

October 25, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Disciples*, by reflecting on the mission of those who follow Jesus. All the time Jesus has invested in his disciples meets the broken needs of a hurting world. Jesus' plan has always been to equip and empower them to continue in his ministry naming how plentiful the harvest is so long as we faithfully tend to its keeping. *How is God calling each of us to work in the harvest? What can we do to respond faithfully in our own journey of following Jesus?*

The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 9:35-38, "Disciples for the Harvest."

This week we will be welcoming back the children of the **Joyful Noise Choir**. The 50 children are ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries and visit churches and communities to encourage support for those with developmental disabilities. October is Rehoboth's donation drive, and the opportunity become friends of the organization. Since 1979, over 800 children, including many from Bethel, have been ambassadors for Rehoboth.

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES:** is a cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, resource congregations, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information → [crcna.org/MinistryShares](http://crcna.org/MinistryShares)

**NEXT WEEK – CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK** is a partnership of 15 church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Farmers in this area grow crops which are specifically harvested for donation to the food grains bank. The Foodgrains bank provides emergency food assistance and long-term development in over 30 countries annually with the help of over 100 international partners.

For more information → <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**RANDALL HUISMAN** and **ANNETE TSANG'S** sister, **CATHY VISSCHER**, went to be with the Lord this past week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Please pray for **CHARLIE TSANG** who will be having surgery next week.

**RUTH GROVES** was admitted to hospital October 4. She was discharged last week and will be staying with family. She shares a heartfelt thanks to the Bethel family who have advocated on her behalf for healing through prayers, and encouraged her through texts, phone calls, and visits. God has been working full time and has sent fellow believers to be His hands and feet while she has been in hospital.

**TRINITY KILKENNY** has left Canada to participate in YWAM in Osaka, Japan, until March 2025. Please remember her as she learns to adapt to a new culture and being away from home. Pray for encouragement during lonely times, and a strengthening of faith as she experiences in new and unfamiliar ways what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JEAN SAATHOF**, and **RANDY SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAST WEEK FOR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS:** Please stop by the lost and found items table located outside the sanctuary across from the library, whatever is left after the service this Sunday will be donated to a thrift store.

**HARVEST FEST:** Bethel's annual **Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treat** is tomorrow, October 26th, 2-4p.m. at Bethel Church. We are looking to make this year's event bigger and better than ever. We hope to see you there!

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION SUNDAY:** A couple of months ago we started Community Connection Sundays. This created space for everyone to connect with food, fellowship and by wearing name tags. We want to continue this by having a **Soup-er Sunday next Sunday, November 3**, after the service. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck for lunch. Help with set-up, clean-up and dishes is needed. You can sign up to bring a soup and/or buns or offer to help with the meal by clicking [here](#)! There will also be a sign-up form at the Welcome Desk in the back of the sanctuary. We hope you will join us!

**TIME CHANGE REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour that Saturday night.

**ADVENT CANDLES:** Advent begins December 1, 2024. If you want to order an Advent Candle holder you can do this by emailing [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com). This comes with the wooden Candle holder, 5 Candles, and information to help guide you through lighting these candles every week. Orders need to be in by November 5, 2024. The cost is \$20.

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** We have an upcoming breakfast gathering on November 16. In between these gatherings, we're organizing conversation groups, discussing a book, Fighting Shadows (by Jon Tyson and Jefferson Bethke). If you'd like to read with you us, you can purchase your own copy [here](#). If you'd like to join a conversation group, email Pastor Cris ([cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com)).

**WOMEN'S EVENT – A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS:** Do you love delicious food and getting your craft on? Join us on Sunday December 1st from 2:30-5:00 P.M. at Bethel Community Church to enjoy tasty appetizers, unwind, get crafty and mingle with the women of Bethel. Each women attending will receive a box with all that you need to paint and put together 3 beautiful layered wooden ornaments made locally in Canada. The cost for this event is \$25. This is a great event to invite a neighbor, friend or family member to join - the more the merrier! Please register [here](#). The registration deadline is November 24th.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Bethlehem Comes to Bannerman: **A Christmas Dinner Theatre** will have two showings on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. We assure you; this is an event you won't want to miss! Keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks for more information about how you can get involved. It's going to be a blast, so come on Bethel, join us in blessing the community of Bannerman! If you are interested in helping or participating with the day, please e-mail [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com).

**PODCAST UPDATE:** We've launched a new series called Midweek Conversations on our main podcast channel. Our goal is to help you follow Jesus, grow, and encourage you in your discipleship by reflecting on your questions and going deeper beyond the Sunday morning. If you have a question about a Sunday message or the series in general, whether big or small, please send it to [media@discoverbethel.com](mailto:media@discoverbethel.com). Make sure you're following our podcast wherever you find your podcasts, so you don't miss out when we release a new episode. You can also find these on our website [here](#).

**MEMBER LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE RENT:** A quiet woman in our congregation is looking to rent (shared accommodations) in a Christian home on the Northeast side of the city. If you are interested in offering her a place to live, please e-mail the office at [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com).

**DEACON REQUEST:** We have a family that has recently moved into a home and is looking for some help to furnish it. The furniture items that are needed are a couch, queen bed, double bed, and any kind of bedding with that size of bed (pillow, pillowcases, sheets, blankets). If you have any of these items and are willing to donate, please email [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com).

## BETHEL YOUTH

**PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES!** Next meeting is Sunday, November 17 during the service.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

October 6	World Renew
October 13	Edmonton Food Bank
October 20	Disability Concerns
October 27	Ministry Shares

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, October 27

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

### MONDAY, October 28

7:00 p.m. Prayer - Zoom

### TUESDAY, October 29

2:00 p.m. Parent Prayer Cohort

5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

7:00 p.m. Life Groups

### WEDNESDAY, October 30

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

### THURSDAY, October 31

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, November 1

### SATURDAY, November 2

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION** is grateful for a very successful event on October 18th, with over \$24,000 raised! All funds will go directly to the KHC medical and mental health programs in Cambodia! Thank you to all who supported KHC and we thank God for blessing this ministry.

**REHOBOTH'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE:** This October, we invite you to become a "Friend of Rehoboth" and partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities to flourish. Friendship involves a "shared responsibility of the shared Christian community for those within their community that require their support." Donations of any size are appreciated and helps us grow our reach. Look for the **Friends of Rehoboth** envelopes in your mailbox or at the Membership Desk. You can also speak with Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available [here](#).

**CHRISTMAS AT SEA:** is fast approaching here in the Port of Vancouver, and the Ministry to Seafarers is once again preparing Christmas gifts for seafarers who come here at that time. Please send donations for this project by cheque to Ministry to Seafarers, 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9, or donate online through our website, [ministrytoseafarers.com](http://ministrytoseafarers.com). Either way, be sure to designate your gift for the Christmas at Sea fund. Thank you!

**STEVE BELL CONCERT:** Christian singer-songwriter Steve Bell will be performing in Sherwood Park with his band (featuring special guest pianist Mike Janzen) on Sunday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Road). The concert is celebrating his 23<sup>rd</sup> album release, *The Glad Surprise*. Tickets are \$29.00. Visit <https://stevebell.com/events/> for more info.

**WELCOME TO THE LIGHTHOUSE:** Our newest Christian community for seniors is designed with you in mind, offering a warm and welcoming environment where you can truly thrive. To learn more about this exciting new chapter in senior living, we invite you to join us for an information meeting on October 29 at 7 P.M. in The Lighthouse dining room. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our team, ask questions, and get a firsthand look at the vision behind this project. The building is scheduled to open in Spring 2025 and has many options for suite layouts and budgets. Visit [emmanuelhome.ca/lighthouse](http://emmanuelhome.ca/lighthouse) for more information.

**INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT:** Noise Getting to You? Tired of Busy? Since January 2005, InterMission Silent Retreat has offered time away for prayer, self-reflection, and rest. Consider Jesus's invitation, "Come away with me by yourself and get some rest." It is \$500 for 2 nights' accommodation, 5 meals, private room, up to 3 sessions of spiritual direction, and all the amenities of the retreat centre. November 1-3, 2024, at Star of the North Retreat Centre. To register email [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com).

**DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS:** This is an abridged version of each of the 6 Dunamis Projects, taken over 3 years, where we teach the content in a condensed time frame, either on-line or in-person. You will get to experience live teaching, small groups and worship together. Our goal is to make the Dunamis teachings more accessible to more people. Dunamis Essentials #1, **Gateways to Empowered Ministry**, is a core teaching on the person and works of the Holy Spirit, from a Biblical and reformed theological framework. This event as an in-person session, November 21-23, 2024, at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Registration deadline is November 8. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

**EMMANUEL HOME'S CHRISTMAS MARKET:** You are invited to our annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Home (13429-57 Street). Bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive time of crafts, Dutch food, silent auction, and great fellowship. If you would like to rent a table to sell your crafts and wares, contact Aria at [aria@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:aria@emmanuelhome.ca) or 780-822-1274. Hope to see you there!

**GOSPEL-INSPIRED ORGAN CONCERT AT THE WINSPEAR:** Alcee Chriss III, winner of the 2017 Bach Prize as well as First Prize in the Canadian International Organ Competition, is an internationally acclaimed organist. The son of a minister, he was raised listening to gospel music, and his interest in the organ started from watching shows like Hour of Power. Mr. Chriss hasn't forgotten his roots, and his current performances are infused with gospel inspirations. His upcoming performance on Sunday, November 24, will feature classic pieces like the Organ Concerto in D Minor by Bach, as well as more contemporary pieces like Improvisation on "Over the Rainbow", by Harold Arlen. For more information and to buy tickets click [here](#).

**THE MUSTARD SEED – 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY GIFT CENTRE:** We created the Family Gift Centre where low-income families can purchase Christmas gifts at our pop-up toy shop for \$2. We believe no family should have to choose between putting food on the table and giving their children the joy of unwrapping a present on Christmas morning. You can be a part of this incredible event in several ways:

- Donate New Toys: We're looking for new toys for ages 0 – 18 years (we can provide a box & poster for collection-toys will need to be collected and delivered by December 3rd)
- Monetary Donations: Your financial support will help us stock the shop with a wide variety of gifts. Sponsorship opportunities available.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Multiple volunteer shifts available.

If you have any questions, please e-mail [sarahwhittaker@theseed.ca](mailto:sarahwhittaker@theseed.ca).

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE** (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN TURKEY & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION** (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

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