



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

**May 3– May 9**

**# 276 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, 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	Choir practice Service
Monday	6:30 6:30 7:00	<b>VBS meeting</b> Sparks TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 2:00 6:30	Prayer meeting Bible Study Dukes of Kent
Wednesday	5:30	No Alpha. See Friday and Saturday
Thursday	9:00 9:00 6:30	Backpacks Early Birds Embers
Friday	1:00 7:00	Puzzles Alpha
Saturday	9:00	Alpha

**Bethany Service**

Worship in Song: Be Thou My Vision  
Verses 1, 3, 4 # 562

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship in Song:

- Speak O Lord
- Come Jesus Come

Prayer for the Offering

Children's Time

Worship in Song: Allelu, Allelu...Praise Ye the Lord

Announcements

Prayers:

Worship in Song: Trisagion

Scripture: John 20:19–29

Message: Breaking the Locks

Solo: Rise Again Soloist Beth Hird

Communion

Worship in Song: Shine Jesus Shine # 431

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.

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.

**Breaking the Locks** (Overcoming Fear)

**Scripture:** John 20:19–23

**The Event:** The disciples hiding behind locked doors for fear of the authorities.

**The Challenge:** Fear is the primary block to receiving God's power. You cannot ignite the world while you are hiding.

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

We are now at verse 43

**43 Hebrews 11:1 NIV**

**11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**

**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)



Today, our lesson is about **"God Tells Joseph to Go to Egypt"**

Teachers: **Heather and helper**

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

**ALPHA?:**

**Every WEDNESDAY at 5:30 except as follows!**

**Please note: For the week of May 3 only, Alpha is moved to Friday 7-9 and Saturday 9-noon**



**Bible Study:** Our new study is called: **Every Thought Captive**. You can check it out at **RightNow Media**. Once on the site, click on the mini picture of

Bethany to see the new study.

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.

**Valley Care Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign:** On Mother's Day, May 10, you can take home a baby bottle for your donation, and return it on Father's Day.

**Financial Report From January 1st to March 31st, 2026**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 31,969.23</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 30,944.33</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 1,024.90</b>

**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.



*Your gifts bring relief, hope, and a powerful reminder that no one is alone. Thank you for caring so deeply for your neighbours and for helping us continue this important work. With gratitude, The Board and Volunteers at the Fundy Food Bank*

**Vacation Bible School:** 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. Let Sherry know if you can help. If we cannot count on the help that is needed by May 15, then the CE Committee may have to make the difficult decision to cancel VBS.



**We have a lot to be thankful for!** Thank you to **Drew and friends** who moved the wooden tables from the shed to the CE Centre for the yard sale. (We will be asking for help again to move them

back!) Also, thank you to **Drew** who leveled out the back parking lot with his tractor. Thank you to all the **workers at the yard sale**. It would not happen without you. Thank you to **Ethan and Heather** who will be doing the bulletin in May while Jennie is away. Thank you to **Alex** who will be in the sound booth while Steven is away. Thank you to **whoever** tidied up the front lawn. It looks so much better! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Love Project**. We have raised \$487.10 to help support the CBM project from **Waste to Worth in Guatemala**. Thank you to the great group of **Ember girls** who cleaned up the gardens around the CE Centre.



We are planning a **spring clean up day Saturday, June 6**, but if you want to get a head start on some of the outside work, you could:

- Rake the front gardens (the gardens by the CE Centre have been done by the Embers - Girl Guides)
- Replace the bricks around the front gardens

**Wanted:** A volunteer who would collect the church garbage from the green bins, add it to the large green compost bin by the back door of the CE Centre, and put it out by the side of the road on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**A Note of Thanks**

*The Fundy Interchurch Food Bank extends heartfelt thanks to the members of Bethany Memorial Baptist Church for your thoughtful donations. Your generosity is helping to provide nourishing food, dignity, and a sense of stability to families and individuals in our community who may need help from time to time.*

**Kingswood Camp is looking for youth!**

- [Leader in Training Coordinator](#) - male
- [Program Coordinator](#)
- [Kitchen Coordinator](#)
- [Senior Cabin Leader](#) - male
- [Junior Cabin Leader](#) - male
- [Kitchen Assistant](#)
- [Leader in Training Assistant](#) - female
- [Junior Staff](#)

More details at:  
<https://www.kingswoodcamp.ca/summer-employment-2026>

**Community Events**

**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

This CBAC Sunday, give thanks for our shared mission across more than 400 churches. Praise God for a rich history of faithful witness and ongoing renewal. Pray for vibrant ministry and creative expressions of the Gospel in our neighbourhoods and communities.

### Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)

**North America:** (SENT) We invite you to pray for several teams preparing to serve globally in the coming weeks:

- Crandall Bachelor of Theology (BTh) students traveling to Kenya to partner with Africa Christian Church & Schools (ACC&S),
- a team from Westview Calgary heading to Rwanda to serve with the Association of Baptist Churches in Rwanda (AEBR)
- and Bridle Trail Baptist traveling to Germany to serve alongside global staff Lewis Lam and Felain Lam in their local ministry

**MENA:** Pray for Lebanon that the ceasefire would hold, and for peace in a region marked by ongoing war and pain. Pray for CBM staff and partners to be agents of hope, with wisdom and insight as they serve those affected by conflict with Christ's love in word and deed.

**Europe:** (Göttingen, Germany) Student Seekers & Worker Development We thank God for many new student seekers joining the fellowship, even as others have graduated and moved on.

**Africa:** Pray for upcoming trips to Canada for team members Polisi and Andre, that their visits would foster meaningful connection and encouragement with supporters.

**Latin America and Caribbean:** Pray for Byron as he hosts the Crandall University SENT Team in Guatemala during the first week of May. Pray for unity, meaningful connection, and encouragement for all involved.

**Asia:** (Philippines)– KPM Partner

Pray for KPM's Lay Leaders Seminar early May, at Filamer Christian University, bringing together pastors and leaders from Capiz. Pray also for their time with the SENT PRAXIS group from Canada,

led by CBM staff Adrian Gardner and Michael Waddell – that all would experience wisdom, unity, and transformation.

### 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 keep our **Alpha program** 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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