



**For the glory of God  
In the service of Christ  
For the good of the people  
January 4 – January 10**

**# 258 weekly newsletter and bulletin.**

**BETHANY SUNDAY WORSHIP at 11:00 a.m.**

**Pastor: Brian Keezer**

**Music: Donna Rhodenizer**

Also serving:

Sound booth: Steven Enman

Tellers: Donna, Heather and Michelle

Greeter: Charlotte States

If you wish to join remotely, please use the following: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95784488697?pwd=UjNxMjhyOEIRcmNSc09Pa2Zuc1JRdz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8448 8697 Passcode: 110149

**This week at Bethany**

Sunday	10:00 11:00	Choir practice Service
Monday	7:00	TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 6:30	Prayer time Dukes of Kent
Thursday	8:30	Backpacks
Friday	1:00	Puzzlers
Saturday	10:00	Decorating



## Bethany Service

Worship in Song: Another Year is Dawning  
# 811

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship in Song:

- Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah #682
- What a Mighty God We Serve # 672

Prayer for the Offering

Children's Time

Worship in Song: This is the Day # 209

Announcements

Prayers:

Worship in Song: Give Thanks # 170

Scripture:

Message:

Worship in Song: Come Share the Lord # 462

Communion

Worship in Song: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead  
Us # 688

Blessing

**Please stay seated for a short business  
meeting**

Then join us in the parlour for coffee and  
conversation

### Pastor's News

In the event of an emergency or the need for  
spiritual care, you can contact the following:

Pastor Brian can be reached at 902 690 5954 and Deacon Marshall Jones at 902 680 8806. You can also leave a message on the office phone at 902 678 3198, which is checked regularly.

### **Pastor Brian's Weekly Schedule:**

Monday: a.m. Dykeview  
p.m. Bethany

Tuesday: Bethany

Wednesday: Dykeland. Available for meetings at Bethany in the evening

Thursday: a.m.: Dykeland  
p.m. Bethany.

Please note that Pastor Brian works part-time for Bethany, but is only a phone call away.

**He would deeply appreciate assistance with youth work so that they could meet at least once a month**

**Memory Verses:** Join Pastor Brian and Lucille in memorizing a passage from the Bible every week in 2025 and 2026.

We are now at verse 27!

#### **27.1 SAMUEL 16:7 NIV**

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

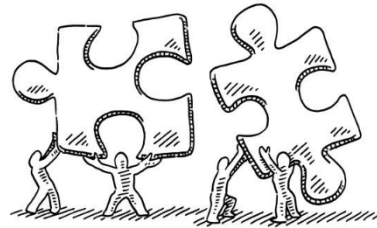
### **Church Family News**

**Special Business meeting January 4:** The Board of Trustees have identified a need to redo the flat roof on part of the CE Centre and have accepted a quote from Acadian Roofing to do the job. Because the cost exceeds the trustees budget, the Board of Finance is going to make a motion *that the cost of the job, approximately \$14000, be paid from the "Future Expenses"; donations.* This will be voted on at a short business meeting after the church service on January 4. In the event that

we are unable to take a vote that day, we will do it on January 11.

**Offering:** You may leave your offering in the offering plate at the door of the sanctuary, unless you have made other arrangements such as e-transfers. Benevolent Fund offerings can be placed in the wooden offering plate on Communion Sunday. Should you wish to send your tithes and offerings by e-transfer, the email address to use is:

[Bethanymemorial61@gmail.com](mailto:Bethanymemorial61@gmail.com)



### **Puzzle group:**

Friday 1:00 in the CE Centre. All are welcome. Puzzles are provided.

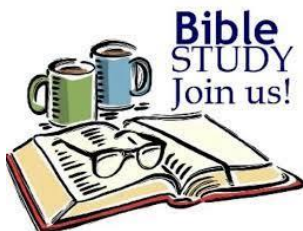
**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Each session typically involves a meal, a talk or video, and a discussion where participants can ask questions and share their views without judgment. It is designed to be a welcoming space for those curious about Christianity to explore big questions about life, faith, and Jesus. We had a video call with Crystal McLean, who is our Alpha contact. She gave us some ideas for moving forward, with a view to having an Alpha program in the spring. Stay tuned for more news.



Today, the teachers are taking a break, but there are **activity kits** at the back of the church for the children to use in the pews.

Next week, we resume our regular class

There is an unsupervised nursery downstairs for parents to use. Please tidy it up before you leave.



**Bible Study:** We will resume soon. Why not check out some of the studies in RightNow Media?

**RightNow Media:** Check out the many videos and Bible studies.

If you did not get an invitation in your email, then just use this link:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/BMBCCA>,

or ask Jennie to send you an invitation.

### **Financial Report from January 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Income:	\$ 92,153.54
Expenses:	\$ 85,871.41
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 6,282.13</b>

**God is so good! We are very grateful to have received donations towards our upcoming winter expenses! Amen ☺**

**Christmas Greetings** from the following are posted on the bulletin board:

- Bustins
- Ingram family
- Kingswood Camp
- Atlantic Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

### **Community Events**

#### **Community Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

Saturday January 10, 2026, 8am – 10 am

. Live music and a bake table full of delicious goodies to take home! \$10 Adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Pereaux Baptist Church 841 Pereau Road Pereau.

Is your **New Year's Resolution** to be more active? Here are some choices for you:

**Do you like to walk?** The Town of Kentville sponsors Indoor Walking which is offered

Mondays to Fridays from 10:00am - 11:00 am at the soccer dome: 38 Gary Pearl Drive, Kentville.

### **Fitness Fun for Seniors & Others**

Thursday January 8, 2026 9:30am - 10:30am (1 Hour) Led by trained senior fitness instructor Robin Foster, this is a fun one-hour class designed to keep you limber & fit. No sign-up required... just drop in. \$3 a class. For more information call Phyllis 902-542-3733. White Rock Community Centre 1542 White Rock Road White Rock.

NOTE: if school is cancelled or on a delayed opening due to weather, that day's class will be cancelled.

**Older Adult Fitness:** Friday January 9, 2026 9am - 10am Beginner exercise class to promote physical and mental health. For adults 55 and older, no experience is necessary. Equipment is provided. Pricing: \$5 drop in or \$45 for a 10-class punch pass Lions Club 36 Elm Avenue Wolfville: \$5 drop in or \$45 for a 10-class punch pass

### **Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada**

As we begin 2026, we look with anticipation to a hope-filled new year and the fresh opportunities God places before us to embody and give witness to the life of Jesus in our neighbourhoods. Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir imagination, courage, and faithfulness in our churches and leaders, forming new relationships and guiding us to live and share the good news with renewed hope.

### **Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)**

**Asia: Philippines** – With humble acceptance of God's will, we share the passing of Rev. Jerry Ferasol Lamazon, Chairperson of KPM in Capiz, Philippines. Pray for comfort, peace, and strength for his family during this time of grief.

**Europe: Marburg, Germany** – We desire that our relationships with Chinese people in the city who are interested in the Christian faith would bear fruit.

Many are curious, value Christian fellowship, or appreciate Christian values. Pray that this interest would lead to faith, and that individuals would choose new life in Christ.

**Latin America and Caribbean:** Pray for the first SENT 2026 visit to Guatemala, as the Kurios team arrives on January 3. Pray also for preparations for the upcoming visit of Chinese pastors to Guatemala.

**MENA:** Pray for the thousands of families in Gaza living in flooded and freezing shelters. Several severe storms have struck the region, with more expected.

**North America:** Pray for churches in the Greater Toronto Area, as requested by TBM (association). Ask God to pour out a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit on pastors and church leaders, granting renewed vision, courage, and clarity for outreach beyond church walls. Pray that congregations would see and respond to the real needs of their communities. For long-established churches, pray for grace to release unhelpful attachments to tradition and to embrace faithful, relevant expressions of worship.

**Africa:** Continue to pray for the Church in Rwanda, as there are currently no signs that the situation will improve soon.

### Prayer Log

We share our concerns and pray for one another, and we praise God for answered prayer.



**Please pray for the States Family.** For **Willie's** recent fall resulting in broken bones on the right side of his cheek that required surgery; **Courtney and Nolan** as they recover from an MVA; **Joshua** as he deals with his Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Please continue to pray for good health for **Lynda Wagner.**

*Please note: Prayer concerns are shared only with the knowledge and permission of those for whom prayer is being requested. You can contact the church office at 678-3198, or email the church office at [bmbcoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:bmbcoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca) if you have any prayer requests for yourself, a friend, family, or wish to provide an update, or a request that a name be removed.*

### Our Church Contact Information

Church address: 539 Aldershot Road, Kentville  
NS, B4N 3A5

Website: [www.bethanymemorial.com](http://www.bethanymemorial.com) (Our website is currently being revised)

Email: [bmbcoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:bmbcoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca) Church  
Office: (902) 678-3198

**Hurry kills presence**

**Worry kills peace**

**Doubt kills faith**

**Ego kills love**

**Now read that right to left**

"What struck me wasn't just the cleverness of it – it was the truth behind it. As we move through the Christmas season – a season meant for peace and hope – it feels like a gentle reminder to slow down. To be present instead of hurried. To choose peace over worry. Faith over doubt  
Love over ego  
And somehow become more like Christ."

Dora F. Dorman