



October 17, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we will be wrapping up our sermon series on *Habits of the Church* by reflecting on Paul and Silas' demonstration of praise and the witness it was one dark night in a Philippian prison. The message, "And to Praise and Witness." will take us through three movements that are repeated throughout Scripture; Believe. Change. Tell. By examining this pattern more closely, we'll see how praise brings light and life to the darkness; how it breaks chains and shackles, opens prison doors, and brings the greatest freedom and joy that can ever be found.

This week's scripture is from Acts 16:16-34. For memorization, consider verse 31, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

*In preparation for Sunday, we recommend checking out the *Jesus Film* blog [here](#). You and/or your kids can also click [here](#) to enjoy this video clip from *Bible Kids*.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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/>

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

October 5	World Renew
October 12	Food Bank
October 19	Canadian Food Grains Bank
October 26	Ministry Shares

To promote transparency, we are now reporting the previous month's secondary offering subtotals in the bulletin. These totals reflect only the announced offerings, though we acknowledge donations were made to other causes as well.

In September, we received the following secondary donations:

Alpha Canada = \$780.00
Edmonton Native Healing Centre = \$782.00
Ministry Shares = \$1,235.00
The King's University = \$554.00

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of September our giving is about \$20,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. While our expenses are also lower than projected, we do have a deficit of approximately \$3600. We are grateful for the faithful giving of those who call Bethel their church home and trust in God's provision through the generosity of His people.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember **JOHN** and **COBY SNYDER** in your prayers. John had a pacemaker put in on Thursday and is recuperating at home.

Please continue to remember **CALLIE** (niece to Becky and Michael), **MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA** and **GRACE VLEEMING** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next Men's Breakfast will be on October 25. Please sign up [here](#) to save your spot for this great meal!

HARVEST FEST: Our annual Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. It's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family, and it's another great way to connect with our neighbours. To make this event a success Bethel, we need YOU! There are all sorts of ways you can contribute. You can – donate candy, decorate your trunk (we need at least 12-14 trunks) and hand out candy, serve popcorn and cookies, or hot chocolate, and more. Please click [here](#) to sign up. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: This class will prepare you to publicly affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and is a step towards church membership. If you would like to learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ and live as a member of his church, please consider taking this course. It is open to all youth and adults and will be led by Camila Lazarotto (Director of Youth Ministries) and Pastor Wendy Werkman. The dates for the classes are November 18, 25, and December 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 at Bethel Church. Click [here](#) to sign up.

GET INVOLVED

BETHEL KIDS: Our Bethel Kids sessions are only possible with a team of adults working together, sharing God's word and showing his love to these awesome children. We currently need 2 more people for our check-in desk, 4-5 more adults for the nursery team, and several adult and teen helpers for the various classrooms. For more information and to join our team, visit discoverbethel.com/bethelkids

SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR! The choir will perform on December 21. Practices are on Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Sign up by November 7 by emailing lisa@discoverbethel.com

SMALL GROUPS: We invite you to sign up to be a part of something special! Small groups are where we grow in our faith in Jesus, support one another in times of need and welcome others on the journey of faith. Groups are home based and typically work through a bible study, have faith discussions and share joys & needs and pray for one another. Click [here](#) to learn more or sign up!

SMALL GROUP FOR MEN: If you would like to be involved in a weekly small group, there's an opportunity for you! Connect with Kevin Magnes at 780-475-6520. This group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at 2011-137 Avenue.

BETHEL SENIORS: West End seniors invite Bethel seniors to a lunch and concert on Saturday, November 1, at West End CRC. Join us for a boerenkool (farmer's potato stew), sausage and salad lunch (alternate chicken pasta) and then enjoy a performance by the Joyful Noise Children's Choir. Cost \$15.00/person. Doors open at 12:00. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rosa at 780-484-3884 or rmzee@shaw.ca before Tuesday, October 28. Donations will be gratefully accepted for Rehoboth Christian Ministries.

BETHEL YOUTH

YOUTH TONIGHT: We'll be meeting on the main floor tonight, October 17 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'd love all youth in grades 7 to 12 to join us!

YOUTH RETREAT: There is a Youth Retreat coming up at the end of November, the dates are Nov. 28, 29, 30, more details will be available in the coming weeks.

MALE LEADERS NEEDED: We are looking for **more male leaders** to work with the youth. If you are interested, please email Camila at: camila@discoverbethel.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLD RENEW: This Sunday October 19 Alyssa Nsonga from World Renew will have a table at the back of the church after the service. She will be happy to connect with you and answer any questions you might have about the work of World Renew! World Renew is an international disaster response and community development organization that has been working for over 60 years to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. You can also visit <https://worldrenew.ca/> to learn more.

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY: The latest edition of ECHO, our quarterly newsletter, is now available. Find it online at <https://esls.ca/about/echonewsletter/> or email society@esls.ca to request a copy. This is a special edition launching our Fall Support Campaign. Please consider how you can help!

FAR EAST BROADCASTING: You are invited to Far East Broadcasting's Friendship Dinner! Listen to guest speaker Joshua Chan, manager of FEBC Khmu Ministries. Dinner is complimentary, but **reservations are required**. Please RSVP before October 19, 2025 by calling 1-800-565-3322 ext 175.

Two dates are available:

Date: Friday October 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Shepherd's Care 12603-135 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB

Or

Date: Sunday October 26, 2025

Time: 1:15 pm

Where: Holiday Inn 4485 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton, AB

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY: Vocal Arts Week at The King's University has arrived!! October 27 and 28 at 7:00pm in Knoppers Hall at The King's University, join the voice students of TKU and Concordia University as they serenade you with classic art songs in French, German, Italian and English. On Sunday, November

2, we invite you to a very special guest performance by renown vocalist Monica Whicher and pianist Steven Philcox in an intimate recital of classical vocal music at 3pm in Knoppers Hall. Tickets for the Sunday concert are available at the door or through [Eventbrite](#).

REHOBOTH: Rehoboth's fall edition of *Flourish* has arrived, and October is Rehoboth's Annual Donation Drive to become a Friend of Rehoboth! While reading the newsletter at www.rcmflourish.ca, we welcome your prayerful consideration to partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities. Donations of any size are appreciated and help us grow our reach. A digital online submission is available through <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/>

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH: Our refugee committee is hosting a concert as our annual fundraiser. As always, this event raises awareness about refugee issues and seeks to raise funds to settle refugees in Edmonton. Join us for a night of heartfelt music with Dave von Bieker on November 1, 2025, at the Parkdale Cromdale Community League, 11335 – 85 St. Edmonton. Von Bieker plays indie folk that haunts your heart with small stories and big questions. To learn more about him or hear his music go to his website at <https://www.vonbieker.com/>. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on Eventbrite [here](#). For each ticket sold, the purchaser will receive a \$25 receipt for a charitable tax donation. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.

ROOM FOR RENT: A family member of our church community has two single rooms available for rent at \$700/room with a required damage deposit of \$200. Preferably looking for students or working adults. Quiet home and neighbourhood with two small dogs. Utilities as well as internet included. Shared bathroom and laundry. Rooms are partly furnished. Close access to bus and LRT routes. House rules must be followed and will be discussed at rental interview. Serious inquiries only, references are an asset. Contact 780.802.8095 or 780.221.7774.

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, October 19

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

MONDAY, October 20

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 21

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, October 22

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 23

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, October 24

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, October 25

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

2:00 p.m. Harvest Fest