

February 04, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our series through 1 Thessalonians, *Built Different*, by reflecting on how we can have a compelling witness in the world. Paul knows well the fears and worries of his day, the incredible challenges people of faith face, not to mention the natural reactions of human hearts who rush towards “easy answers” to avoid the distress of the present moment. His loving appeal is for them to embrace that they belong to the “day”- the assurance of God’s presence and power at work to save them. Rather than allow the darkness to draw us into fruitless fights and coping pathways that wreak havoc on our souls, we can embrace a posture of freedom and faithful witness, that’s built *different*, for God’s glory and our good. The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, "Since We Belong to the Day."

**ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE:** This year we are hosting an early morning prayer and worship service (in person only) at 6:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Every year, we approach Ash Wednesday as our initiation into the journey of Lent which leads us to the celebration of Easter. During this day we reflect and prepare for the season to come through prayer. The dust reminds us of our need for God – while we alone are not enough Jesus offers us everything we need.

What does God want to do in your heart through this season of worship? What rhythms and practices can you embrace or fast from to be closer with him? We invite you to join us in seeking the Lord’s face. For details, visit [discoverbethel.com/events](https://discoverbethel.com/events)

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES:** Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

**NEXT WEEK – RESONATE GLOBAL MISSIONS:** As Resonate, we bring the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches, and the world to embolden them in participating in God’s mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **COBY** and **JOHN SNYDER’S** son, **JASON**, who has been enduring ongoing challenges with pancreatic and stomach cancer. While his care team provides comfort treatments, we pray that the Lord would be abundantly present, offering a peace and comfort that only comes through his presence.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, PAULINE LENDEIN, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **COBY SNYDER** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:** With the start of a new year, it's a good time to think about Bethel's mission. A key factor in fulfilling that mission relies on the many different people who serve in our church. Within that group are the church leaders (Elders and Deacons). Each year, a number of these leaders finish their terms and need to be replaced. That is where you come in. We need you to prayerfully consider who you think would make good, Christ-centered leaders for these different roles. To nominate someone, please send us an email with their name to [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com). The individual you nominate must be a professing member of Bethel. To see our current list of elders and deacons visit our leadership page [here](#).

**BANDCAMP ADULT SESSIONS:** Do you have a desire to dig deeper into questions like: Why do we worship? Why is God worthy of my worship? How does what I believe about God impact the way I play with my band members? BandCAMP is a 4-session program run by Melanie Salte exploring questions like these and more. Every session will include time to connect, explore worship in Scripture, and worship through making music together. The heart of BandCAMP is to create a space for you to grow a heart and skill for worship. The dates for these sessions are Tuesdays February 13 & 27 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. To sign up please message [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com)

**BETHEL KIDS AND YOUTH PRAYER CARDS:** In 2024, we will continue our tradition of creating prayer cards for all children and youth at Bethel. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. If you consider Bethel to be your home church and would like your teen(s)/child(ren) to be included in this initiative, please fill out the form [here](#) to upload photos.

**EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS:** This is part two of the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Courses. **Starting February 6** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. this powerful 8-week course will equip you with practical tools to love people in difficult situations and continue to mature into an adult follower of Jesus. In the EH Relationships Course, everyone will learn 8 practical relationship skills to develop mature, loving relationships with others. Cost: \$40. Click [here](#) to register.

**WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY:** Women of Bethel, are you looking to connect with other women and dig deeper into the Bible? Join us on Wednesday evenings starting February 7 until March 13th from 7-9 p.m. at Bethel. We will be reading 'Starved' by Amy Seiffert. The cost is \$20. Please sign up [here](#) or in person at the back of the sanctuary.

**FAMILY WORSHIP CAMP:** Join us for the first class in our monthly Family Worship Camp series and learn how to equip your child to live a life of worship. Family Worship Camp aims to help families understand the different ways people connect with God, giving practical tools to help kids and teens engage in worship at church and home. Parents and their kids ages 4-18 (nursery care provided for ages 0-3) are invited to join us once a month after Sunday worship to have lunch and learn more about how you can engage in worship. There are four sessions – sign up for all or just the sessions you can make. Our first session will be Sunday, February 11 from 11:45-1:30. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

**PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE:** Feeling those January bill blues? Sign up for the new 6-week Finance Management Course which starts on February 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This course will give you an easy-to-follow personalized plan for money management. You will be guided through Dave Ramsey's "7 Baby Steps", which starts with saving for an emergency fund and ends with building wealth and giving. Learn how to handle money, budget with confidence, and set, track and reach your financial goals. Cost: \$75. Register [here](#).

**GUITAR TRAINING CAMP:** Come join Trent Jeske for some group guitar lessons. Just starting out or getting back into it - this is for you! If you just want to play, come Jam with us! This will happen February 22 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. E-mail [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) to sign up!

**DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS:** Do you desire to be effective in ministry but have come to the end of your strength? Do you work to spread the Gospel but just see a culture that opposes it? Didn't Jesus' disciples deal with these same challenges? How did they do it? In this second Dunamis Project event, **In the Spirit's Power**, you will look at what Scripture teaches about how God's Spirit calls us to cooperate with him and

provides a Biblical foundation and practical instruction needed for powerful, balance ministry. Topics covered include:

- Jesus and the Kingdom of God
- Receiving Guidance and Cooperating with the Holy Spirit
- Discernment: Is This Really from God?

**Date:** February 21-24, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, and Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Event will be online via Zoom. Click [here](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joanne Rozendaal at [prayer@discoverbethel.com](mailto:prayer@discoverbethel.com)

## BETHEL YOUTH

**THANK YOU BETHEL!** \$400 was raised from the empties donations that we received.

**FAMILY FEUD NIGHT:** We've surveyed 50+ people and the top answers are on the board! Youth in Grade 7-12, it's your turn to find out what the survey says with your team of five on Friday, February 23, between 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Make up your own team of five or join a team when you arrive and get ready for the ultimate showdown!

**BETHEL COOKBOOK – RECIPES NEEDED:** Some of you may have a copy of the first “Bethel Community Church Cookbook” compiled in 2006. Our youth missions’ team has determined we are past due for an updated version and we need your support! Share your family favourite recipes with others in Bethel and be part of our second edition of Bethel’s Community Cookbook. Send recipes to Pastor Melanie at [melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com) before **February 29**.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

February 7	Ministry Shares
February 11	Resonate Global Missions
February 18	Reframe Ministries
February 25	Better Together Liberia

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) to see the ways that you can donate and support our different collections. If you have any questions about our giving options, please contact Sara at [accounting@discoverbethel.com](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WINTER WALK:** Hosted by Adeara, this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event will take place Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Last year, with the support of our community, we raised \$60,419 to help women and their children recover from their traumas, learn healthy boundaries, breakaway from co-dependencies, develop new life skills, and ultimately, stop the horrific cycle of addiction. With your help, we would like to reach more women and continue to provide the essential service of addiction recovery to families right here in our community. **Would you please consider starting a team as a Church?** The Coldest Night of the Year is completely FREE to sign up and all ages are welcome. It’s a great way for the local Church to continue to partner with Adeara (and it’s a fun family-friendly event for a good cause!). To check-out all the event details, please click [here](#).

### ANNOUCEMENT’S FROM THE KING’S UNIVERSITY:

**Quandaries: Traditional African medicine—nothing but voodoo?** On Tuesday, February 6 from 7:30-8:30pm at King’s, Moréniké Qláoşebikan will lead us on a journey of philosophical discovery and social change in healthcare. Moréniké was born in Nigeria during the height of the HIV epidemic and grew up with an awareness of health inequities in African countries. Quandaries, a public lecture and podcast series at The King’s University, approaches contemporary moral dilemmas with wisdom in an age where we tend to react or withdraw too quickly. Visit [kingsu.ca/quandaries](https://kingsu.ca/quandaries) for more info or to register.

**Parent Night for Prospective Students:** Is your child considering King's? Join us on Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30-9:00pm to learn how King's supports students in their faith development, achieving their academic and career goals, and funding their education through scholarships and financial aid. Come on campus for an evening with fellow parents and have all your questions answered. Visit [kingsu.ca/admissions/visit-kings](https://kingsu.ca/admissions/visit-kings) for more info or to register.

**The King's Players presents "A Gentleman and a Scoundrel":** Join us at The King's University February 15-17, 2024, for "A Gentleman and a Scoundrel," a performance full of charm and mischief! All proceeds will go towards the Student Refugee Fund. Tickets sold [here](#).

**BLACK GOSPEL PRAISE CONCERT:** Featuring Edmonton's most excellent, Black ministers of music. National Black Coalition of Canada Edmonton (NBCC) warmly invites you to join them **Saturday, February 17th, 2024**, at the Edmonton Northern Jubilee Auditorium. Concert time is 7:00 pm. The concert is not for profit and tickets are only **\$20** – available on [Eventbrite](#).

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIPS SERVICES - WINTER CONVERSATION SERIES:** Conversations about your estate are always difficult. Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q& A sessions every other week this winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Explore the topics and register [here](#). Don't miss the last three sessions! Our topics will be: Joint Accounts, Choosing an Executor or Power of Attorney, and Cryptocurrency. For more information, contact: [info@csservices.ca](mailto:info@csservices.ca).

**FAMILY FRIENDLY SOCCER** Are you looking for a fun organized soccer league? Games and practices are scheduled for Wednesdays & Saturdays in May & June at McLeod Community League. Registration is **online only** on March 1 at 7 pm. We fill up quickly so don't wait! Accepting children born 2006-2018. Cost is \$45. Questions? Diana VanderWekken at [edmontonFFSL@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonFFSL@gmail.com)

If you are willing to coach or for more information visit our new [website](#)

**ADULTS FAMILY FRIENDLY CO-ED LEAGUE** registration is March 1 at 5 pm. Adults play Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email [AdultsFFS@gmail.com](mailto:AdultsFFS@gmail.com) for more information.

**INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT:** Getting tired of Netflix? Maybe it's time for something different. InterMission Silent Retreat is coming up May 31-June 2 at King's Fold Retreat Centre west of Cochrane, a lovely and cozy retreat house on the ridge of the Ghost River overlooking the Rockies. 2 nights accommodation, 4 meals, 2-3 spiritual direction sessions, silence, rest, peace, quiet, spirit, soul. Single private room. "Be still and know that I am God." Registration is \$500/person. Contact [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com) to register.

**CEO OPPORTUNITY AT EMMANUEL HOME:** The Emmanuel Seniors Living Society is now accepting applications for its next permanent CEO. There are some exciting things happening in the Society and the Board is seeking the right person to lead the Society through the next chapter of its growth! More information, including the Job Posting and Organization Profile, can be found at [emmanuelhome.ca](https://emmanuelhome.ca) and inquiries can be sent to the Transition Committee at [info@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:info@emmanuelhome.ca).

**HOPE MISSION – BRIGHTWOOD RANCH: WE ARE HIRING!** located on 220 acres of rolling hills one hour west of Edmonton; offering 6 day overnight camps for under-privilege and at-risk children and youth ages 6-17 with activities including archery, riflery, zipline and climbing wall, petting zoo, horsemanship, wilderness skills, low-ropes course, an escape bus, pallet-maze laser tag, and wide games is seeking passionate Christians to make a positive impact in the lives of young people. We are looking to fill several positions for summer 2024 including cabin counsellors, activity leads, kitchen help, programs leads, head counsellors, summer maintenance, summer administration and first-aid attendants. If you or you know somebody who would be interested in a two month or four month contract you can find out more information [here](#) or send your application [here](#).

**Job Opening: Abuse Prevention and Response Coordinator (APRC)** Classis BCSE & BCNW Safe Church Team Ministry (SCT) supports the important ministry work done by the Christian Reformed churches in BC. The SCT is succession planning and looking for someone to succeed our current Abuse Prevention and Response Coordinator who is looking ahead to retirement. This position would require on average approximately 20 hrs per week, with certain months having increased hours. The work includes providing abuse prevention and response education and requires travel to the Christian Reformed churches in BC. Applicants must be knowledgeable about the subject of abuse, have related work experience &

education. Start date is flexible & training for the position will be provided. For more information, please see this [job posting](#), or email the SCT executive chairperson – Andrew Van der Leek -[avdleek@gmail.com](mailto:avdleek@gmail.com).

**CRC NEWS:** Check out what’s happening in the CRC community [here](#).

**CRCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Connecting church members with the ministries of the denomination. Find out more by visiting the website [here](#).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, February 4**

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream

### **MONDAY, February 5**

6:00 p.m. Prayer - Zoom

### **TUESDAY, February 6**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

### **WEDNESDAY, February 7**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom

7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, February 8**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, February 9**

### **SATURDAY, February 10**