

# Welcome

## A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright,  
even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people  
and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
**GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY**  
To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

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# January 2022



### Every Sunday Morning

9:30 AM

Remembrance Service/Lord's Supper

11:00 AM

Family Bible Hour

### MORNING SERVICES



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.

### \*\*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: Real Gospel – or Fake News? Frank Parker

9 - Galatians 2: Law or Grace/Faith or Works? George Idema

16 - Galatians 3: 1-25 Justification through Christ Alone Bob Walton

23 - Galatians 3:26-4:20 Slaves or Sons? George Bódy

30 - Galatians 4:21-5:12 Two Women, Two Sons, Two Choices David Walton

### February

6 - Galatians 5:13-25 Life in the Spirit Josh Krikke



### ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Public Health Precautions

In accordance with the city of Edmonton Bylaw, **face masks are now REQUIRED** for public in-door spaces until **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. \*\*The Sunday School Christmas Program is now on the members page of the website—use password to get in.

### Brown Bag Prayer

Join us on **Jan 2<sup>nd</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.

### Coffee List

Please consider signing up on the coffee list for a week or two to help out with our fellowship time between services. All supplies (including wrapped snacks) are available for you to put out. Thank you from the Social Committee.

### 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.

### Bethel Online

We continue to offer **online services 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 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.

## 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.

## Looking Ahead

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Pantry opens for 2022

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Brown Bag Prayer



## 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.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

## OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME



## MONTHLY DUTIES

Listed below are the people serving with the following duties for the month of **January**.

**Persons on Duties subject to change.** If you are not able to fulfill your duties, please remember to arrange for an alternate. Thank you.

January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	(Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> )
LS Setup	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B
Door Duty	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B
LS Opening	Luc T	Frank P	George B	John K	Joe J	Dave W
Announcements	Frank P	Frank P	Frank P	Frank P	Frank P	George I
FBH Usher	Steve M	Steve M	Steve M	Steve M	Steve M	Storme M
Soundboard	Theryn M	Bethany I	Rob S	Theryn M	Bethany I	Rob S
FBH Chairman	Dave W	Frank P	George I	Paul F	Frank P	George I
LS/FBH Pianist	Sarah T/ Anna S	Dave W/ Sarah T	Sarah T/ Anna S	Dave W	Sarah T/ Anna S	Sarah T/ Dave W
Coffee Hosts	Idemas	Barbara C	Parkers	Kings	Kings	Barbara C

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

If you would like a visit from the elders, contact George Idema (780-433-7599), Frank Parker (780-479-1330), or Dave Walton (780-909-0630)

## Wise Words from C.S. Lewis in 1948

"How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

— "On Living in an Atomic Age" (1948) in *Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays*



## Bethel Bulletin-Back Blog (BBBB)

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## Galatians 1

In this chapter, after the preface or introduction (v. 1-5), the apostle severely reproves these churches for their defection from the faith (v. 6-9), and then proves his own apostleship, which his enemies had brought them to question, I. From his end and design in preaching the gospel (v. 10). II. From his having received it by immediate revelation (v. 11, 12). For the proof of which he acquaints them, 1. What his former conversation was (v. 13, 14). 2. How he was converted, and called to the apostleship (v. 15, 16). 3. How he behaved himself afterwards (v. 16 to the end).

## Galatians 2

The apostle, in this chapter, continues the relation of his past life and conduct, which he had begun in the former; and, by some further instances of what had passed between him and the other apostles, makes it appear that he was not beholden to them either for his knowledge of the gospel or his authority as an apostle, as his adversaries would insinuate; but, on the contrary, that he was owned and approved even by them, as having an equal commission with them to this office. I. He particularly informs them of another journey which he took to Jerusalem many years after the former, and how he behaved himself at that time (v. 1-10). And, II. Gives them an account of another interview he had with the apostle Peter at Antioch, and how he was obliged to behave himself towards him there. From the subject-matter of that conversation, he proceeds to discourse on the great doctrine of justification by faith in Christ, without the works of the law, which it was the main design of this epistle to establish, and which he enlarges more upon in the two following chapters.

## Galatians 3

The apostle in this chapter, I. Reproves the Galatians for their folly, in suffering themselves to be drawn away from the faith of the gospel, and endeavours, from several considerations, to impress them with a sense of it. II. He proves the doctrine which he had reproved them for departing from—that of justification by faith without the works of the law, 1. From the example of Abraham's justification. 2. From the nature and tenor of the law. 3. From the express testimony of the Old Testament; and, 4. From the stability of the covenant of God with Abraham. Lest any should hereupon say, "Wherefore then serveth the law?" he answers, (1.) It was added because of transgressions. (2.) It was given to convince the world of the necessity of a Saviour. (3.) It was designed as a schoolmaster, to bring us to Christ. And then he concludes the chapter by acquainting us with the privilege of Christians under the gospel state.

## Galatians 4

The apostle, in this chapter, is still carrying on the same general design as in the former—to recover these Christians from the impressions made upon them by the judaizing teachers, and to represent their weakness and folly in suffering themselves to be drawn away from the gospel doctrine of justification, and to be deprived of their freedom from the bondage of the law of Moses. For this purpose he makes use of various considerations; such as, I. The great excellence of the gospel state above the legal (v. 1-7). II. The happy change that was made in them at their conversion (v. 8-11). III. The affection they had had for him and his ministry (v. 12-16). IV. The character of the false teachers by whom they had been perverted (v. 17, 18). V. The very tender affection he had for them (v. 19, 20). VI. The history of Isaac and Ishmael, by a comparison taken from which he illustrates the difference between such as rested in Christ and such as trusted in the law. And in all these, as he uses great plainness and faithfulness with them, so he expresses the tenderest concern for them.

Taken from: <https://www.christianity.com/bible/commentary/matthew-henry-complete/galatians>

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