

August 30, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

What does Jesus mean when he says, "apart from me you can do nothing"? What is the importance of the vineyard in this analogy, and what does it mean to "bear fruit"? We will explore the analogy of the vineyard and having a fruitful life together.

The message this Sunday will focus on John 15:1-17, "A Successful Vineyard."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **TUITION RELIEF:** This fund provides tuition relief for parents that want to send their children to Edmonton Christian Schools but don't have the funds to do so.

**NEXT WEEK – ALPHA CANADA:** Alpha is dedicated to serving the local church in Canada to create a space where anyone can explore faith, ask questions and experience the hope of Jesus. Every Alpha run is an opportunity for more lives to be transformed, and to help see the church in Canada reach millions of people and introduce them to a personal relationship with Jesus. This is made possible thanks to the generosity and faithfulness of those who give to Alpha.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, LORETTA HUIZINGA, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP,** and **SAM VEENSTRA** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BETHEL STAFF UPDATE:** We'll say a farewell to Zach Rayment this Sunday during the service. If you have the chance, please connect with him after service.

**BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE UPDATE:** On behalf of the Better Together Liberia team, we want to thank you for your generous support for Bettesu School! We beat past years and this year we are helping 300 students attend school! THANK YOU!

**GARDEN HARVEST TABLE:** The time of year has come again when many of us are starting to enjoy the produce from our gardens. We have now set up our Harvest Table. This is an opportunity for those avid gardeners among us to be able to share their excess produce with fellow Bethelites. If you would like to contribute, drop off your produce at the table by the elevators before the worship service; everyone is free to pick up items that they like after the service. Bring your own bags and continue to be both blessed and a blessing in our community.

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY:** On September 8, we will host a Welcome Back Sunday featuring some of our Bethel ministries that will be starting back up this fall. This is also a great opportunity for us to re-connect together after being away this Summer. We'll also be launching a new sermon series called, *Everyday Disciples*, exploring how Jesus modeled discipleship through the Gospel of Matthew – calling each one to grow as they followed him. Let's follow Jesus together this fall by joining in with the life and community at Bethel.

**YOUNG ADULTS KICKOFF** will be next Wednesday September 4 at 6:30 p.m. – gathering at the Harpers. The focus will be on food and fellowship, as well as doing some intentional planning, vision casting, and praying about the upcoming year. The following week (September 11) will start our weekly study for the fall. If you'd like details, please send Pastor Cris an email ([cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com)).

**OASIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING:** We will be meeting Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. starting on September 18, 2023. The first meeting will be a time to get to know each other and a potluck, so bring a treat or dish to share. There is childcare available, a nursery for the babies ages 0-3, and a preschool class for ages 3-6.

The bible study that we will begin this year with is called *Thrive - Living Faithfully in Difficult Times* by Jennifer Cowart. A description of the book: In *Thrive*, author and teacher Jen Cowart helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive, whatever their circumstances. Leading readers through the Book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, she lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. If this is something that you would be interested in, please register [here](#) or join the women of Bethel Church for fun and fellowship on September 18!

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Join us for food and fellowship Saturday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Registration to come.

**DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Join us September 22, 7-9 p.m., in the Fireside Room for the Discover Bethel Membership Class! In this class, we'll share the history of Bethel church, its missions, vision, and core commitments. We'll also explore our denominational connection, beliefs, and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. There are many opportunities to get involved at Bethel. The membership class is a great place to ask questions and figure out where you fit into this vibrant community. If you are considering making Bethel your church home, or even if you're just curious, registering by clicking [here](#).

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior):** is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 24. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God's love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Register your girls [here](#). For more information, visit [discoverbethel.com](http://discoverbethel.com) or contact Selikke Duthler at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com).

**CADETS** is a group for boys in grades 2-6 that meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be a registration night on October 1. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. The registration fee is \$55 per cadet, and \$35 to buy a shirt. Click [here](#) to register or join us on October 1.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS:** The Today booklets for September/October are in. Please pick them up at the Literature Rack or the Welcome Desk.

**NEW BIBLE READING PLAN – PAUL'S LETTERS by the Bible Project:** On August 6 we began a new plan that takes you on a 53-day journey through the letter's of Paul. Each book includes videos specifically designed to enhance your understanding and engagement with Scripture. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel's Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at [wendy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:wendy@discoverbethel.com).

## **BETHEL YOUTH**

**PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES!** We will host our first fall Paul and Pancakes on September 15 during the second half of the worship service. We plan to continue the rhythm of hosting this on the 3rd Sunday of the month – so mark your calendars!

**BETHEL YOUTH PARENT MEETING:** On September 15, (the same Sunday as Paul and Pancakes), there will be Bethel Youth Parent Meeting in the chapel after worship. Youth are also welcome to attend. Our goal for this is to start some intentional conversations with parents about what Bethel Youth should look like this fall and beyond. If you have any questions, or are not able to attend, please email Pastor Cris ([cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com)) who can keep you updated about the review process.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1	Tuition Relief
September 8	Alpha Canada
September 15	Resonate Global Mission
September 22	Edmonton Native Healing Centre
September 29	Ministry Shares

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, September 1

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

### MONDAY, September 2

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### TUESDAY, September 3

### WEDNESDAY, September 4

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

8:00 p.m. AA

### THURSDAY, September 5

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, September 6

### SATURDAY, September 7

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE LINK COMMUNITY** is a safe space for people aged 18 – 30 something to gather, deepen their faith, find community and navigate life challenges together. We are starting this season with a “LINK Community Kickoff BBQ” at the Pioneer Valley Barn (Located at 51514, Range Rd 271, Spruce Grove, AB T7Y 1G5) on Sep 07 (Sat) from 5.30pm – 9.00pm. Come hang out and get to know the community at this casual and fun event with great food. We want to be sure we have enough food for everyone, so please email [inquirythelink@gmail.com](mailto:inquirythelink@gmail.com) or call/text Ron at 780-619-6566 by Sep 05 to let us know that you are coming. Check us out online [here](#).

### KING’S UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The King’s University Harvest Banquet** – The King's University has been providing Christian university education since 1979. You've helped shape the past. Now you're helping shape the future. Join us on Saturday, October 5 from 5-9pm on campus as we celebrate, together for 45 Years. RSVP by September 20 at [kingsu.ca/banquet](https://kingsu.ca/banquet) or by calling 780-465-8314.

**STUDENTS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA:** You are welcomed and invited to meet anytime with the Christian Reformed Campus Minister, Rick Mast. We have organized meals and times of connection every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We organize a variety of outings and a Reading Week outing twice a year. The group is made up of diverse and interesting people, persons I meet through my regular "tabling" presence in student residences. Drop by for conversation, advocacy, ideas and direction. Peace to you. [rmast@ualberta.ca](mailto:rmast@ualberta.ca)

**THE LIGHTHOUSE – OPEN HOUSE:** Come to The Lighthouse Open House on September 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a chance to preview Edmonton's newest Christian seniors' community. Suites on the main and 2nd floors in the east wing will be available for viewing, and you will have the opportunity to view some of the common areas and amenities. With 101 fully self-contained suites, The Lighthouse is set to open in early 2025 and has many options available for suite layouts and budgets. Staff will be available to answer all your questions. Park by the intersection of 128 St & 114 ave and look for the balloons. Contact us at [info@the-lighthouse.ca](mailto:info@the-lighthouse.ca) for more information.

**EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

**THE MUSTARD SEED – Celebration of hope: 40 years together:** The Mustard Seed will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Friday, September 27 at 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by September 4 by clicking [here](#).

**KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION:** Please join the 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 18, 2024! There will be live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on Kindred Hearts Cambodia programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course), and early bird tickets are now on sale for only \$20, until September 20th. You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.ca](#) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

**ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE:** We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit [adeara.ca/gala](#). We would love to have you join us.

**EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to [emmanuelhome.ca](#) for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

**REHOBOTH IS HIRING!** We invite you to apply to serve people with disabilities and help them to flourish. We are primarily looking to fill a variety of positions in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County areas. The following link [www.rcmflourish.ca](#) will take you directly to the career section of the Rehoboth website. We look forward to meeting you.

**EDMONTON PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE IS HIRING:** They have 3 positions open: Accounting Technician, Administrative Technician & Board of Directors. Please check the website [here](#) for more information.

**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).

**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](#).