

Pastor: Brian Keezer (on sabbatical)

Serving today:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Thelma MacDonald

Music Director: Donna Rhodenizer

Sound booth: Steven Enman

Tellers: Donna, Heather and Michelle

Greeter: Wendy Rafuse

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

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This week at Bethany

Sunday	9:30 10:30	Choir Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by a hot dog lunch
Monday	9:30 6:30 6:30	Toddler Tonics (NEW!) TOPS Sparks
Tuesday	11:00 6:30	Prayer meeting Dukes of Kent
Thursday	8:30 9:00 6:30	Backpacks Early Birds Embers

Our Church Contact Information

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Remember, church starts at 10:30.



September 13, 2026

Worship in Song: When Morning Gilds to Skies # 215

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship in Song:

- Thy Word # 184
- Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of Offering

Children's Time: Jesus Loves Even me # 495

Announcements

Prayer

Worship in Song: Rainbow Song-Solo by Beth Hird

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39 New Living Translation

Sermon: A Helping Hand

Worship in Song: I know Whom I have Believed #527

Blessing

**Please join us in the CE Centre for lunch.
The children will already be there!**

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. Thelma MacDonald** to the pulpit today. Thelma spent most of her career with the Public Service. She moved to the Valley in 2002 to study at Acadia Divinity College. She completed a Master of Divinity degree in 2005 and was ordained here at Bethany in 2006.

She was lead pastor here at Bethany for almost 12 years, leaving in November 2017. She was then called to an Intentional Interim Ministry position at Immanuel Baptist Church in Truro. She is now retired but continues to do pulpit supply and other ministry work.

Her husband Wayne is here with her this morning. They have been married for 8 years. Together they have 4 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

She and Wayne are both involved in church activities, and they are beekeepers. They are also musicians and active in music. Today they are participating in a benefit at Meadowview Hall that starts at 12:30, so they cannot linger long after the service!



Classes have resumed

Today is “Kick off Sunday” and the “Blessing of the Backpacks”, with a hot dog, and corn lunch after the service!

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!

Community Events

September 16 from 11:30am to 12:30pm Takeout luncheon
Port Williams United Baptist Church present their first of the Season on. \$10. To order call Carol Ann Burden (902-542-3681) by Monday September 14th. You will get a call back on Tuesday, September 15th with a pick-up time for Wednesday.

Saturday, October 3rd (1:30 - 4:30) Coldbrook Baptist Church you are invited to help celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Poster in the foyer.

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.**

Here is how we support 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". We started this ministry since 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. Today, we 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 and corn 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! Starting this Monday morning, on the 14th, 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 the church service!