



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

**April 19– April 25**

**# 274 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: Jennie, Steven and Kathy or Darlene

Greeter: Darlene Stewart

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 6:30 7:00	Deacons Sparks TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 6:30	Prayer meeting Dukes of Kent
Wednesday	5:30	Alpha
Thursday	9:00 9:00 6:30	Backpacks Early Birds Embers
Friday	1:00	Puzzles
Saturday	9:30	EVBA meeting – Coldbrook Baptist

**Bethany Service**

Worship in Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns # 45

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship in Song:

- There is a Savior #533
- There is a Higher Throne

Prayer for the Offering

Children's Time

Worship in Song: My God is So Big

Announcements

Prayers:

Worship in Song: Living Hope # 419

Scripture: Luke 24:13–35

Message: Hearts on Fire

Worship in Song: Because he Lives

Blessing

Please 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.

Today Pastor Brian is starting a new sermon series with a focus on the aftermath of the Resurrection and why that matters to us.

**Series title: Ignite: 50 Days that Changed Everything."** The Resurrection wasn't the end of a story; it was the sparking of a fuse. One cannot remain neutral. Jesus demands a response that costs everything but gives back life.

**Today's sermon:** Hearts On Fire (The Road to Emmaus)

**Scripture:** Luke 24:13–35

**The Event:** Two disciples walking away in disappointment until Jesus "breaks the Word" and the bread.

**The Challenge:** We often walk with Jesus without recognizing Him because He doesn't fit our expectations.

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

We are now at verse 41

**41 2 Timothy 1:7 NIV**

**7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.**

**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)

If you wish to contribute to our **Love Project 2026**, From Waste to Worth, just designate 'Love Project' on your regular envelope.



Today, our lesson is **Jesus Visits Mary and Martha**

Teachers: **Jennie and Leona**

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

**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 light supper, a short video exploring a different question of faith, and small-group discussions to share your thoughts and hear from others.

**Every WEDNESDAY at 5:30!**



**Bible Study:** There will be a break this week, as we have finished our study on Isaiah. Be ready to start a new study on April 28<sup>th</sup>!

**April 25: EVBA's Spring Association Meeting.** Coldbrook Baptist Church - 1392 South Bishop Road  
Registration begins at 9:20 am  
Meeting begins at 10:00 am.  
All are welcome

**Financial Report from January 1st to February 28th, 2026**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 19,392.93</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 18,516.59</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 876.34</b>

We are very fortunate to have a surplus this early in the year. Our GIC (Guaranteed Income Certificate) matured at the bank and the interest earned from it along with an oil donation from 2025 has helped us out immensely!

Please continue to keep the church finances in prayer.



**Our new library books have arrived!**

These were purchased with the Shirley Ann Houghton Christian Education Fund. They are available for signing out from the

bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Enjoy!



**May 2 – Yard sale**

Can you help? Check the sign-up sheets in the foyer. Also needed – items for the bake table, and muffins for the “café”.

**Vacation Bible School:** Please check out the attached questionnaire. Your help is urgently needed, both for adults to be crew leaders, and help in other ways. We also need accommodations for the 2 leaders.

If we cannot count on the help that is needed, then the CE Committee may have to make the difficult decision to cancel VBS.

**Love project 2026**



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.

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. There is a large garbage can in the foyer, just waiting for your contribution. A good way to demonstrate how we care for God’s creation!

**Note:** No refund is paid for bottles without labels, squished cans, or any container that held dairy products such as milk and yogurt. Soy and Almond milk containers are OK.

**We have raised \$ 269.15 to date. One more Sunday to go!**

**Custodian:** Kathy Griffin is unable to continue cleaning the church at this time, and the trustees have agreed that Leona Spencer can take over those duties. As always, you can help by keeping things tidy when you use the church facilities.

**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.

**Community Events**

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

**April 25:** Soup Luncheon and sale. Kings Presbyterian Church 5563 Prospect Rd. 11:30-1:00. Freewill offering

**April 27:** Mobile clinic Centreville hall 12:00 to 5:00 drop in Covid-19, adult RSV, shingles, etc.

**April 28:** Interchurch Council meeting at Kentville Baptist Church, 9:30am in the church parlor. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided.

**May 8 and May 9.** Quilt and Rug Hooking Show. Centreville Baptist Church. \$5.00

**May 13:** at 7:30 Acadia Divinity College 65th annual Commissioning Service, Wolfville Baptist Church.

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

Pray for CBAC's Leadership Development department as they equip and support leaders across Atlantic Canada. Ask God to raise up healthy, wise, and Spirit-led leaders. Pray that churches would be strengthened through ongoing formation, mentoring, and learning.

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

**Update from CBM.** In a letter sent to Bethany, it says that in 2025, CBM has been able to do the following:

- Equip 2,795 church leaders
- Support 31,505 Kids at Risk
- Promote justice through the empowerment of 15,481 women
- Provide food assistance to 12,820 people
- Respond to crisis needs for 9,070 refugees

They said they are grateful that we have trusted them to steward our gifts well and ensure they help to facilitate God's transformation in communities around the world. (in 30 countries!)

In 2025, our gifts have totaled \$4,472.97 (this includes our support to the Bustins.

The letter is posted on the Missions board at the back of the church.

### **Prayer Log**

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



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

Please keep **Kathy Griffin** in prayer as she deals with the effects of a fall.

Please keep **Payge Olson**, Darlene Stewart's daughter in prayer, as she faces medical issues.

Please pray that the **VBS** request will stir some hearts and generate help for this great program.

*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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