

Pastor: Brian Keezer (on sabbatical)

Serving today:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Thelma MacDonald

Music Director: Donna Rhodenizer

Sound booth: Alex Aucoin

Tellers: Marshall, Marena and Audrey

Greeter: Duane Wilson

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95784488697?pwd=UjNxMjhyOEIRcmNSc09Pa2Zuc1JRdz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8448 8697 Passcode: 110149

This week at Bethany

Sunday	9:30 10:30	Choir Service
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 20, 2026

Worship in Song: Redeemed vs 1,2,4 # 516

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship in Song:

- He is Here # 220
- You are My All in All # 583

Presentation of Offering

Children's Time: Jesus Bids us Shine

Announcements

Prayer

Worship in Song: His Eye is on the Sparrow #624

Scripture: Acts 15: 36-40

Sermon: Decisions

Worship in Song: How Firm a Foundation #408 vs 1,2 and 4

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. 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 we start the new lessons from our **Two or More** curriculum. The lesson today is "God Gives 10 Commandments"

Teachers: Heather and Sherry

Thank you to all those who contributed to the DK lunch last Sunday. It was all very much appreciated. The children had a great time, and ended the morning with Heather's DK Jeopardy.

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!

Bethany's Fall Welcome Table.

Let's make Pastor Brian's return on October 4th a special one. We will move our normal end of month potluck to October 4th. It can be a real celebration. Bring a dish, invite your friends, and come prepared to give him a big welcome!

Update on Toddler Tonics

Last Monday morning, the Kings County Family Resource Centre held their first Toddler Tonics session in our CE Centre. There were 16 caregivers, and 17 happy toddlers. Several families from North Kentville and Aldershot participated. The KCFRC are very appreciative that we allow them to use our facilities to serve this portion of the county. Because they use the whole auditorium, we must be sure to put tables and chairs away in preparation for each Monday morning.

Thank you!

Drew Vaughan has not only kept the lawns looking tidy all summer, but he also rebuilt the porch railings on the exit next to the parsonage. Thank you Drew!

Community Events

Sunday, September 27th, 6:00pm Praise & Worship Evening, @ St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 43 Belcher Street, Kentville. Free will offering in support of church ministries.

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

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 (8:00-noon) Kentville Baptist Church Indoor Yard sale and Bake sale.

October 17th, 2026, 9am - 12 noon, Kentville Baptist Church Parking lot. Please bring your refundable beverage containers for the annual Bottle Drive for Refugee Sponsorship.

Monday, November 2nd, 6:00 for 6:30 PM start

"Life is Beautiful" fundraising banquet
for the mission of the **Valley Care Pregnancy Centre** at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, NS Register Today! No tickets at the door.

To Register: Call or Text 902-670-8510 or email
info@asafeplaceforme.com

An invitation from New Hope Church

GEMS is a relationship-based club program that meets bi-weekly for girls in Grades 2–8. GEMS focuses on equipping girls to live out Micah 6:8, “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” through mentorship, Biblical teaching, games, crafts, badges, and friendships.

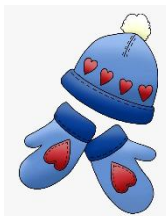
Resumes: Friday, Sept. 25 | 6:30–8:15pm

Location: New Hope Church: Kentville Campus (7054 Highway #12, Kentville)

Cost: \$30 per-child

Sign-Up: <https://nhwchurch.wufoo.com/forms/gems-registration-2026/>

Questions? Contact Megan Einwiller (GEMS Leader)
meganhopekids@nhwchurch.ca



Food Bank Update

Do you have more reusable **grocery bags** than you can possibly need? The Food Bank can use them. They are looking for **egg cartons** too. (dozen

carton). Do you enjoy knitting or know someone that does?! With your support they hope to provide **mittens, hats and scarves** for children ages 0-5 yrs old for the families they serve each month. You can put items in the bins in the foyers if you have some to donate.

Prayer Log

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

Lucille Keezer has had a recent health concern. Please include her in your prayers.

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.

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.alianzinc.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.**