

## Welcome to Bethel Gospel Chapel

December 2021

### MORNING SERVICES



#### Every Sunday Morning

9:30 AM

Remembrance Service/Lord's Supper

11:00 AM

Family Bible Hour



Taking notes of the weekly sermon is a good way to remember the speaker's points and to help understand the Word of God. Pre-printed 'Sermon Notes' pages are provided on the trolley at the entrance to the auditorium for everyone's use.

#### December

5 - Acts 13: The First Missionaries Ted McKellar

12 - Acts 14: More Fruit and Opposition Luc Tremblay

19 - Acts 15:1-35: The Jerusalem Council Trefor Higgins

26 - Christmas Message: Dan Fletcher



#### \*\*The Spread of the Gospel – Part Two (Acts & Epistles)

Part two of our series will look at the books of Galatians and James, which at first seem to take opposite side on the issue (should gentile believers be subject to circumcision and whether all believers are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus) – Galatians on the side of grace, James on the side of works. While the writers approach the Gospel from different angles, it must be stressed that they are complimentary, not contradictory.

#### January

2 - Galatians 1: One Gospel or Two? Frank Parker

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Public Health Precautions

In accordance with the city of Edmonton Bylaw, **face masks are now REQUIRED** for public in-door spaces until **December 31<sup>st</sup> or further notice**. Normal sanitation precautions, such as hand washing, sneeze & cough protocols etc. should continue to be followed. Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be provided at the chapel entrances for the foreseeable future.

#### Children's Programs

**Nursery** – At this time we are operating the nursery on a self-serve basis. Parents can supervise their children as necessary.

**Sunday School** – Children will be able to attend Sunday School when dismissed by the Chairman during the Family Bible Hour. Please be praying for our teachers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please talk to Doris Walton.

#### Brown Bag Prayer

Join us on **Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** (and each first Sunday of the month), right after the Family Bible Hour for a quick lunch (bring your own!), followed by a season of prayer.

#### Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School children will be presenting a special Christmas program during the Family Bible Hour on **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Bethel Food Pantry

We are continuing to host a Food Bank initiative for our neighbourhood. Non-perishable food stuffs and donated clothing are available free of charge **every Monday afternoon, 3-5 PM**. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some extra food assistance, access to the food storage can also be arranged during the week. For more information, or to help out, talk to Frank Parker.

#### DRC Container Project & Bottles for DRC

We are pressing ahead with sponsorship of a shipping container to Eastern Congo. If you would like to support this project, you can either include it in your regular offering envelope (noted on the outside), or a separate envelope designated DRC Container Project. For more information talk to Pascal Gisenya. The Sunday School children are also collecting used beverage containers to raise money for the DRC Container Project. If you would like to make a contribution, please talk to Anna Specht.

# Light of the World

Unto you  
is born this day...  
a Saviour,  
which is  
Christ the Lord.

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LUKE 2:11





## Bethel Online

We will continue to offer **Bethel Online via Zoom from 9:30 (Breaking of Bread) until the end of the Family Bible Hour**. Those wishing to participate audibly in the Breaking of Bread, should use the Zoom 'Chat' feature first, so that the host can un-mute you. Please be patient with the sound techs as technology can be unpredictable.

## Bethel Bulletins

Bulletins are ONLINE on the website for those who are unable to come in to church to receive one. Just go to the Bethel Website and enter the password on the 'Member's Page' to access it and other Bethel Information such as the Annual Meetings etc. If you've forgotten the password, talk to Frank, Sonja or Bethany.

## Looking Ahead

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brown Bag Prayer



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets **on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 AM via Zoom**. We are currently studying the Pastoral Epistles. For more information talk to Frank.

## OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME



## MONTHLY DUTIES

Listed below are the people serving with the following duties for the month of **December**. **Persons on Duties subject to change**. If you are not able to fulfill your duties, please remember to arrange for an alternate. Thank you.

December	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	(Jan 2)
LS Setup	John K	John K	John K	John K	George B
Door Duty	John K	John K	John K	John K	George B
LS Opening	Dave W	Dave W	George I	Frank P	Luc T
Announcements	Dave W	Dave W	Dave W	Dave W	Frank P
FBH Usher	Ethan F	Ethan F	Ethan F	Ethan F	Steve M
Soundboard	Bethany I	Theryn M	Rob S	Bethany I	Theryn M
FBH Chairman	Dave W	George I	Frank P	Paul F	TBA
LS/FBH Pianist	Sarah T/ Anna S	Jackie / Sarah T	Dave W/ Anna S	Sarah T	TBA
Coffee Hosts	Barbara C	John & Elisa K	John & Elisa K	TBD	Idemas

Please have items for the bulletin sent to Sonja by the Thursday prior. Thank you!



*Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.*

~~Corrie Ten Boom



## Bethel Bulletin-Back Blog (BBBB)

### Five Hundred Forty Sixth Posting

December 2021

### Acts 13

We have not yet met with any things concerning the spreading of the gospel to the Gentiles which bears any proportion to the largeness of that commission, "Go, and disciple all nations." The door was opened in the baptizing of Cornelius and his friends; but since then we had the gospel preached to the Jews only, ch. 11:19. It should seem as if the light which began to shine upon the Gentile world had withdrawn itself. But here in this chapter that work, that great good work, is revived in the midst of the years; and though the Jews shall still have the first offer of the gospel made to them, yet, upon their refusal, the Gentiles shall have their share of the offer of it. Here is, I. The solemn ordination of Barnabas and Saul, by divine direction, to the ministry, to the great work of spreading the gospel among the nations about (and it is probable that other apostles or apostolical men dispersed themselves by order from Christ, upon the same errand (v. 1-3). II. Their preaching

the gospel in Cyprus, and the opposition they met with there from Elymas the sorcerer (v. 4-13). III. The heads of a sermon which Paul preached to the Jews at Antioch in Pisidia, in their synagogue, which is given us as a specimen of what they usually preached to the Jews, and the method they took with them (v. 14-41). IV. The preaching of the gospel to the Gentiles at their request, and upon the Jews' refusal of it, wherein the apostles justified themselves against the displeasure which the Jews conceived at it, and God owned them (v. 42-49). V. The trouble which the infidel Jews gave to the apostles, which obliged them to remove to another place (v. 50-52), so that the design of this chapter is to show how cautiously, how gradually, and with what good reason the apostles carried the gospel into the Gentile world, and admitted the Gentiles into the church, which was so great an offence to the Jews, and which Paul is so industrious to justify in his epistles.

Taken from: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/matthew-henry-complete/acts/13.html>

### Acts 14

We have, in this chapter, a further account of the progress of the gospel, by the ministry of Paul and Barnabas among the Gentiles; it goes on conquering and to conquer, yet meeting with opposition, as before, among the unbelieving Jews. Here is, I. Their successful preaching of the gospel for some time at Iconium, and their being driven thence by the violence of their persecutors, both Jews and Gentiles, and forced into the neighbouring countries (v. 1-7). II. Their healing a lame man at Lystra, and the profound veneration which the people conceived of them thereupon, which they had much ado to keep from running into an extreme (v. 8-18). III. The outrage of the people against Paul, at the instigation of the Jews, the effect of which was that they stoned him, as they thought, to death; but he was wonderfully restored to life (v. 19, v. 20). IV. The visit which Paul and Barnabas made to the churches which they had planted, to confirm them, and put them into order (v. 21-23). V. They return to Antioch, whence they were sent forth; the good they did by the way, and the report they made to the church of Antioch of their expedition, and, if I may so say, of the campaign they had made (v. 24-28).

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### Acts 15

Hitherto we have, with a great deal of pleasure, attended the apostles in their glorious travels for the propagating of the gospel in foreign parts, have seen the bounds of the church enlarged by the accession both of Jews and Gentiles to it; and thanks be to that God who always caused them to triumph. We left them, in the close of the foregoing chapter, reposing themselves at Antioch, and edifying the church there with the rehearsal of their experiences, and it is a pity they should ever be otherwise employed; but in this chapter we find other work (not so pleasant) cut out for them. The Christians and ministers are engaged in controversy, and those that should have been now busied in enlarging the dominions of the church have as much as they can do to compose the divisions of it; when they should have been making war upon the devil's kingdom they have much ado to keep the peace in Christ's kingdom. Yet this occurrence and the record of it are of great use to the church, both for warning to us to expect such unhappy discords among Christians, and direction to us what method to take for accommodating them. Here is, I. A controversy raised at Antioch by the judaizing teachers, who would have the believing Gentiles brought under the yoke of circumcision and the ceremonial law (v. 1, v. 2). II. A consultation held with the church at Jerusalem about this matter, and the sending of delegates thither for that purpose, which occasioned the starting of the same question there (v. 3-5). III. An account of what passed in the synod that was convened upon this occasion (v. 6). What Peter said (v. 7-11). What Paul and Barnabas discoursed of (v. 12). And, lastly, what James proposed for the settling of this matter (v. 13-21). IV. The result of this debate, and the circular letter that was written to the Gentile converts, directing them how to govern themselves with respect to Jews (v. 22-29). V. The delivering of this determination to the church at Antioch, and the satisfaction it gave them (v. 30-35). VI. A second expedition designed by Paul and Barnabas to preach to the Gentiles, in which they quarrelled about their assistant, and separated upon it, one steering one course and the other another (v. 36-41).

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