NOVEMBER 22 **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 & 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: Pastor Peter

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Many Gifts, One Spirit: Part Three - Gifted by Grace

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

Christmas Cantata

Our choir is preparing the Christmas Cantata to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true reason for this season. They will also share this special presentation with the seniors at Deer Park Village.
We pray that this cantata will be a meaningful time of worship and a blessing to you and your families. Please pray for Daniel Allers, our choir director, as he leads the preparation, and for all the choir members as they serve through music to glorify God.

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 24
6:30 pm Adventure Club
6:30 pm Youth
6:30 pm Baptism Class
7:30 pm Membership Class

WED NOVEMBER 25
6:30 am Men's Breakfast
9:30 am Seniors' Ministry

THU NOVEMBER 26
9:30 am Youth Unlimited Young Families group

FRI NOVEMBER 27
9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

SUN NOVEMBER 29
12 pm Newcomers' Lunch
6 pm Church-wide Quarterly Prayer

TUE DECEMBER 1
10 am Fellowship Baptist Pastors' Lunch

FRI DECEMBER 4
6:30 pm Ladies' Night

"These good works must be in the Christian. They are not the root, but the fruit of his salvation. They are not the way of the believer's salvation; they are his walk in the way of salvation." - Charles Spurgeon

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.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Jon & Christina Malpass

As we walk through November reflecting on past months, over and over we see how amazingly blessed we have been by the LORD. Of course, the highlight of the year for us came on June 4th when, after months of anticipation, we were finally able to meet our precious baby girl face to face. Now we're feeling what it seems everyone who's had children before has told us: "They grow up so fast!" It's already been five and a half months with our sweet Lilias Joanna and she's quickly outgrowing all of her outfits, no longer able to fit in our arms in the same way she did early on. We were told at our last doctor's visit that she's actually taller than 97% of babies her age. So much happens in such a short amount of time!

Another highlight was getting to baptize one of our young adults on the first Sunday of the New Year. Even over just a couple years, it's been great to see his growth in Christ! Christina and I have been continuing to host the young adults' group we started last year. At the moment, we are doing overviews of every book of the Bible, starting in the Old Testament and digging in to find the main areas that point forward to Jesus.

One of the couples that join us for young adults also had a baby girl, and she was born two months earlier in April. It's been great for Lilias to have a little church friend her age. In fact, we have two more ladies at the church who are due not too long from now, as well as another pregnant lady who has been visiting for the past couple months that, along with her husband, may potentially make our church their home church. Our church, already filled with youngsters, is continuing to be added to in number!

At the beginning of the year, our youth group began getting involved with a group called "Meals of Hope," where they go to a nearby city and distribute meals, and in winter, clothing as well, to the homeless. It was an opportunity to get them into serving people's physical needs while also finding some opportunities to share the Gospel (a need that goes far beyond the physical). Since then, however, many more in our congregation from outside of the youth group have also been getting involved.
We still have men's and women's Bible studies, Sunday School throughout the school year for all ages, our mid-week children's program called Bible Buddies, as well as Vacation Bible School in the summer, but this fall our Boys' and Girls' Clubs ended up merging into Junior High Club since so many of the girls from the Girls' Club that Christina helped lead became too old and there weren't enough left to continue as a stand alone ministry.

However, back in the winter and spring, Christina was so encouraged by all that the girls were learning. A couple years ago, they basically knew nothing about the Bible. Biblical figures like Abraham and famous stories like David and Goliath seemed to be unheard of by most of them. Thankfully, over the second year she was with them, they were showing signs of remembering the themes and concepts that were being taught to them, with many able to articulate the Gospel back to her.

They were really challenged to evaluate their lives and to see if they really knew who God was, while also being encouraged to be reading their Bibles (which a couple of them have been trying to do out of their own desire to learn more).

Christina was also quite surprised at how excited they were to learn of her pregnancy. The loudest cheers, squeals and congratulations she heard came from those girls. What was also great about that was how, although they've now moved up to youth group, three of them showed up at our door one day to see our little Lilias. Christina went outside and chatted with them for about a half hour as our baby was passed from girl to girl. What was fascinating to me, especially with the way our secular culture is going, was Christina later telling me that these girls in their early teens all loved babies and wanted to be moms one day to as many little ones as they could have. This was contrasted by another girl from their school walking by who joined them, saying she'd never want to have a baby because it'd be too much of a sacrifice on her time and body. To that, Christina and the other three replied, "But it's so worth it! Babies are such a blessing!"

Now we're heading into a season where we're preparing our hearts to celebrate the arrival of another beautiful blessing of a baby. As much as Christina and I think Lilias is the best baby ever, it is true that there was one better. After finishing up preaching through the letters of Timothy, I just recently began going through the Gospel of Luke. It's a fitting time to do so, as the opening chapters tell us the story of Jesus' birth!

At the start of December, Christina and a couple other ladies from the church are planning a Community Christmas Dinner hosted at the church. The lady who had put them on for years in the past stepped down after the one we organized in 2024, and we ended up not having one in 2025, but it was a great opportunity for people who don't usually step through church doors to come in, enjoy a free meal, sing some carols and hear a brief 5-minute message on the importance of why Christ came to our world. I felt that it was an important event to bring back and so I'm very glad that there is a new generation taking on the challenge of preparing a bunch of delicious food for potentially 80 people if we get a similar number to 2024.

Please pray for Christina as she helps to head that up, and for open hearts during that time and throughout the Christmas season. Pray also for us as we serve our congregation while also serving our baby girl as new parents. We want them both to be built up in a godly manner.

We're so thankful for your prayers and support. The LORD has blessed us in so many ways, as is evident in what we've shared, but in ways that also include you. The prayers that you've given to God on our behalf are so needed and continue to be so needed. There's no way we'd be where we're at now without Him, and there's no way we'll be able to serve effectively in the future without Him either. Keep lifting us up to Him as you think of us.

Sometimes I still can't believe I'm a dad. I remember when the doctors first lifted Lilias up so I could see her over the blue curtain in the operating room – it was like a dream. It didn't feel like real life and sometimes it still feels that way, but I don't have to wake up from this. I actually do have the most precious little baby who brings me so much joy. However, I have such a responsibility to be the best father I can be for her while also balancing the busyness of leading a church. I don't see myself as ever being one of those pastors who neglect his family for his work, but still, may that never be so! That's why your prayers are so important.

The LORD bless you as you anticipate the celebration of His first coming, when He was born a human so He could live the perfect life we were unable to, ultimately leading to Him dying the perfect death so we could be truly forgiven of our sin and, finally, leading to His resurrection. He is alive forevermore!

Got Questions Article

What is the spiritual gift of healing?

The spiritual gift of healing is the supernatural manifestation of the Spirit of God that miraculously brings healing and deliverance from disease and/or infirmity. It is the power of God that destroys the work of sin and/or the devil in the human body, such as the healings that Jesus and the disciples performed (Matthew 4:24; 15:30; Acts 5:15-16; 28:8-9). The gift of healing given to the church is primarily noted in 1 Corinthians 12, where the spiritual gifts are listed.

Spiritual gifts are powers, skills, abilities, or knowledge given by God through the Holy Spirit to Christians. Paul tells the church that the purpose of the spiritual gifts is to edify other believers and, ultimately, to glorify God. God gives these gifts for His use, but in the Corinthian church, they were apparently a type of status symbol or being used to indicate superiority. Interestingly, 1 Corinthians 12:9 refers to "gifts" of healing in the plural, which may indicate that there are different gifts of healing. The gifts of healing could mean a very wide range of skills or abilities. This could be from the power to do miraculous or dramatic healing, like making the lame walk, or the use or understanding of medicine. It could even be the ability to empathize and show love to others to the point of healing an emotional wound.

There has been much debate about the usage of the spiritual gift of healing among Christians. Some believe the gift of healing and some other sign gifts are no longer operative today, while others believe the miraculous gifts are still in use today. Of course, the power to heal was never in the gifted person himself/herself. The power to heal is from God and God alone. Although God does still heal today, we believe His healing through the gift of healing belonged primarily to the apostles of the first-century church to affirm that their message was from God (Acts 2:22; 14:3).

God still performs miracles. God still heals people. There is nothing preventing God from healing one person through the ministry of another person. However, the miraculous gift of healing, as a spiritual gift, does not seem to be functioning today. God can certainly intervene in whatever manner He sees fit, whether in "normal" fashion or through a miracle. Our salvation itself is miracle. We were dead in sin, but God entered our lives and made us new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is the greatest healing of all.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Paul says spiritual gifts are given for the common good of the church. How does this change the way we should think about our gifts? Are we sometimes more concerned about what serving does for us than how it benefits others?

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2. We talked about how a gift becomes evident when it is used. How can we move beyond knowing we have something to contribute and become more intentional about serving others?

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3. If God has given every believer gifts to serve and build up the church, what responsibility do we have to use those gifts? When might failing to use what God has given us become an issue of disobedience?

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4. As a church, we need to be willing to consider what God might have for us, even if it takes us beyond what is familiar or comfortable. How can we balance faith and boldness with wisdom, patience, and careful discernment?

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5. How should our understanding of God's sovereignty shape the way we pray for people who are sick? How can we encourage someone who has prayed for healing but continues to suffer?

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6. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit distributes gifts according to His will. Why are we sometimes tempted to compare ourselves with others or wish we had their abilities? What does it look like to be content with how God has equipped us?

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7. Think about our church family at Bethany. Where do you see needs that could be met if more people used their gifts? Is there someone you could encourage, help, serve, or strengthen this week?

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