth. Members there were exercising their spiritual gifts to edify themselves without regard to what anyone else was doing (1 Corinthians 14:4), and their methods resulted in chaos in the church service (1 Corinthians 14:23, 27–28). They needed reminding that the greatest gift of all is love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Without love, none of the other gifts are profitable at all (1 Corinthians 13:1–3).

All gifts are given by grace from God through the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4; Hebrews 2:4). Different people are given different gifts. Not everyone receives the same gift (1 Corinthians 12:4). Those gifted with various spiritual gifts are meant to work together as the parts of a body work together (1 Corinthians 12:12–27). The gifts God gives to His people are divinely placed for the good of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27).

The gifts God gives us through His Spirit are to be used for His glory (Colossians 3:17). The "most excellent way" to do that is with love (1 Corinthians 12:31b; 13:1–13). Any gift used for personal gain or without love is like a harsh noise to God and the church. Even the most powerful spiritual gifts memorably displayed, if done without love, cannot glorify God.

We should also take care of and develop the gifts God has given us. We are to fan into flames every spiritual gift God gives (2 Timothy 1:6) and put them to good use.

Various spiritual gifts assessments or tests are available, which may or may not be helpful in one's Christian life. What's most important is to be prayerfully serving the Lord. The gifts of the Spirit will be confirmed by time, teaching, and mentoring.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Andrew & Tanja Rokeby

Dear Bethany Baptist,
We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the breathtaking colours of fall. It seems to us that God has decorated His creation especially beautifully this year. As the days shorten and the temperatures cool, we are increasingly aware that our season in Canada is also coming to an end.

Now that we have completed our whirlwind journey of 29 church visits, we have had some time to reflect on our home assignment. Over the course of the past six months, we heard many accounts of God's forgiveness of sins, provision, and healing. It was so encouraging to hear how God has been working in the lives of believers individually and collectively through local churches. We will miss the joy and interest of hearing your testimonies of God's work. We look forward to a future when we will be able to share with you of God's work in the lives of His church in Japan.

November will be a busy month for our family. The week after we arrive in Yokohama, we will attend a church planting conference to learn more about the advancement of God's Kingdom in Japan. Additionally, we will be applying for the renewal of our religious activities visas. We are looking forward to being back on the field and seeing how the Lord will work in our next term.

Prayers and Praises

1. We will fly back to Japan on November 10 and will be sure to have a period of re-entry adjustment. Please pray for grace and wisdom as we settle back into Japan and shepherd our kids through the transition.
2. The week after our return to Yokohama, we will be attending the same Japan-wide church planters' conference where we met Pastor Ben from YIBC two years ago. Please pray for fruitful seminars and connection opportunities.
3. Next month, we will submit our visa renewal applications. Please pray that we will complete the applications without error and that we will be approved for a five-year extension.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important that we approach the subject of spiritual gifts with Scripture as our authority rather than our personal experiences? What can happen when we allow experiences to shape our understanding of the Bible?

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2. In 1 John 4:1, we are told to test the spirits. What does it look like to exercise discernment when someone claims to have a message or experience from the Holy Spirit?

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3. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7, spiritual gifts are given for the common good. How should this purpose change the way we think about our own spiritual gifts?

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4. Why do you think God gives different gifts to different believers rather than equipping everyone in exactly the same way? What does this teach us about the church?

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5. First Peter 4:10 tells us to use our gifts to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace. What responsibilities come with being entrusted with a spiritual gift?

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6. Why shouldn't we wait until we know exactly what our spiritual gift is before getting involved in serving? What can we learn about how God has gifted us through serving?

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7. As you look at your involvement in the church, where do you see opportunities to help others grow in their faith, encourage them, teach God's Word, or meet practical needs?

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8. Who are some mature Christians who know you well and could help you recognize where God might be using you? What is one practical step you could take this week to become more involved in serving others?

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