



**For the glory of God  
In the service of Christ  
For the good of the people**

**February 15– February 21**

**# 264 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: Marshall, Marena and Audrey

Greeter: Charlotte States

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

<https://zoom.us/j/95784488697?pwd=UjNzMjhYOEIRcmNSc09Pa2Zuc1JRdz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8448 8697 Passcode: 110149

### **This week at Bethany**

Sunday	10:00 11:00	Choir practice Service
Monday	6:30 7:00 6:30	Sparks TOPS Deacons meeting
Tuesday Shrove Tuesday	11:00 12:30 1:00 6:30	Prayer meeting Pancakes Bible Study Dukes of Kent
Wednesday	6:30	CE meeting Beginning of Lent
Thursday	8:30 9:00 6:30	Backpacks Early Birds Embers
Friday	1:00	Puzzlers

## **Bethany Service**

Worship in Song: Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship in Song:

- I Love You Lord # 78
- They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love # 429

Prayer for the Offering

Children's Time

Worship in Song: I'm So Glad That Jesus Loves me

Announcements

Prayers:

Choir: Steal Away

Scripture Matthew 6:12

Message: Forgive Us

Worship in Song: The Servant Song # 424

Blessing

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parlour

### **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.

### NEW WORSHIP SERIES

#### Set Apart for the Journey: Learning to Walk with God Together

Beginning this season, we invite you to join us for a meaningful journey through Scripture as we move toward Easter together. This series builds on our recent focus, "Crossing the Threshold: Taking the Next Faithful Step," and asks a deeper question: How do we live once we've stepped out in faith?

Through passages from Joshua, the Lord's Prayer, the writings of Paul, and the story of Jesus leading to Easter, we will explore what it means to be consecrated—set apart—for relationship with God, life together as the body of Christ, and participation in God's purposes.

This series will focus on prayer, discernment, community, and learning to listen for God's invitation in our lives.

#### Today's Sermon:

Forgive Us.

Matthew 6:12

Healing relationships for clear discernment.

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

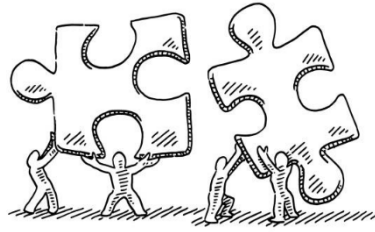
We are now at verse 33

**33 Nahum 1:7 NIV** The Lord is good,  
a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him,

**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.



Today, our lesson is a **Mission Study with a theme of Compassion**

Teachers: Jennie And Leona

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

#### Let's recycle!

We still collect the following for various causes:

- Used stamps (with at least a ¼ inch of paper around them)
- Used eye glasses
- Pop can tabs
- Refundable bottles and cans

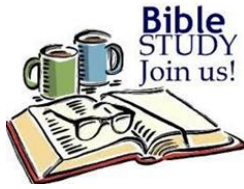
They can all be left in the foyer

We are excited to launch **ALPHA** in March and we're looking for **HELP** in making this a success! We need: **LEADERS**, **HELPERS**, and **COOKS**. *If you are interested or want more info*, please contact us: or sign the sheet in the foyer. Pastor Brian, Sherry Harvey and Peter Buchanan

**What is ALPHA?** Alpha is a multi-week course that creates a safe, open and friendly space for people to explore the Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, a short video exploring a different question of faith, and

small-group discussions to share your thoughts and hear from others.

**Start date: March 11!**



**Bible Study:** Every Tuesday, at 2 pm in the CE Centre. Our study is on the book of Isaiah: From Scarlet to Snow: Exploring God's Judgement, Mercy and Hope in Isaiah.

**Please read Isaiah chapters 24-27** in preparation for this week's study.

**This week only: Come at 12:30 for pancakes. Bible study starts at 1:00**

**Financial Report From January 1st to November 30th , 2025**

**Income:** \$ 100,158.54

**Expenses:** \$ 92,969.79

**Surplus** \$ 7,188.75

**Financial Report From January 1st to December 31st , 2025**

**Income:** \$ 112,884.16

**Expenses:** \$ 104,520.84

**Surplus** \$ 8,363.32

**With God's blessings and your faithful tithings, what a wonderful year we have had at Bethany**

**Attention knitters:** Yarn to give away – full skeins and odds and ends. If interested, talk to Kathy Griffin or call her at 902 681 2475.

**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.



Thank you for attending the annual meeting, either in person or by ZOOM. We had our quorum!

**Foodbank update:** On Wednesday we took in 55 kg (121 lbs) of food to the Foodbank. What a great start to the year!

**Community Events**

**The Valley Care Pregnancy Centre** is looking for a few Christian women to be 'on call' in case one of their team cannot make it to the centre on a day or part of a day. Interested? Call 902 678 6217.

**Many Pancake Suppers on February 17!**

St John's Anglican Church Street. 4:30 – 6:00  
St. Joseph's Catholic 43 Belcher Street 4-6  
Kings Presbyterian 5563 Prospect Road 5-6:30  
St. Anthony 120 Mill St Berwick 4-6  
Wolfville Baptist 5:30 \$15

**The Induction service of the Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes** into the ministry of the Port Williams United Baptist Church will be held Sunday, February 15, at 3pm. Reception to follow.

**Go Tell it in the Valley** – a Black Gospel Music tribute to Dr. Geraldine Browning Friday, February 27 First Cornwallis Baptist Church 7 pm.

**February 18th - Take Out Luncheon** – Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. for \$10. Call by Monday, February 16th to Carol Ann Burden 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542- 7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on February 17th. (Snow Date: Thursday, February 19th)

## Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

**Please note:** A red binder with the CBAC logo, is in the blue bookcase at the back of the church. It contains two motions that will be brought to OASIS in August. You may borrow this to read, but please return it so others may access it as well.

As **Lent** begins and **African Heritage Month** continues, pray for the next generation, especially within Black communities. Ask God to provide opportunities for growth, education, and leadership. Pray for young people discerning God's call, that they would respond with faith, joy, and obedience.

## Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)

**Europe:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will personally guide the growth of 2 new believers – rooting them deeply in God's Word and shaping them into joyful, life-giving disciples of Christ

God's Spirit is gently softening the hearts of several long term seekers as they pray and participate – only one final step of commitment remains. Pray that God will grant them courage and faith to respond to His love.

**Latin America and Caribbean:** Pray for the Latin America team so that in this first quarter they have meetings that will allow them to clearly define how we will walk with our partners in 2026.

**MENA:** For grace to prevail over pressure, and for the 2026 projects to be carried to completion even as the region faces uncertainty, unrest, and heavy challenges.

For Sudan, as the world looks away and the suffering deepens—may the Lord intervene, bring peace, protect the innocent, and turn mourning into hope.

**North America:** Central Canada – Pray for protection and warmth for those without shelter during these cold winter days in Central Canada. Pray for strength and wisdom for churches serving them, and for Christ's love to bring dignity and hope.

**Africa:** Pray that the church in Rwanda and around the world would become a catalyst of peace

through the believers who follow Jesus, the prince of peace.

**Asia:** Kazakhstan – Almaty Bible Institute (ABI), Kazakhstan, is celebrating 35 years of teaching ministry this year. Pray that the Lord would lead them to equip ministers for the ministry in multi-faith and multi-cultural contexts. Also pray for the doctoral colloquium in February for teachers; Christian Leadership program and music ministers and LEPTA project – theologising in local context for local churches.

## Prayer Log

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



Please continue to pray for the various health needs within the **States Family**. Also please pray for Willie's family due to the sudden death of his brother Alfie.

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.*

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