

Bethany Athletics News

Bethany College is very excited to announce that **Alvin Thielmann** will be **Athletics Director** starting this fall.



Alvin comes to us from Coaldale, Alberta, and will begin his duties this summer 2012. His desire is *"to minister to the next leaders as they journey toward God... I feel that God has given me gifts and passion for this position at this time of my life."* His interests include reading novels, watching his children play sports, downhill skiing, outdoor and wilderness activities, mentoring and coaching youth. He is a multi-talented man in areas including construction, ag/ranch management, camp program directing, and wilderness guiding. He is an active member of Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church in areas of leadership, facilities, and youth mentoring. His coaching specialty is soccer, and has contributed as coach, soccer association member and president, referee coordinator, and initiator of a higher level soccer program in Coaldale. He has also been a regular at Bethany Alumni Hockey tournaments over the years as an organizer and participant. He and his

family will be moving to Hepburn this summer to join the Bethany community. Alvin will be directing our **Bethany Sports Camps** this year, which run July 9-13 (Attack / Elite Volleyball Camp) and July 16-20 (Above the Rim Basketball Camp).

We are also pleased to announce that **Kelly Linnell** will be our **Head Instructor** for Bethany's annual **"Above the Rim" basketball camp!** Kelly played three years of basketball for the U of S Huskies and one year for the Caronport Clippers. She then went on to be an Assistant Coach for the women's basketball team at the U of S. Upon completing university, Kelly taught in Estevan, Saskatchewan and coached the girl's high school team for five years. Her family then moved to Melfort where she became involved in the fall kids' basketball program and helped coach the Grade 2s and 3s. For the past few years, Kelly has taught at the Melfort Comprehensive School and has coached the Junior girls' basketball team. Kelly is excited about how God has used basketball in her own life, and is looking forward to teaching this year's crew of campers how basketball can be an opportunity to shine for Jesus.



Bethany College has been providing top-notch summer **Sports Camps** (BSC) for over 17 years. Young people from Grades 7-12 experience a full week of solid sport instruction from highly trained Christian coaches. Through BSC, it is our desire to see campers develop their athletic skills in the sport they love, while enjoying an overnight camp setting that encourages integrating faith and athletics. All of our staff members are passionate about using their gift of sport to glorify the Lord. To learn more about BSC, visit our camp website at www.bsc.bethany.sk.ca. Space is limited, so apply soon!