



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>WORK DAYS! October 3 &amp; 4 Please let Bruce know when you can come</div>			1 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	2	3 WORK DAY 7pm Youth (Bible Study & Games)	4 WORK DAY 1-4pm Baking Club
5 10am Worship – Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation 12pm BBYOL		7 7am Men’s Prayer Meeting	8 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	9	10 7pm Youth (Pizza Night!)	11
12 10am Worship – Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation: 321 Course Session 1  12pm BBYOL	13 THANKS-GIVING	14 7am Men’s Prayer Meeting	15 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	16	17 7pm Youth (Bible Study & Games)	18 8:30am Men’s Prayer Fellowship  7:30pm UGM
19 Communion Sunday 10am Worship – Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation Prayer Meeting 12pm BBYOL	20	21 7am Men’s Prayer Meeting 10am Missions Team Meeting 7pm 321 Course: Session 1 	22 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	23	24 7pm Youth (Memory Night!)	25 2pm Ysela’s Baby Shower!
26 10am Worship – Pastor Yuri ( <i>Luke</i> ) 11:15am Faith Formation: 321 Course Session 2  12pm BBYOL Birthday Sunday!	27	28 7am Men’s Prayer Meeting  7pm 321 Course: Session 2 	29 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	30	31 7pm Youth (Games & Fun!)	1



# Bethesda Church

## Newsletter

### Congregational letter

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Pray [...] that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...  
–Colossians 4:3

Last Sunday (September 21) I challenged you to tell people about Jesus. I did this with confidence, even though I knew it would make some of you nervous. It was Jesus himself who insisted, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you”. (John 20:21) He commissioned us to “make disciples”, and to “teach them to obey everything I commanded you”. (Matthew 28:19-20) And just what was his command? “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends”. (John 15:12-13) Is there any greater expression of laying down your life for a friend—risking your good name and reputation—than to lead them to the One who will love them best?

All the words of Jesus I quoted above were among the last he spoke, which gives them extra weight. That said, Jesus recognized that evangelism doesn’t come easily, which is probably why at the beginning of his ministry he framed the task as a promise, “Come, follow me, and I will *make you* fishers of men”! (Mark 1:17) We all have excuses not to tell people about Jesus. But when you decide to truly follow him you can be sure he will turn you into the kind of person who can’t stop thinking about him and who wants to talk about him all the time. From there, if you are willing, he will make you into someone whose love for him spills over into your day to day interactions, someone who starts to think obsessively about the best way to cast a net (or sow a seed, to use another of his metaphors)! Love for Jesus turns into love for others. The supreme expression of that love is to tell others about him.

This month at Bethesda we are doing something big: inviting our friends and family who don’t know Jesus on a four week adventure to consider life from his perspective. Often we feel like we don’t know how to share the Gospel with our friends: we get tongue tied, we don’t know where to begin, or we worry about getting stumped by their hard questions. But Jesus grounds the Great Commission on his authority (Matt 28:18), not on our ability! Plus, every person you know is motivated to make their lives count: they long to know that there is meaning in the universe, that it is all worth it. With gentle prompting many are usually willing to talk about their personal quest for meaning. That is what **the 321 Course** is all about. The 321 Course challenges people “to see life the way Jesus does”, and it is something you can invite anyone to. They don’t have to know anything about Jesus or the Bible. The tone is inquisitive, not pushy. You have two options: **Sunday mornings** at 11:15am (Oct 12, 26, Nov 2 & 9) **or Tuesday nights** at 7:00pm (Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11) On Sundays you can enjoy the videos but there will be less time for discussion—it’s a great way to familiarize yourself with the material and get excited to invite your friends to Tuesday nights! The Tuesday night sessions will feature the same videos but will have more time for talk and challenge!

Finally, in case you need reminding about the profound impact that meeting Jesus has on people (and also as encouragement and to celebrate the kinds of things that he is doing among us these days) I thought I would share the following email from one of our newest friends who has just started to



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understand what it truly means to give his life to Jesus and follow him (edited for length):

*I have lived 64 years of this life on the wrong side of right. I remember times when things happened that saved my life back then and I remember looking up thinking...Who did that? Who made that happen? That was a miracle. I think Jesus was continually watching over me but I was blind with arrogant youth. I used to think....so many failures, I am being saved for something to come.*

*I prayed to God alot for some problems I was having...he answered 2 or 3 prayers miraculously...truly miracles. I was beyond overcome. I prayed that I am his now. Faith just hit me. I promised him I would be a humble servant, learn and help people at the back of the line. To be first I must be last. I like that. I think I know what to do now.*

*I asked my Mom to forgive me after church last Sunday. Her skin colour seemed to change...I said I wanted to be mother and son again. She said "of course I forgive you" :) I asked her to come with me one Sunday. She said my grandmother used to teach Sunday school. She has 2 giant ancient Bibles my grandfather collected. I have seen those things for my whole life...*

October 2025 Bible Reading Plan	
○ 2 Sam 19:1-8a	○ Ezek 29:1-30:19
○ Ps 70	○ Matt 24:36-44
○ Ezek 21	○ Ezek 30:20-31:18
○ Matt 22:1-14	○ Matt 25:1-13
○ 2 Sam 19:8b-43	○ Ezek 32
○ Ezek 22:1-22	○ Matt 25:14-30
○ Matt 22:15-22	○ Ezek 33
○ 2 Sam 20	○ Matt 25:31-46
○ Ezek 22:23-31	○ Ezek 34
○ Ezek 23	○ Matt 26:1-16
○ Matt 22:23-33	○ Ezek 35
○ 2 Sam 21:1-14	○ Matt 26:17-56
○ Ezek 24	○ Ezek 36
○ Matt 22:34-46	○ Matt 26:57-75
○ Ezek 25:1-7	○ 2 Sam 24
○ 2 Sam 21:15-22:51	○ Matt 27:1-31
○ 2 Sam 23	○ Ezek 37
○ Ezek 25:8-17	○ Matt 27:32-66
○ Matt 23	○ 1 Kings 1
○ Ezek 26	○ Matt 28
○ Ezek 27	
○ Matt 24:1-25	
○ Matt 24:26-35	
○ Ps 53	
○ Ezek 28	

The Saviour:  
...welcomed,  
...cherished,  
is Holiness advancing.  
...never absent,  
is Holiness complete.

*She agreed to come to a Sunday service with me and let me loan the Bibles to you. Amazing.*

*How did all this happen?*

*I will never forget August 6th now for the rest of my life. Forgiveness was impossible for me that first Wednesday. You guys are taking care of me like a new born child. This is the 8th Wednesday for me. I am so blessed to have found you. Use me where you need me. I am now 100% committed as a servant of God with you...*

Jesus can and will meet your loved ones! They can experience a similar heart change. It could be as easy as grabbing a handful of flyers for the 321 course this morning, passing them around to your friends and joining them for four Sundays and/or Tuesdays.

And just as important, PRAY for them, and for the whole 321 course! “Pray, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...”

On my knees,

*Faith Yuri*

Ministry Highlight: Hospitality Team!

We want to thank our hospitality team for faithfully serving each Sunday, making those joining us at church (some for the first time!) feel welcome. We are looking for more volunteers to join our hospitality team, so if you’re looking to serve at Bethesda, this is a great way to start. Team members will need to warmly greet people as they come in on Sunday mornings, as well as help with some setup/cleanup before and after the service. If you are interested, please speak to Johan or Sandri.

Hudson Taylor wrote the following to his sister in 1869, following a period of deep struggle, during which time he was helped by Harriet Beecher Stowe’s article (above) and the text from Henry Law (left):  
I looked to Jesus and saw (and when I saw, oh, how joy flowed!) that He had said, "I will never leave thee." "Ah, there is rest!" I thought. "I have striven in vain to rest in Him. I'll strive no more. For has not He promised to abide with me—never to leave me, never to fail me?" And, dearie, He never will. Nor was this all He showed me, nor one half. As I thought of the Vine and the branches, what light the blessed Spirit poured direct into my soul! How great seemed my mistake in wishing to get the sap, the fullness out of Him! I saw not only that Jesus will never leave me, but that I am a member of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. The vine is not the root merely, but all—root, stem, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruit. And Jesus is not that alone—He is soil and sunshine, air and showers, and ten thousand times more than we have ever dreamed, wished for or needed. Oh, the joy of seeing this truth! I do pray that the eyes of your understanding too may be enlightened, that you may know and enjoy the riches freely given us in Christ. It is a wonderful thing to be really one with a risen and exalted Savior, to be a member of Christ! Think what it involves! Can Christ be rich and I poor? Faith, I now see, is “the substance of things hoped for,” and not a mere shadow. It is not less than sight, but more. Sight only shows the outward form of things; faith gives the substance. You can rest on substance, feed on substance. Christ dwelling in the heart by faith (i.e., His Word of promise credited) is power indeed, is life indeed.

HOW TO LIVE ON CHRIST

— HARRIET BEECHER STOWE (ADAPTED by Pastor Yuri)

“No branch can bear fruit of itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” (John 15:4b)

Now how does a branch bear fruit? Not by constant striving for sunshine and air; it simply remains in the vine, in silent and undisturbed union; and the fruit and blossoms appear by themselves! How, then, shall a Christian bear fruit? By efforts and struggles to obtain that which is freely given? No, there must be a complete surrender of the whole being to him; a constant looking to him for grace.

He will remind you of every duty in its time and place. But in spiritual things just as in the mundane, we are to take no thought for tomorrow—Christ will be as accessible then as he is today. Time imposes no barrier on his love. Your hope and trust rest solely on what he is willing and able to do for you; not on what you suppose yourself able and willing to do for him. In every temptation and sorrow, surrender your whole being to him, just as an infant finds herself safe and warm in her mother’s lap.

Some may say, “This sounds delightful. But is it possible? How can I begin?”

The answer: In the same way that a sinner begins the Christian life. By coming to the Saviour and making a full, free, and hearty surrender of body, soul, and spirit, fully resolved to resign all to his direction. And having made this general surrender, making it also in every circumstance you face: all day, every day. Whenever you find yourself overcome with difficulties and temptations, whenever you are in danger of forgetting what spirit you are of, take a minute from what you are doing, and ask help of Jesus.

Another helpful hint: In your sins, troubles, and temptations, make no distinction between the big things and the small things. Nothing that has any bearing on your spiritual progress is trivial in Christ’s view. In fact, Christians are more often held up by the little things than by great ones — because for great things they know to seek the strength of Christ, whereas for little ones they try to act on their

own. If the little, everyday accidents, the petty annoyances to which everyone is subjected, succeed in ruffling your feathers, in producing an ugly, unchristian spirit, they are—at least to you—very serious. That is how you must regard them. You cannot fully abide in Christ unless you make use of the same freedom to call on him in the little things that you feel when you come up against more “serious” matters.

If you know of particular bad habits, think back to relevant incidents from the life of Jesus. If you are irritable, focus on all those situations which show his untiring patience; if you are proud, think on those which display his humility; if you are worldly, on those that show his spirituality; if you are lazy, on those which show his incessant zeal and activity. Study them, understand them, keep them in memory, and pray to him to infuse into you the same spirit. Also, commit to memory songs which describe the character of the Saviour or cry out for his divine aid; their sweet words will sometimes come to you in hours of temptation like gentle messages from your Lord.

These remarks are intended as general hints; the only teacher of the true life of faith is Christ. Go to him and ask him to direct you! The Bible says this to every Christian, “I will put my law into their hearts and write it in their thoughts.” Christ is willing to make you just as meek, just as patient, just as lovely as he is! If you want it more than everything else, if you are willing to give up all beside for it, he will explain to you practically what “abiding in him” means by coming to make his home with you. Then your Christian race will be full of love and joy; more like the free flight of a bird than the struggles of a captive. You will naturally lay aside every weight and the sin that easily besets you and run with patience the race that is set before you, because your whole soul will be so filled with the view of Jesus at its goal; you will be so inspired with admiration, hope and joy that you will run because you cannot hold back: the spectators, the course, everything around you, will be forgotten in the view of Jesus, at once your helper, your judge, and your eternal reward.

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