



Bow Island  
Evangelical Free  
Church



December 7, 2025

*To Know, Live, and Share Christ.*

## Today at BIEFC

### Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30am

**Kids:** Age 3-Grade 12 meet upstairs.

**Adults:** *Adult Class* in the basement and  
*Women's Class* upstairs in the nursery.

### Prayer & Reflection Time 10:00am-10:15am

A quiet time of personal prayer and reflection in the sanctuary.

### Worship Service: 10:30am

**Music:** Dean & Team

**Message:** Pastor George: Advent 2025: Mary Did You Know?

### Holiday of Lights – Carolling

@6pm (across from Pleasant View Lodge)

### E-Free Young Adults @7pm

## This Week

**Tuesday:** Kids Clubs @ 6:15pm

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting @ 9:30am

**Friday:** Youth Event: Service Event @ Burdett Hall at 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Sunday School @ 9:30am

Service @ 10:30am

Sunday School Christmas Program @6pm

## Coming Up...

**December 18:** Pleasant View Lodge Service @7pm

**December 20:** Men's Prayer Breakfast – 7am @ the church

**December 21:** Alfred Egan & LTC Services @3pm

**December 24:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @6pm

**January 10:** Ladies Who Lunch

**January 16-18:** Men's Retreat @SABC. See poster for details.

**January 22:** Annual Meeting @7pm

## For Your Information

### Sunday Morning Programs/Service Times

Sunday School – 9:30am

Prayer & Reflection Time – 10:00-10:15am

Worship Service – 10:30am

### Child Care During the Service:

*Ages 0-3:* Staffed nursery available upstairs during the service.

*Age 3-Gr. 2:* Junior church upstairs during the message. *Busy boxes and sermon notes* are available in the cupboard at the back with activities they can do sitting in the service.

**The Library** is open after the service on Sunday mornings. (Located upstairs)

### Church Office Hours

**Tuesday & Thursday** 9-12:30 and 1:30-4

**Wednesday & Friday** 9-12:30

**New to the Church?** We would love to help you connect with your new church family. Contact the church office for any questions or if you would like to have a church mailbox and/or copy of our photo directory.

**Have Prayer Requests?** We have a prayer chain that regularly lifts requests up in prayer. Contact the church office if you have a request you would like us to share or would like to be part of this email group.

### Small Groups Ministry

*Gathering together to equip, encourage, disciple, and study God's word.*

*Dekker/Burdett – Wed.	*Gross – Wed.
*B&C Reimer – Wed.	*Mills – Mon.
*Freiberg – Wed.	*Vanderspruit –
*Serfas – Tues.	Wed. AM (Ladies)

*If you would like to join a group or start a new one, contact Pastor George.*

## Church Family Notes

### **\*UPCOMING DEADLINES!\***

- December 12:** Bids for Custodial Contract due.
- December 21:** Nominations for 2026 leadership due.
- December 31:** Submit 2025 expenses for reimbursement.
- January 11:** Annual reports and budget requests due.



**Meals on Wheels** drivers needed for December! Deliver dinner to members of our community –partial week commitments December 8&9 and 15&16 still available for Burdett route. Meal pickup at 4:30pm in Bow Island. Contact the church office if you would like to be a part of our church serving the community in this way!



**Janitorial Contract** is up for it's annual renewal. Please submit contract bids to Braden Klassen's mailbox (#93) before Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Kids Prayer Program-** *There are still 19 kids left!* If you are interested in praying for a child in our church family, please pick up a prayer bookmark from Pastor George's office and fill out the sign-up sheet so we know who is assigned to each child.

### **Christmas Break Details**

**No Sunday School** December 21 & 28. Will Resume January 4.

**Church Office is Closed:** December 25 - January 1

**Pastor George Vacation:** December 22-28

**Pastor Dave Vacation:** December 28- January 4



## Missionary of the Week

### **Rob & Leslee Oudman**



Here we are, mid-November, in the middle of another growing season in Nicaragua. It's a favourite time of year - 2 months of steady rains have replenished the soil. Now that the rains have slowed, everything is green and lush. Every member of the La Semilla team is out and about - sharing, teaching, and encouraging about faith and farming. It's amazing how well those two themes work together! It's easy to stand in a lush field and talk about God the Creator and how He welcomes us into relationship with Him. It's equally natural to talk about agriculture - the care and nurturing of seeds & plants - and relate the processes of crop development to steps of faith that each one of us must take to become more complete images of God in our every-day.

Still, both one of these topics require boldness and courage to consider changes in our lives. As human beings, we naturally resist change. Considering farming practices, it takes many conversations and sometimes years before we see general adoption of new technologies. When we talk about faith, the idea of a personal relationship with God is sometimes difficult compute. Religion and law are often easier to understand, but not the acts of obedience and transformation that Jesus calls us to, the liberty that He gives.

So, whether it's faith or farming, one must be bold and courageous to move forward! We walk with Nicaraguans in relationship so that the decisions can be made a little easier. Opportunities abound to share the love of God in practical and meaningful ways!

## **Volunteers of the Week**

Take the opportunity to thank a volunteer for all their work today!

### **Church Projects & Maintenance**



- Trustees
- Bus Coordinator
- Project Volunteers
- Groundskeepers

## How to Contact Us

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## "Nuts and Bolts"

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions is Thursday at noon.** Contact the office if you have something to include in next week's bulletin.

### **Giving**

**Online:** [atbcares.com](http://atbcares.com) – "Cause" Name: "The Bow Island Evangelical Free Church". (3% fee)

**E-transfer:** [bowislandefc@gmail.com](mailto:bowislandefc@gmail.com)\*\*

**In Person:** Place it in the offering box in the foyer.\*\*

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