

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Worship - Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke 6:24-26</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL	2	3 8am Men's Prayer Meeting	4 6:30pm Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	5	6 11am Lawrence Churchill funeral 7pm Youth	7 1-4pm Baking Club
8 10am Worship - Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke 6:27-36</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL	9	10 8am Men's Prayer Meeting	11 6:30pm Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	12	13 7pm Youth	14 9am-3:30pm Membership Class
15 Communion 10am Worship - Neil Craton ( <i>Luke 6:31</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL	16	17 8am Men's Prayer Meeting	18 6:30pm Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	19	20 7pm Youth	21 7:30pm UGM
22 10am Worship - Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke 6:32-35</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL	23	24 8am Men's Prayer Meeting	25 6:30pm Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	26	27 7pm Youth	28 9am Men's Prayer Fellowship
29 PALM SUNDAY 10am Worship - Pastor Yuri 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL	30	31 8am Men's Prayer Meeting 7pm Council Meeting	1 6:30pm Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY 10am Worship	4



# Bethesda Church

## Newsletter

### Congregational Letter

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**“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna [...] to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD” –Deuteronomy 8:3**

It’s no secret that at Bethesda we think it is important for you to read the Bible every day. The passage above supports that conviction: “every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD” is just as vital to our well being as food. Jesus thought so, too. He quoted these very words when he was starving in the desert and the devil invited him to turn the rocks lying on the ground into bread. In other words, Jesus thought that God’s Word was more important than food.

You could say he put his “manna” where his mouth is...

But of course, not everyone who attends our church reads the Bible on a daily basis. I know this not just because that’s what some of you have told me, but also because of what recent studies about Bible engagement in Canada have shown. According to a 2013 survey conducted by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada<sup>1</sup>, only about 1 in 5 evangelical Christians read the Bible daily. That was a steep decline from 1996, when 1 in 3 evangelicals claimed to. There is some indication that that trend may have started to reverse. For instance, a different study from 2022<sup>2</sup> showed that a third of Canadian evangelicals

reported that their Bible engagement had gone up since 2020, while almost half said it had stayed the same. (Of course, that means the rest—about 1 in 5—said that they were reading the Bible less than they were before...)

All that said, if you don’t read the Bible daily yet, I’m guessing that you probably want to! We all go through seasons where we find it hard to devote time to God, but still wish we could figure out how. Some are just out of practice and don’t know to get back into it. Others have never done it before and have no idea where to begin. Yet another obstacle is that a whole lot of people nowadays just don’t like to read. So they don’t (no matter how good the material is, no matter how important they believe it to be).

That’s why I want to recommend *Our Daily Bread* to you, a resource designed to help you start reading the Bible RIGHT NOW. It’s free, it’s convenient, it’s trustworthy, and it’s stood the test of time. Pick up your free copy TODAY from the wall rack in our foyer.

There is one page for every day.

On each page you will find:



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<sup>1</sup> Hiemstra, Rick. Confidence, Conversation and Community: Bible Engagement in Canada. Toronto: The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Bennett, Andrew P.W. "The Bible and Us: Canadians and Their Relationship with Scripture." Cardus, 2023. <https://www.cardus.ca/research/faith-communities/research-report/the-bible-and-us/>.