

## SHERWOOD PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH FALL GUIDE



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#### Hi!

#### Welcome to Sherwood Park Alliance Church We are glad you're here.

## This guide includes all things happening at the church this Fall!

## More information is on our website spac.ca



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#### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS FALL





#### **GROUPS OPEN HOUSE**

- September 21/22
- September 28/29

Right after the service, speak with our groups leaders, learn more about what groups are being offered and find your place to connect.



#### **CLOTHING EXCHANGE**

October 5 at 10:30-12pm Donation Drop off Oct 4 (4pm-9pm) Oct 5 (7:30am-11:30am) spac.ca/clothingexchange



## STEVE BELL BAND

October 27 at 7pm Sherwood Park Alliance Church Tickets available now! stevebell.com



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#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 1-3 Camp Nakamun

Registration is now open spac.ca/womensretreat





Groups are a place for people from all walks of life to get together and find community, where they can be known, loved and encouraged in their life and walk with Jesus.



Life Groups offer an opportunity to grow your faith while creating deep and meaningful connections with other believers in a small and more intimate setting.

Feeling new or disconnected? Medium-sized groups are a great place to start! Find a group that's right for you and join others who are doing the same.





We all face challenges and life circumstances that leave us feeling isolated, overwhelmed, and even hopeless. Support groups are a great way to find connection, hope and guidance in areas such as mental health, grief and identity.



Life Groups take connection one step further. Pursuing deep and intentional community, where you are committed to being in ongoing relationships with Jesus and one another in your discipleship journey. By participating in an inperson or online group, you can expect to connect with others through a common activity, engaging in life-giving conversation and study that will grow your walk with Jesus.

## Find a group or start one today!



## **Connections** Find your Community

Connections will take you on a 6-week journey with others, in a medium sized setting. Here you'll have opportunity to find connection, share a meal together, talk about your faith journey, and pray for one another.

- Enjoy a meal
- Meet others
- Talk about faith
- Pray for one another

Connections is a quick and easy way for anyone to step into community!

#### Starting Thursday, October 3rd at 6PM



#### SPAC.CA/GROUPS



#### Wednesday Gents



#### Wednesdays at 7pm Calling men ages 30+

We read through a book of the Bible, applying what we read into our walk as men/husbands/fathers/employees.

#### Boomers



#### Monthly at 7pm Age 55-70ish

Are you part of this active, lively generation? Come and join in as we gather for a great time of connection.

#### ARTalk



#### Monthly at 7pm Calling all Artists

We gather monthly to be inspired as a community of artists learning the value of using our gifts in the kingdom of God.

#### The Way Gaming



#### Monthly October 11 at 6pm

We love video games and love getting to know fellow gamers. We host community gaming events & tournaments.

#### DayBreak



#### Wednesdays at 9:30am Women in all life stages

A time for connection, community, and conversation around daily life and faith



#### The Existence of God (Apologetics)



#### Monthly at 7pm Big Questions

This series welcomes everyone, from nonbelievers to mature believers, to ask honest questions and examine key arguments for God's existence in a thoughtful and supportive environment. Meets once a month on Tuesdays.

#### Man to Man



#### Saturdays at 9am Multi-generational

We gather weekly and explore relevant issues of life and faith through video teaching and lively conversation.

#### How to Read the Bible



#### Coming soon Study the Bible together

The Bible is God's Word, providing a foundation for a deep relationship with Jesus. Join us as we study a Book of the Bible together, learning and discussing to better understand and apply God's Word in our lives.

#### **Young Adults**



#### Every 2nd Monday 18-29 year olds

Experience meaningful connections and engaging discussions as we journey together in faith and life.



## **Sports & Active Groups**



#### Mens PickleBall



#### Saturdays at 8:15am

Men 30+

Strengthening and building our Christian community in the Sherwood Park area, one pickleball game at a time.

#### Drop in Basketball co-ed



#### Saturdays at 7:30pm Men and Women 30+

Come and connect playing basketball Saturday evening after the service.

#### Women's Walk/Run Group



#### Wednesdays at 7:30pm Women of all ages

Rain or shine we meet at the church front door and walk or run for half an hour and then chat after!

## Seniors Connect



Seniors Connect is a monthly opportunity for seniors to connect with other seniors.

#### Fall Dates

Tuesday, September 10th at 1pm Tuesday, October 8th at 1pm

If you require assistance registering please reach out to us or stop by the Connection desk.

Visit spac.ca/seniors for more information & to register.





#### GriefShare



#### Weekly: Tuesdays 7pm

#### **Starting September 10**

Find support, comfort, and community with others who have experienced bereavement and discover how God can give you peace and hope through your grieving.

#### Identity Course Who you say I am



#### Weekly: Tuesdays 7pm Starting October 1

Explore Christian identity through the book of Ephesians, helping participants move away from questions like "Am I enough?" and "Do I measure up?" Through group sessions, readings, discussions, and reflection, you'll discover your identity, purpose, and calling in Christ, learning to belong and become deeply rooted followers of Jesus.

\*Some courses may have a one-time registration fee to cover books or materials. If cost is a concern, please let us know—we can provide financial assistance to ensure everyone can participate.

#### Caring for the Wounded Heart



#### Weekly: Tuesdays 7pm Starting October 1

A safe space for participants to share their pain, listen to others, and support one another on the healing journey.

#### The Sanctuary Mental Health Course



#### Weekly: Tuesdays 7pm Starting October 1

This 8-session course explores key mental health topics, offering insights from mental health professionals, church leaders, and those with lived experience. It provides practical ways to offer support, promote recovery, and enhance wellbeing. The course is designed for anyone interested in learning about the connection between faith and mental health.

#### Finishing Life Well



#### Weekly: Tuesdays 7pm Starting October 8

Tools to help adults of all ages start conversations about the end of life. Conversations about getting ready, really living, and sharing our life with others.

#### Care Ministry Seminar featuring Tara Boothby



Join us for the Care Ministry Seminar on Healthy Relationships with psychologist Tara Boothby, where you'll learn about the impact of attachment on relationships and gain insights from both biblical and mental health perspectives in a supportive environment. Discover practical tools, hear personal stories, and connect with a community focused on building better relationships with ourselves, others, and God.

#### Everyone is welcome!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 @ 7:00 PM NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. THIS IS A FREE EVENT.



### KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Ministry is available to all children (infant-Grade 6) during the service on **Saturdays at 6pm** and **Sundays at 10am**.

Your kids can learn about Jesus in a fun and safe environment and gain an understanding of how God is at work in their lives and the world around them. All while you enjoy the church service!

#### CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication is a way to acknowledge our dependence on the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we do our best to be an example and lead our children into a relationship with Jesus.

#### DAYBREAK & BUDDY BREAK

#### Wednesdays at 9:30am

A medium sized group for women in all stages of life. Starting September 18, 2024 A time for connection, community, and conversation around daily life and faith.

Childcare is provided by Buddy Break for children 0-Kindergarten.



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**KIDS** MINISTRY



## KIDS KIDS NIGHT

#### SAVE THE DATE October 25 at 6:30pm

The highly anticipated Kids Night is back!

## **Kids Kindergarten to Grade 6,** join us for a fun night out at church with gym games, activities, and snacks!

Registration opens: September 25th



#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in Kids Ministry



We are looking for volunteers to help in our Kids Ministries! Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and on-call positions are available.



**CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER** If you love spending time with kids and sharing Jesus' love, join our team! We have leader and helper positions available during weekend services (Nursery to Grade 6).



WELCOME TEAM

Assist with check-ins and create a warm, friendly first impression for families. You'll play a key role in ensuring families feel at ease and valued from the moment they arrive.



SUPPORT TEAM

If you enjoy organizing, preparing, and helping with activities, you can support our team by ensuring supplies are ready, sanitized, and in order while keeping our space safe and clean.



WEEKDAY VOLUNTEER Wednesdays 9am-11:15am Buddy Break

We are looking for regular and casual volunteers. It runs every Wednesday from 9:00-11:15 am serving the moms and kids of our church and community.

## SPAC YOUTH

Weekly Gatherings Sr. High (Gr 9-12) - Tuesdays Starting September 10th at 7:00 pm Jr. High (Gr 7-8) - Wednesday Starting September 11th at 7:00 pm

Please note Grade 6 students will be welcome to join the Jr. High Weekly Gatherings on Wednesday Night starting January 2025!

#### Wednesday Workout

Wednesdays from 3:30pm -5:00pm SCA fitness room for Youth Workout. Grade 7 - Grade 12

This program is designed for all teens - no matter how much workout experience they may have. Registration & Waiver Required.

\*Please note that this program is only for youth who attend SCA.



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#### **SPAC YOUTH** FALL SPECIAL EVENTS





#### SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

Grades 9-12 Camp Nakamun **September 27-29th** \*Limited spots available. Registration closes once full.



**CORN MAZE** Friday, October 11 at 5pm This event is open to all youth, grades 7-12. \$35 per student.

#### **Registration now open!**



#### GROG

November 22 from 7-9PM Grades 7-12. \$5 per student.

Registration opens Monday, October 28, 2024 at 8am



Join us for a Weekend in the Outdoors Gr. 7 & 8 • Registration Online

#### SAVE THE DATE

Jr. High Retreat in January More details coming soon!

Registration opens Friday, November 15, 2024 at 8am

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#### NEXT STEPS



#### BECOME A MEMBER AT SHERWOOD PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

#### IN PERSON Sunday, October 20th, 2024 ONLINE Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024

We are called to make disciples, love God, and love others. Becoming a registered member of Sherwood Park Alliance Church is a commitment to support, lead, and contribute to our ministry. Membership not only deepens your connection to our community but also empowers you to actively participate in what God is doing here. **If you believe in our mission, take the next step and become a member.** 



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024** after the Sunday service

The Annual General Meeting is a time to celebrate God's faithfulness, discuss the future, and make important decisions about Elder Board Members. The meeting is open to everyone, with voting reserved for in-person church members. It will be held both in-person and online.

Documents and an agenda will be made available 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

#### NEXTSTEPS BAPTISM OCTOBER 26 & OCTOBER 27

#### **Are You Ready?**

When we re-orient our lives around living and loving like Jesus, we are made new. Baptism is a celebration of this commitment and a time to share how God is transforming us.



Visit spac.ca/baptism for more information

#### **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES**

October 5/6 October 12/13 October 19/20 If you've been considering baptism as your next step in faith or you want to know why baptism is an essential next step in a believer's life – you are invited to attend one of our Baptism Prep Classes. Right after the services. No registration required.

#### **PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR**

If you are new or feel new, join us to learn more about our church. Discover how to get connected and enjoy the opportunity to meet others.



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#### WECARE FOOD DRIVE

Every Sunday, church happens in a downtown parking lot. Bagged lunches are provided, donated clothes are laid out for those who need them, the love of Christ is shared, and His Word is read.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our friends at WeCare to restock the pantry!

We will be collecting over items until September 22!

Thank you for your support! Even a single item makes a difference!



#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Save the date!!

Shoeboxes will be available for pick up on **October 26/27** 



#### SPAC.CA/CONNECT



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We hope you found this Fall Guide helpful! If you need any assistance or have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at anytime! We are so glad that you're here. - The SPAC Staff