



July 17, 2026

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

We are in our summer series which is taking us through the book of Proverbs entitled, ***The Way of Wisdom***. This week's message ***Guard Your Heart*** builds on one of Pastor Cris' key points, "Proverbs are not promises, but probabilities." We will also take note of how this book of wisdom literature opens not with rules, but relationship. Before it tells us what to do, it asks, "Who are you listening to?" - a defining question of discipleship today. The issue isn't whether we'll be influenced - it's which voice will we trust. Ultimately, the New Testament reveals Jesus as the embodiment of God's wisdom, whose call to "*Follow me*" is the invitation that leads to true life.

The message this Sunday will focus on Proverbs 4:20-27, "*Guard Your Heart*"

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To explore our resources on Proverbs, visit: [discoverbethel.com/resources](https://discoverbethel.com/resources)

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA:** works alongside communities in Liberia and West Africa to improve access to education and build healthier communities. By involving local residents in every stage of construction, the organization helps create lasting ownership and sustainable impact. Bethel is grateful to continue supporting **Bettesu Elementary School**, the **Bettesu Health Clinic**, and the **palm tree growing project**. Learn more at [www.bettertogetherliberia.org](http://www.bettertogetherliberia.org).

## COLLECTIONS IN JULY

JULY 5 EduDeo Ministries  
JULY 12 Disability Concerns  
JULY 19 Better Together Liberia  
JULY 26 Ministry Shares

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Callie Guenther** (niece to Becky and Michael), **Janny Bartel**, **Marijke Couvreur**, **Marcel Crocker**, **Dave Howard**, **Evans Kotio**, **Kathy MacDonald**, **Jenny Penfold**, **Eleanor Prokuda** and **Rob Solomonson** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FAMILY TABLE:** is all about discipling children and teens! Whether you have your own children/teens or are invested in the lives of someone else's children/teens, we welcome you to join us July 26 for *Beyond the Table*, our summer BBQ party. Parents, grandparents, honorary aunts/uncles...come join us for lunch and enjoy spending time together.

Meet us at Bannerman Park right after the service on July 26. We will provide burgers, chips, watermelon, and dessert. You bring your lawn chairs and water bottles. Sign up [here](#), so we know how much food we need. (Rain out location is the fellowship hall).

**BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE:** We will be continuing our tradition of providing school supplies and backpacks for the Bannerman community, but there will be a few changes this year. More details about how you can contribute to this cause will be available in the coming weeks.

## GET INVOLVED

**BETHEL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:** Looking for a simple, joy-filled way to grow your child's faith, build lasting memories, and boost literacy—rain or shine? This summer let's READ! Join our Summer Reading Challenge and pick up a bag of carefully selected books from our church library! We've got something for every age and stage:

- Picture books (perfect for sharing as a whole family, or as grandparents!)
- Books for Grades 1–3 (some for kids to read, some for parents to share)
- Chapter books for Grades 4–6
- Engaging teen reads

Keep your bag for up to 3 weeks. When you return it, your child will:

- Pick an instant prize
- Be entered in a draw for an awesome end-of-summer prize!

Make reading a meaningful part of your family's summer—because faith can grow one story at a time.

**BETHEL KIDS CAMP NEEDS YOU!** From August 10–14, Bethel will be transformed into Snowball Mountain Challenge, our annual Kids Camp, where children will discover how to "Find Your Strength in God."

We're excited to share that registration is full, with 90 children and 20 Leaders in Training (helpers aged 11+ but not yet 18) already signed up! Now we need your help to make this an incredible week.

We're looking for adults to serve in a variety of roles. Whether you can volunteer for the entire week or just a day or two, we'd love to have you join the team! We especially need:

- Crew Leaders
- Media/Tech Team
- Kitchen Crew
- Setup Team
- Cleanup Team

Interested in volunteering? Visit the sign-up page [here](#).

If you have any questions, email Rebecca at [rebecca@discoverbethel.com](mailto:rebecca@discoverbethel.com) or Jason at [jasonv@discoverbethel.com](mailto:jasonv@discoverbethel.com).

### **Can't volunteer but still want to help?**

You can support Kids Camp by donating needed supplies! Stop by the bulletin board across from the mailboxes, choose a donation tag, and return the item to the church by August 4.

Thank you for helping make Kids Camp a memorable week for our children!

### **24/7 PRAYER WEEK, SEPTEMBER 6-13**

"At the Name of Jesus" (*Philippians 2:9–11*)

This September, 24/7 Prayer is hosting a global Week of Prayer, and Bethel is excited to be participating!

Would you prayerfully consider being part of the organizing team? We would love your help.

We also invite everyone to sign up for one hour of prayer during the week. You can pray at the church, from your workplace, or from home. If you're able, consider signing up for more than one hour.

- Throughout the week, you'll be encouraged and equipped through:  
Lectio 365 daily prayer resources
- A kickoff service on Sunday September 6 and wrap-up celebration on Sunday September 13
- A Wednesday evening worship gathering
- A devotional guide
- A dedicated prayer space at the church

More details will be shared soon! Questions? Contact Taliah Jeske or Helen Krol.

**DRUMMER NEEDED:** Would you like to be part of our worship team? We are currently looking for a drummer to serve **once a month** during our Sunday morning service. Your time commitment would be to attend Thursday practice from 7:00–9:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday morning service. If you're interested in dropping in for a practice or would like more information, please contact [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com). We have so much fun at practice, we'd love to have you join us!

**ATTENTION BETHEL KIDS:** Do you want to be part of our Greeting Team? If so, you or a parent can send a message to Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com)! We'll pair you up with an adult so you can help welcome people at the door.

## **BETHEL YOUTH**

**PLOT:** Come hang out every Tuesday night from 7-9 pm. There will be games, laughs, snacks, and time spent in God's Word. We meet in the church parking lot. Grades 7-12 are welcome.

**PLOT FIELD TRIP:** On July 28, we will be having a field trip to the Snow Valley Aerial Park. To see all the information, and to register click [here](#).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**REHOBOTH CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Rehoboth Camp, providing a fun, faith-filled experience for youth with developmental disabilities, is urgently seeking one Nurse (LPN or RN) and two Cooks for Youth Week, July 25–31.

These volunteer positions are essential to running the camp safely and successfully. Without enough volunteers to fill these roles, Youth Week may be at risk of cancellation. If you have the skills and availability to serve, please prayerfully consider helping make this important ministry possible.

If you have a heart for serving and would like to help make this week possible for these campers, please consider volunteering.

- ♦ Apply: <https://rcmflourish.ca/camp/volunteers/>
- ♦ Questions? Contact: [registrations@rcmflourish.ca](mailto:registrations@rcmflourish.ca)

Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry and helping create a memorable camp experience for these youth!

**REHOBOTH:** Rehoboth is once again hosting our Annual Car Show & Shine on July 25/26 at 3920 – 49 Ave., in Stony Plain. All the fun starts at 9 a.m. and we welcome you to join us for the BBQ, Silent Auction, and Kids Zone. As well, if you have a vehicle or motorcycle that you wish to show, you can register online at [www.rcmflourish.ca](http://www.rcmflourish.ca) or in person on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you.

**LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE:** A Christian woman in our neighbourhood is looking to share her home with another Christian woman. She is looking for a fairly active roommate 55+ to share household responsibilities. She has been widowed, and lives in a bungalow in Clareview and would love to have interaction with someone who might fit this description. She would be glad to share her experience with a person who might like to investigate this possibility. Please contact the deacons or the church office if you or someone you know are interested.

**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, July 19**

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

### **MONDAY, July 20**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, July 21**

7:00 p.m. PLOT

### **WEDNESDAY, July 22**

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, July 23**

2:00 p.m. Food Bank

### **FRIDAY, July 24**

### **SATURDAY, July 25**