

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL



### SUNDAY, September 8

10:00 a.m. - Service

### MONDAY, September 9

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Team

7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY, September 10

5:15 p.m. - Taekwondo

6:00 p.m. - Ashton Place AGM

7:00 p.m. - Shepherding Elders

7:00 p.m. - Deacons

### WEDNESDAY, September 11

6:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

### THURSDAY, September 12

5:15 p.m. - Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. - Worship Practice

7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters

### FRIDAY, September 13

7:00 p.m. - Youth

### SATURDAY, September 14

### OUR MISSION:

*Becoming Like Christ & Sharing Him with Others.*

### OUR CORE COMMITMENTS:

**Communion:** Walking with Christ

**Community:** Loving one another

**Calling:** Impacting the world

To learn more about Bethel's Mission and Vision, visit the church website at [www.discoverbethel.com](http://www.discoverbethel.com)

**TEENS!** Check out Bethel Youth at [www.bethelyouth.com](http://www.bethelyouth.com).

### September 8, 2019

**WELCOME!** It's so good that you're here today! If you need assistance during your visit, please do not hesitate to visit the "Welcome Desk" at the back of the sanctuary, or talk with an usher. There are large print Bibles on the Membership Desk to use during the service.

### TODAY'S SERVICE

The new church year starts today. With kids back in school after the summer break, the church's regular programming is also getting underway. We believe God has good and startling things in store for us this year, because "he is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Today's message is called "The Power of the Gospel" and is based on Romans 1:14-16. It presents a vision and a challenge for the year ahead. The Good News of Jesus is the best news on the whole planet. God wants us to unleash this power in our lives and in the lives of others.

### OUR OFFERINGS THIS MORNING:

- 1) **Bethel Ministries & Mission:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **Tuition relief:** Provides tuition relief for Bethel members that want to send their kids to the Christian School but don't have the funds to do so.

### THE OFFERING FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Resonate Global Missions:** Follows God's lead in the movement of the gospel in North America. Working through regional teams, Resonate supports a diverse group of church planters, pastors, campus ministers, and others who are called to renew communities together.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### WELCOME TO THE NEW CHURCH YEAR!

Welcome back! You may, or may not, have been physically away for the summer, but all of us are returning to a new church year; so, I'd like to welcome you back to what lies ahead with all its activity and adventure.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. Consider just a few highlights:

- **Bridge Church is set to launch on September 22.** We have worked, prayed, and given generously to plant this new church. We did so in the hope that it will reach many people in Fort Saskatchewan who would not otherwise ever find their way into a church. Now the dream is becoming a reality.
- **We are launching an initiative called "The Next 300."** We have seen more people than ever before come to faith in Jesus at Bethel over the last two years, and God continues, wonderfully, to draw seeking people to our church! As leaders we have become convinced that God wants us, together with Bridge Church, to reach 300 people with the Good News of Jesus, and see them enfolded into church in the next five years.
- **A Team has been struck to take intergenerational ministry to a new level.** Called "Growing Young" this team, consisting mostly of Young Adults, will start by seeking to integrate Young Adults more fully into the life of the church. We are taking seriously research that shows it's vital for the younger generations to interact meaningfully with the older generations if they are going to stay connected to the church over the long-term. We hope to use this group's efforts as a catalyst for even more intergenerational ministry.

Space doesn't allow me to talk about all our dreams for this year, but you will be hearing about other plans in weeks to come. You will also be hearing about our regular, great ministries. (God has been using Bethel's ministries to change lives for many years.) For now, let's look forward with anticipation, set our hearts to serve, and pray that God will do great things among us this year for His glory. —Pastor Tom

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**The Bible Reading for this week is:** Revelation 19-22.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR JOHN HUI TSING AND CHILDREN,** Shannon, Andrew, Gary, Eric, and Mark, in the passing away of wife and mother Joanne. We praise the Lord that Joanne, who walked closely with Jesus, is with her Lord now, and entrust the Huitsing family to His love and care. **ELEANOR AND DON PROKUDA** are facing some serious health issues. Eleanor has an undiagnosed liver illness, has experienced displacement of some of her internal organs, is suffering from arthritis, and has a complication with her rotator cuff. All of this came on relatively quickly. Don is scheduled to undergo a hip replacement in about six months. They are facing this with courage and trust in their Lord, but need your prayers as they deal with this barrage of illnesses.

**BRIDGE CHURCH IS LAUNCHING!** The first public worship service of Bridge Church will take place on Sunday, September 22. Please pray for our church plant at this critical time in their life. You can also help out in another way. Pastor Ryan and the people of Bridge Church are hoping about 50 Bethelites will attend their "trial" services this Sunday, September 8, and next Sunday, September 15. They want to make sure all of their systems (child care, technology, welcoming, etc.) are all ready to go for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are willing to help, church starts at 10:00 am and will meet at the Dow Centennial Centre.

**HAVE YOU EVER STRUGGLED WITH DEPRESSION OR MENTAL ILLNESS?** Or are you the spouse of someone who has such a struggle? If so, Kyle and Rene Billiald are starting a group for people just like you. After being sidelined by depression himself, Kyle feels it's important to create a safe space where people with a similar experience can discuss, learn, grow and offer mutual support. The group will this fall. If you are interested, contact Kyle at 780-940-8330.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OASIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** We are starting up on September 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Our first Study takes a look at Joseph. Child care is provided.

**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** This Fall starting October 2 – November 6 at 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry will be going on a "Quest" with Beth Moore. Sign up at the Membership Desk.