



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

**February 22– February 28**

**# 265 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: Wendy Rafuse

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 12:00	Choir practice Service Potluck
Monday	6:30 7:00	Sparks TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 2:00 6:30	Prayer meeting Bible Study Dukes of Kent
Wednesday	6:30	Alpha meeting
Thursday	8:30 9:00 6:30	Backpacks Early Birds Embers
Friday	1:00	Puzzlers

**Bethany Service**

Worship in Song: Blessed be the Name # 52

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship in Song:

- Soon and Very Soon #757
- Majesty # 7

Prayer for the Offering

Children's Time

Worship in Song: Swing Low

Announcements

Prayers:

Choir: Steal Away

Scripture Matthew 6:13

Message: Lead Us Not

Worship in Song: He Leadeth me # 680

Blessing

Please join us in Ce Centre for a Potluck lunch.

**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.

### 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:

Lead Us Not

Matthew 6:13

Walking wisely and humbly together.

**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 34

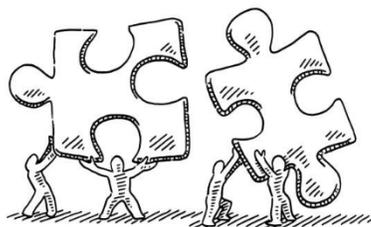
#### 34 Micah 6:8 NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

**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 **God Tells Noah to Build an Ark**

Teachers: Heather and helper

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

**Easter:** Lent began last Wednesday. As we move into the Easter season, we are grateful to be partnering with Kentville Baptist Church as we remember Christ's passion and celebrate His resurrection together.

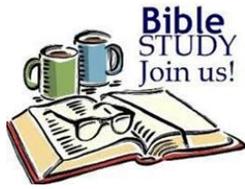
- **Maundy Thursday Service** — Joint service with Kentville Baptist Church at Kentville Baptist, April 2, 7:00 PM.
- **Good Friday Service** — Bethany Memorial Baptist Church, April 3, 10:30 AM.

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 28-35** in preparation for this week's study.

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

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 100,158.54</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 92,969.79</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 7,188.75</b>

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

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 112,884.16</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 104,520.84</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 8,363.32</b>

**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.



**Love project 2026**

Last Sunday, the children chose a project to support for our Love Project 2026. They would like to help the CBM

project in Guatemala, called **From Waste to Worth**, which will provide training and resources for churches, schools and communities to manage waste responsibly, improving health and protecting God's creation. They did some artwork, **which will be available at the potluck this Sunday, as gifts for those who donate to the Love Project.**

We are also encouraging the children to bring in refundable bottles and cans and juice boxes, which will be returned to the depot for money for the Love Project. The whole church can help as well. A good way to demonstrate how we care for God's creation!

**Special business meeting:** A short meeting will be held on March 8 after the service to vote on the transfer of memberships to Bethany for Wayne Lutz, David Brewster, and Brian Stewart.

**Time Change:** Remember – spring ahead on March 8!!

**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.

**27 Feb 2026** Lenten Luncheon First Cornwallis 11:30AM - 01:00PM

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

**April 20:** AGM for the Valley Care Pregnancy Centre starting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary of the New Minas Baptist Church

**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)**

**Latin America and Caribbean:** Pray for Patty Nacho, as she has meetings with our partners, so that we may continue to find paths and causes aligned with our perspective of sustainability.

**MENA:** For peaceful resolution to new violent conflict between Syria's new military and Kurdish groups.

**North America:** Western Canada – Many churches and ministries provide practical care for vulnerable people throughout the year, especially during the winter. Please pray for those who provide this care in your community and in our Canadian context.

**Africa:** It has already been 18 months since many church buildings were closed. The Baptist church in Rwanda, like other churches are working hard on meeting the requirements from the governments before the deadline of March 15, 2026, hopefully to have many churches reopened.

Pray that these efforts would be fruitful and pray for God's favour as these churches work to continue preaching the gospel and living peaceably in the community.

Pray for the Africa partnership meeting and the Africa Team retreat happening in March

**Asia:** Philippines – Please pray for Kabuganaan Philippines Ministries (KPM), our Partner as the 2026 projects start — supporting the education of children and youth, initiating sustainable livelihoods for women in Libas, creation care initiative, and

providing training for lay leaders of the churches. Pray for wisdom, provision, unity, and lasting impact in all these efforts.

**Europe:** Kassel, Germany – Give thanks with us for our new co-worker, and pray for the Lord's blessing on the team this year. Pray that the co-workers will grow spiritually as good examples for fellow brothers and sisters, and lead the church with one heart.

### **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**.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of **George Stevens**. His obituary may be found at [www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/190350](http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/190350) Please keep Gloria Johnson and the rest of his family in prayer.

*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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