



February 11, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we are continuing our series, *Built Different*, by looking at 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28. These are Paul's "final instructions" to the Thessalonian church. He focuses on what it looks like for believers to be "built different" in a culture that worships many gods. How can we relate? The final words are a blessing, and we will dig into why this blessing is also for us today.

Our sermon is titled "May God Himself".

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 14: 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

OUR OFFERINGS

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

NEXT WEEK – REFRAME MINISTRIES: Around the world, the CRC is working through ReFrame Ministries (the new name of Back to God Ministries International) to share the gospel. Relying on the guidance of the holy spirit, they create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNETTE WEGREN'S mom, **FROUKJE (FAY) BRUIN**, passed away at the age of 93 on January 28. We pray for courage, strength, and peace in the coming days for Annette, Joe and the whole extended family. The family gathered on Saturday, February 3 for the funeral to lay their mom to rest.

DON PROKUDA has been scheduled for surgery on March 8. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, PAULINE LENDEIN, JENNY PENFOLD, 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. 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

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.

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](#).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men of Bethel, we would love to have you join us Feb 17 at 9:00 a.m. for food and fellowship. Please register [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING! We are planning to start a study on the book of James commencing Wednesday February 21st at 7:00 PM. We will be guided by a study plan from Francis Chan and there will be handouts available at each session. There will be no cost to you! Just come ready to listen and share as we journey together through the book of James. Register at discoverbethel.com/events.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE: Please join in for the next Days for Girls work bee Thursday, February 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 9010 85 St. NW, Edmonton. Entrance is through the back door, on the west side. Please email lindesrosiers@gmail.com if you are planning to attend, so we can ensure we bring enough material to work with.

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 to sign up!

WILLOWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: is looking to add a few more people to our substitute teacher list. WillowWood is a play based preschool program where we grow strong, resilient children who are rooted in God's love. Our classes run Monday -Friday from 8:30 -12:00. If you have a heart for early childhood education, hold level 1, 2, or 3 ECE certification, and are available on weekday mornings on short notice we would love to talk with you. Contact us at willowwood@discoverbethel.com or call Selikke Duthler at 780-499-3731 for more information.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2024: We have been working through a series of Bible reading plans this year through [YouVersion's Bible](#) reading app. We want to read and pray through the Scriptures with you. Sign up and join our reading group!

- Reading through the Gospels - February 10 - May 9, 2024

*Click [here](#) to subscribe to reading the Gospels

FROM THE LIBRARY: Before, during and after the pandemic several books and DVDs have gone missing from our library. Please check at home to see if you have any materials that belong to the Bethel Library. Just put them in the return box with no explanation needed.

Fiction: The View from Rain Shadow Bay (Coble), Protecting Tanner Hollow (Eason), Sea Rose Lane and Sandpiper Cove (Hannon), Tell Her No Lies (Irvin), Project Solomon (Stuber), Mary Magdalene (Taylor)

Non-fiction: Praying God's Will For Your Life (Omartian), Unseen (Hagerty) The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth (Maxwell), It's Time to be Bold (Michael W. Smith), It's Okay Not To Be Okay (Walsh), Gifts of Grace-25 Advent Devotions (Wilson)

Youth: Egypt to the Promised Land (Larsen), Firebird (McCorkle & Parker), Noah's Ark & Other Bible Stories (Smith), Your Brave Song (Voskamp)

DVD: Boz-Thank you God for Advent, The 5th Quarter, The Inheritance, Veggie tales-Duke & the Great Pie War, Lord of the Beans, Lyle & the Kindly Viking, Verve, What's in the Bible, Women of the Bible

We have also recently received some great donated books and some Indigenous Culture materials. Come check them out.

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

BETHEL YOUTH

THANK YOU BETHEL! \$400 was raised from the empty bottle 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 before **February 29**.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

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| 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 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

UPDATE FROM REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: It is with hearts of gratitude that the Board of Rehoboth Christian Ministries announces that the 2023 “Friends of Rehoboth” campaign reached \$264,000.00. Bethel Christian Reformed Community Church contributed \$1745.00 to the campaign, and we are thankful for your congregants help to “Make Room” for the individuals we serve, and allow them to Flourish. Special thanks to Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend for her assistance with this campaign.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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](#).

EMMANUEL HOME MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Emmanuel Home’s [annual membership drive](#) is underway. This is your chance to renew or begin your membership in support of the Emmanuel Seniors Living Society by giving you an active voice in our mission to provide housing and care for seniors in a supportive and vibrant Christian community. Your membership contribution will be used toward health care initiatives which go beyond what is funded by Alberta Health Services. You can donate online at www.emmanuelhome.ca/donate or give us a call at 780-478-2051. Thank you for your support!

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.

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

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 for more information.

MAKE TAX TIME PAY: This is a free tax clinic that is happening on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m at 1142 Hermitage Rd. It is for low-moderate income individuals to get your taxes done for free.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE – BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2024: Are you part of a group, large or small? If you've ever wanted a fun, creative way to raise funds and awareness for the Pregnancy Care Centre, reach out to us for more information about our Baby Bottle Campaign. If you’d like more information, please reach out by clicking [here](#).

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. Two 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 to register.

HOPE MISSION – BRIGHTWOOD RANCH: WE ARE HIRING! 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. We are located on 220 acres of rolling hills one hour west of Edmonton. 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 BC South East & BC North West Safe Church Team Ministry (SCT) supports the important ministry work done by the Christian Reformed churches in BC. 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 at 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 11

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Family Worship Camp
11:30 a.m. Welcome Ministry Gathering

MONDAY, February 12

6:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom
6:45 p.m. Council Meetings

TUESDAY, February 13

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Adult BandCamp
7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Relationship
7:00 p.m. Financial Management
7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, February 14

6:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service
9:30 a.m. Oasis
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, February 15

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, February 16

SATURDAY, February 17

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast