

Pastor: Brian Keezer (on sabbatical)

Serving today:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Shaw

Music Director: Donna Rhodenizer

Sound booth: Steven Enman

Tellers: Steven, Jennie and Darlene

Greeter: Charlotte States

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 957 8448 8697 Passcode: 110149

This week at Bethany

Sunday	9:30 10:30	Choir practice Service
Monday	6:30	TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 6:00 6:30	Prayer meeting DK meeting Dukes of Kent
Thursday	9:00	Early Birds
Sunday	10:30	Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by a hot dog lunch

Our Church Contact Information

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Remember, church starts at 10:30.



September 6, 2026

Worship in Song: In My Heart There Rings a Melody # 502

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship in Song:

- How Majestic is Your Name # 121
- All Praise to Him

Presentation of Offering

Children's Time: King of Kings

Announcements

Prayer

Worship in Song: Lamb of Glory

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-8 and Acts 19

Sermon: Adoption

Worship in Song: Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart #390

Communion

Worship in Song: Surely Goodness and Mercy # 691

Blessing

Please join us in the Parlour for coffee and conversation.

Church News

Pastor Brian is on his 3-month sabbatical. We look forward to his return in October.

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

Deacon Marshall Jones at 902 680 8806.

Deacon Audrey VanderHoning at 902 599 4280

Deacon Garnet Rafuse at 902 670 4048

You can also leave a message on the office phone at 902 678 3198, which is checked weekly.

We welcome **Rev. Michael Shaw** back to the pulpit today. He has provided us with the following bio: *"I am an ordained Baptist minister who has spent many years preaching, leading Bible studies, and teaching young adult groups. My theological studies concentrated on how the Church can successfully cross the chasm of secular culture and reach people where they are. Lately, I've been diving deep into research on how contemporary illiberal ideologies are actively competing with the Christian faith. What I love most is preaching and teaching in a way that helps people truly experience the Gospel and live out their faith with clarity and courage in today's world."*



Classes have resumed

September 6: a "Bible Basics" lesson

September 13: "Kick off Sunday" and "Blessing of the Backpacks", with a hot dog, and hopefully corn lunch!

Check out the sign-up list for supplies for the lunch.

Financial Report From January 1st to July 31st , 2026

Income:	\$ 72,813.91
Expenses:	\$ 64,925.59
Surplus	\$ 7,888.32

Our surplus of \$7,888.32, will give us a huge boost towards our fall and winter expenses. Praise God for his blessings!

Prayer Log

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

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

Please pray for **Darlene Stewart**, who has some medical issues.

Barb Raymond appreciates our prayers for her health issues.

As students return to school from Pre-K to Grade 12, pray for **teachers, staff, and families**. Ask God to provide patience, joy, and resilience during this transition. Pray for safe, supportive, and nurturing learning environments.

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 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.

Prayer requests for the **fall from Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada** can be found at:

https://atlanticbaptist.ca/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2026/01/2026-CBAC-Prayer-Link.pdf

Prayer requests from **CBM for September** can be found at: <https://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/pray-with-us-september-2026/>

Paper copies of both of these prayer requests can be found at the back of the church.

How Bethany Supports Our Children:

1. Food For Thought

The cereal box is back on the offering table. Each year, we donate to Aldershot Elementary School food program. This supplements the support from the provincial government, and helps ensure that children do not go hungry during the school day. You can give by dropping your loose change into the cereal box, or by designating it on your envelope.

2. Blessings in a Backpack



We deliver 5 bags of groceries to Aldershot School every Thursday and the teachers put them in the backpacks of children. The Blessings in a Backpack program helps to bridge the gap on weekends for children who are at risk of going hungry at home. You can contribute to this outreach by designating your donation in your envelope for "Blessings in a Backpack". Above is a picture of what we have put in the bags since we started in 2022..

3. Did you know that Bethany has agreed to serve as the **primary relocation site** should Aldershot Elementary ever need to evacuate and move students off their property in an emergency?

4. Blessing Of the Backpacks

Each year we want to get our students off to a great start, and what better way to do this than to send them off with God's Blessing. On September 13, we will include a blessing during the service, and will have a special lesson for them downstairs. Please remind your children to bring in their backpacks and put them at the front of the sanctuary! Hot dogs in the CE Centre for lunch. All are welcome.

5. Toddlers Tonics NEW!

Last year, thanks to Pastor Brian reaching out to them to see what was needed, we started to support the **Kings County Family Resource Centre** with donations of money and winter clothes. This summer, they asked the Directors if we could provide a space and storage for their Toddler Tonics program, and the answer was YES! On Monday mornings, be prepared to see a lot of wiggly toddlers and their caregivers as they enjoy a morning of physical activity and fun. It is also a chance for caregivers to meet new families. What a great addition to North Kentville/Aldershot.

The prayer room will be used for storing their equipment, but remember that there are meeting spaces in the youth room, pastor's office, parlour, and basement for our other activities and meetings.

6. Discovery Kingdom

And of course, we welcome children from 4-11 to our program during church!