



Bow Island Evangelical Free Church



October 25, 2026



To Know, Live, and Share Christ.

Today at BIEFC

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30am

Kids: Ages 3-Grade 12 meet upstairs.

Adults: *Adult Class* in the basement

Women's Class upstairs in the nursery.

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

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

Worship Service: 10:30 am

Music: Barry & Team

Message: Pastor George – *The Elder Brother*

Luke 15:11-32



Happening After The Service:

"Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser" for the Mexico Missions team leaving in February 2027!

This Week

Tuesday: Youth Runs Clubs – 6:15-8:00 @ the church

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting @ 9:30 am

Youth Bible Study – 7pm @ the church

Thursday: Congregational Meeting - 7 pm @ the church

Friday: Youth Group – Pumpkin Carving

Sunday: Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Service @ 10:30 am

Directory Updates Due!

Coming Up...

Nov. 7: Men's Prayer Time – 7am @ the church with breakfast to follow.

Ladies Who Lunch @ the Golden Age Centre: *RSVP by Nov. 4th*

Nov. 8: Communion Service

Nov. 15: Missions Conference

Nov. 20-22: Sr High Retreat - Sign-up cutoff Oct 28, talk to Dave/see Facebook

Nov. 29: Alfred Egan Home and Extended Care Services

For Your Information

Sunday Morning Programs/Service Times

Sunday School – 9:30 am

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

Worship Service – 10:30 am

Child Care During Our Service:

Ages 0-3: Staffed nursery available upstairs during our 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 to do while in the service.

Nursery Today: Suzie, Karen R, Hartlyn

Jr. Church Today: Emily F, Chad, Nathan, Matthew, Grady

Church Library – Come upstairs and check out the library after the morning service!

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 9-12:30 & 1:30-4

Friday: 9-12:00

Need Prayer? We have a prayer email list that regularly lifts requests up in prayer. Contact the church office if you have a request you would like shared or to get added to the list.

New to the Church? We would love to help you get connected - contact the office for any questions or if you would like to have a church mailbox and/or a copy of our photo directory!

Small Groups Ministry

*Strom – Wed.

*Gross – Wed.

*B&C Reimer – Wed.

*Mills – Tues.

*Freiberg – Wed.

*Vanderspruit –

*Serfas – Thurs.

Wed. AM (Ladies)

*Holland – Wed.

*Contact Pastor George to join a group!
(Some groups go on break for the farming season)*

Church Family Notes



More Small Groups Needed: As our church is growing, we would love to have more small groups available! If you're interested in hosting or leading one, please talk to a pastor or contact the office!

Christmas Cantata: Sunday School kids and youth in grades 4-12 may sign up to join the Cantata! Children ages 3 to grade 3 will learn group songs but can still sign up for individual pieces! Please talk to Dean and Tabetha Hystad to sign up.



Directory updates! Deadline Sunday November 1st!

Need a Photo Directory? Need your directory page updated? Want to be included in the directory? Need a church mailbox? Please fill out a form - forms available on the foyer counter!

Children's Music: To help children develop their musical gifts, we want to provide them with the opportunity to play the "prelude" before our morning services. Please talk to Kyla for more information @ 403 878 4200.



Ladies Who Lunch: Nov 7 from 10:30-1 pm, all ladies are welcome to bring their grandma or "borrow a grandma" and **join us at the Golden Age Centre**. Bring along the handicraft you would like to do, or just come to socialize!
RSVP by Wed Nov. 4th to Eva Schmitt @ 403-866-6903

Salary Grid Proposal – The Salary Grid Committee has copies of the proposed Staff Salary Grid available on the back counter in the foyer. ***Please take a copy to look over before it is presented and voted on at the Congregational Meeting this Thursday!*** If you would prefer a digital copy, please contact the office and we would be happy to email one to you.



Missionary of the Week

Jacob & Sharon Selvaraj

Serving in: South Asia **with** Global Outreach Mission

Our ministry continues to grow and thrive, and we are incredibly grateful for the prayers and support that push our work forward. Here is a quick look at the ongoing projects that are actively bringing blessings to our community:



- Pastors' fellowship: An encouraging time of testimonies and shared learning
- Blind ministry: Fellowship, buying groceries, and supportive opportunities
- Pastors' wives' fellowship: A safe space for sharing and training
- Our bible studies and classes: For scripture teaching and testimonies
- Women's Ministry: House visits, care calls, and fasting prayers
- Our church programs: Sunday school, special services, seasonal events

Despite many hurdles, God has provided continuously for our staff, projects, and needs. God has miraculously provided the complete fees needed for the first term, debt-free, allowing children to settle into school well. We also praise God for an increase in our farm livestock. It is a sign of growth. We also have had many opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus with many who have different backgrounds – praise God!

Please pray for us as we need an administrative breakthrough. We also need a miracle to provide for our second-term school fees. (Jan-June). Pray God would give us wisdom, resources, and critical guidance as we shape our bible school to honour Him. We all need spiritual discernment! Lastly, pray for Raja, as he is now in need of a constant, around-the-clock companion. Thank you for praying and supporting us! (Update from Oct. 18/26)

Volunteers of the Week

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



Seasonal Ministries:

- VBS
- Meals On Wheels
- Market In The Park
- Ladies Who Lunch

How to Contact Us

Church: 403-545-2274

Pastor George's cell: 403-866-2226

Pastor Dave's cell: 403-866-6263



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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 – "Cause" Name: "The Bow Island Evangelical Free Church". (3% fee)

E-transfer: finance@bowislandefc.com**

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

****New donors please include your full name including middle initial and mailing address.**
CRA requires this information for receipts!

Finances as of Oct 8th

Income: \$262,602.81
Actual Expenses: \$252,462.55
Budget Balance: \$10,140.26

Cash on Hand

General Fund: \$186,304.01
GIC: \$168,716.55