

This Week At Kentville Baptist

Today	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	10:00am	Praise Team
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School
	1:30pm	Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Band2gether
Monday	9:00am	FRC (gym usage)
	6:30pm	Bible Study - <i>Discipleship Explored</i> (Parlour)
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilters
	2:00pm	Friends In Bereavement
	6:00pm	Valley Voices
	7:00pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday	9:00am	FRC (gym/ nursery)
	1:00pm	Bible Study - <i>Hope Explored</i> (Parlour)
	6:15pm	Adventure Club
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	9:00am	Quilters
	7:00pm	S.A.L.T. @ Bielby's
Friday	10:00am	Prayer Group
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Weekly sermons are available online at www.kentvillebaptist.org
and by phone at 1-888-813-3162.

Please Note: I will be taking vacation days over the next week (November 20th – November 27th) and on Mondays in the month of December. I would like to thank those who will be covering the Church Office work and the Board of Stewards for their support as I take some much-needed time off. ~Alison

Looking Ahead! Mark your calendars!

December 3rd – First Sunday of Advent / White Gift Sunday / Communion

December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent, Worship, 11 am

December 16th – Christmas Hamper Delivery, 9:30 am

December 17th – Third Sunday of Advent, Worship with Choir Presentation, 11 am

December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Worship, 11am

December 24th – Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm

January 1st, 2023 – New Year's Day Church Family Skate – Kentville Arena, 3:00 pm

Ministry Team and Contact Information

Ministers: All believers

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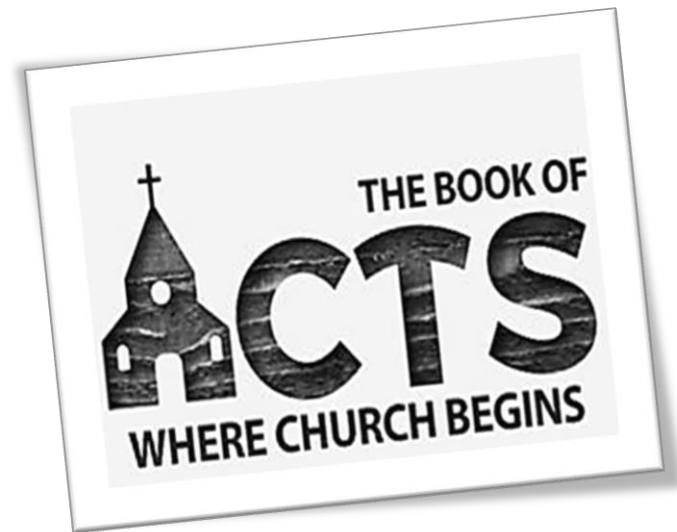
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Caretaker: Lewis How

Welcome to Kentville United Baptist Church

Grow Up as Christ's Disciples
Team Up for a Healthy Church
Reach Out to a Hurting World



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ORDER OF SERVICE
November 19th, 2023

*Indicates when to stand (anyone experiencing difficulty in standing may remain seated).

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Karen Hamilton-McNutt

*Songs of Praise: *(please see insert, hymnal or ppt screen for lyrics)*

Goodness of God

Change My Heart, O God

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Time With the Children

(Children and Teachers may leave for their Sunday School program at this time)

SHARING AS A COMMUNITY

Stewardship: Investing in God's Kingdom

Offertory: "This is My Father's World" (arr. Pethel)

Karen McNutt, clarinet

*Stewardship Response: ***As the Deer***

548 vs. 3

Ministry of Music: "A Joyous Call to Praise" (arr. Pethel)

Sanctuary Choir

Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks & Sharing Concerns

Margie Gay

LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: ***In Christ There is no East or West***

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Scripture: Acts 9:32-10:29

Andrew McNutt

Message: "Changing Churches"

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*Commissioning Hymn: ***To God Be the Glory***

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Blessing

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship.

We invite you to fill in the welcome card in the pew rack or our guest book.

Anyone may use the reverse side of the card for prayer items or questions.

Completed cards may be placed on the offering plate.

We hope you feel welcome here and that you will worship with us again.



Please join us after the service in the Parlour for a time of refreshments and fellowship! Please note that there is an elevator lift available for those who require assistance.

Others in Ministry

This Morning

Greeters: Ellen Kyte, Jeanette Stapleton

Ushers: David Armstrong, Isla Churchill

Tellers: Sandra Weir (Head), David & Nancie Armstrong

PowerPoint: Creator – Alison Brathwaite Presenter- Alison Brathwaite

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

Next Week

Greeters: Nancie & David Armstrong

Ushers: Linda Brehaut, Lahrin Churchill

Tellers: Jani Dufton (Head), Lynn & Debbie Joseph

PowerPoint: Creator – Jani Dufton Presenter- Jim Peerless

Sound Technician: Bob Dorland

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME in Room 202 from 10 - 10:45. Please enter and leave quietly.

Should you have a private prayer concern please come toward the last half of our time, then we can talk quietly and pray together. Private prayer concerns will be kept private.

We are hoping that this ministry will encourage God's Spirit to move in our Church Family especially in these difficult times! More details? Contact Quincy and Bonnie Collins at quincycollins2011@gmail.com

Thank You For Your Offerings – Stewardship and giving is an important element of our worship of God, who calls us to present unto Him "ourselves, our souls and our bodies" (Rom 12:1). If you are able to and wish to give, you may either place your offering in the collection plate, send an e-transfer to treasurer@kentvillebaptist.org or consider signing up for pre-authorized giving (form in the foyer or contact the church office). We give thanks to God for His goodness and blessing, which enable us to give generously toward our work together.

Kentville Baptist is a Scent-Free Place of Worship

Please be scent-sensitive and refrain from wearing scented perfumes, colognes and products, as there are individuals in our church family who have allergies to these items.

IMPORTANT Reminder: To avoid conflicts of room usage and for safety and security reasons anyone who wishes to have a meeting or facility use in the church MUST check on dates and room availability with the church office. **FOR THOSE USING ROOMS PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN HEAT AND TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

JUST A THOUGHT . . . (a slow meander through Mark)

Read Mark 1:35-39

As the constant demands of weekly Sabbath preaching and driving out demons continued, Jesus sought strength and rest in prayerful solitude. Neither the crowds nor the disciples seem to have any sense of Jesus' deep need for God. Jesus is eager to do the will of God and doesn't shy away from its demands, but he is also careful not to confuse the will of his God with the will of people.

Why do I pray?

At Kentville Baptist one of the ways we support each other is through a **Prayer Line**. People in the church have committed themselves to pray privately for people and situations about which they are notified. Prayer concerns are shared only with the knowledge and permission of those for whom prayer is being sought. If you have a prayer request please contact Pastor Dave by phone at: 902-678-3162 (church) or 902-681-2264 (home) or Karen Wilder at (902) 681-0116 to get the Prayer Line in motion.

Deacons' Prayer List: In the bulletin each week, we include the names of people in our church family who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis. We invite you to remember these people in prayer, phone calls or visits. ***This week please keep Hazel Greene, Marie Parks, Bertha Reid and Marilyn Schaffner in prayer this week.***

Supper Prayers - You are invited to set aside some time at your supper table to pray for the situation in the Ukraine.

Let's remember the conflict in the Middle East and pray for peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *November 19 - Pray for CBAC's Sozo Centre for Soul Care led by Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of Clergy Formation & Wellness. Pray for the work Cheryl Ann & her team accomplish in caring for church leaders. Pray for those who have been attending retreats & gatherings this fall, that they would experience spiritual renewal and strengthening. Pray for encouragement, peace, and rest for all Pastoral staff and church leadership, especially those who may be feeling weary, discouraged, or overwhelmed.*

CBM Prayer Requests– Latin and South America

- *For peaceful resolution of political tensions and transition to the new government in Guatemala.*
- *For CBM Partners and their leaders as they navigate a challenging environment in El Salvador, being salt and light.*
- *For clear vision as we work towards collaboration with partners in the region.*
- *We thank God for CBM staff in the region. Please pray for: Kathryn Scott, as she waits on the necessary visa to make the move to the Dominican Republic and begin to work with our partner there. Tim and Kallie Hutton in Bolivia are supporting CBM initiatives alongside new leadership. Bill and Janice Dyck, as Bill continues to pour into the lives of pastors through pastor mentoring and provide direction for theological education in the region. Byron Valesquez, as he supports SENT in Guatemala and El Salvador, provides connections for our partners locally and in Canada to learn from one another. For us, Bruno and Kathleen, to be attentive to the Holy Spirit in all of our interactions.*

CBM – Praying for International Days

November 19 - World Toilet Day - Pray for CBM's Latrines for Life program in El Salvador, which provides safely managed sanitation so that those in the community can have a dignified, safe and clean way to answer the call of nature.

NOVEMBER 20 · World Children's Day - Pray for CBM's partner ministries that enable children to attend school and access nutritious meals, like the student centre in the Golden Triangle Region and the True Vine project for refugees in Lebanon.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY in helping to OVERFILL the basket of scarves, mitts, socks and hats for Open Arms and the Soup Kitchen. They were very well received.

Blessings from The Ethel Fenerty WMS

Message from the Board of Stewards: Andrew McNutt will be assuming the role of Chair of the Board of Stewards for the remaining term. If you need to contact the board please email Andrew at andrew.mcnutt1@gmail.com and CC to Jani Dufton at jlcdufton@hotmail.ca or speak to us in person. Jani Dufton, Secretary of the Board of Stewards.



Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale! – the Ladies Auxiliary will be taking orders for trays of assorted squares (one dozen).

Order forms are in your bulletins and in the church foyer and the deadline to order is NEXT Sunday, November 26th. Pickup on Saturday morning, December 9th or after church on December 10th. Place order form in basket in the foyer. If you have any questions or are unable to attend church on Dec. 10, call 902-678-0258 and we will make sure you get your order.

Sunday, Dec 3rd is WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

The "White Gift" has traditionally been a special offering here at Kentville Baptist during Advent for well over 65 years. The beginning of "White Gift Sunday" has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904 when the minister's wife initiated the idea to solve the problem of inequity of gifts given at the Sunday school Christmas party. The focus shifted from receiving gifts to bringing gifts to Jesus that could be shared around the community. All the gifts would come wrapped in plain white paper so that no one would know which was an expensive gift or a more modest one. What began as a humble way to reflect on the love and devotion of the giver and not the value of the gift has grown into today's white gift donations in many churches across denominations including Baptist churches.

At Kentville Baptist, the White Gift has traditionally been a monetary donation where the funds donated are now used to purchase the Christmas Hampers our church provides to those in need. Each year, our church provides help to approximately 50 families. In the coming weeks, the Board will be providing special envelopes for an offering which is received on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Our gift will be delivered to those in need in our community on the morning of Saturday, December 16. This year we are giving gift cards only. We need volunteers to pick up the cards between 9:00 and 9:15. Recipients will be told that delivery to them will be between 9:30 and 10:30. To sign up as delivery volunteers please contact Lois Boudreau at 902 678 5636 or Gretchen Lyons at 902 679 6540 . We are suggesting that volunteers also go in pairs.

The Board of Community Ministries would like to thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this ministry.

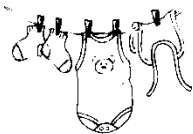
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DONATIONS UPDATE:

September 2023 Cheques/Donations	
Braveheart - Blessing Bag	\$ 300.00
Peopleworx - Food Bank	\$ 300.00
Valley Connect Outreach Sept&Oct	\$ 100.00
Bursary Distributions 2023	
Acadia Univ: Serena Fagan	\$ 500.00
UNB-SJ - Ewan	\$ 500.00
October 2023 Cheques/Donations	
Foodland - vouchers (Feb-Sept)	\$ 428.62
Congregational support	\$ 960.37
November 2023 Cheques/Donations	
Aldershot School Breakfast Program	\$ 300.00
Camp Brigadoon	\$ 300.00
Chrysalis House	\$ 300.00
Concillio Ministries	\$ 300.00
Fidelis House	\$ 300.00
Flower Cart	\$ 300.00
Fundy Food bank	\$ 500.00
KCA Breakfast Program	\$ 300.00
Kingswood Camp	\$ 300.00
NKEC Breakfast Program	\$ 300.00
Red Door	\$ 300.00
Salvation Army	\$ 300.00
Supplies: stamps, envelopes, cards	\$ 228.20
The Portal Youth Outreach Assoc	\$ 300.00
Transportation expense (Feb-Nov '23)	\$ 261.35
Valley Connect Outreach Nov&Dec	\$ 100.00
Valley Hospice	\$ 300.00
Valley Pregnancy	\$ 300.00
VCLA	\$ 300.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,678.54

Thank you to our beautiful church family for your kind and generous gifts every month. Your donations are doing powerful work and support in our community and beyond. ~ Board of Community Ministries

An Opportunity to Care During the Month of November

For the month of November, the WMS is collecting items for a baby layette to be given to the Pregnancy Care Centre. Please bring your adorable new or knitted baby gifts to help fill the basket in the foyer and love our neighbours. Thanks!!



Please Note: Just an advance and friendly notice that Annual Reports will be due Friday, January 12th, 2024. All groups and committees are responsible for handing in a report. They can be emailed, on cd/ memory stick or hand written and dropped off at the Church Office.



Our Daily Bread Devotionals for December-January- February are now available in the foyer. If you are able, please leave a small donation to support this devotional and why not also pick up copies for anyone you know who might appreciate this booklet.

Free Christmas books - The deacons have provided additional free books with a Christmas theme in mind. Books available are by Max Lucado, Lee Strobel, Billy Graham and John Piper. They are free to read and keep or pass on to others!

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Service of Ordination for Pastor D. Patrick Gilbert, Sunday, November 26 at Aylesford Baptist Church, 2543 Highway #1, beginning at 4:30 pm. All Welcome. Reception to follow.
Service of Induction for Rev. Emmanuel Batumbya at Centreville Baptist Church, Sunday, December 3, beginning at 3:00pm.

A Night in Bethlehem | Live Nativity | December 1 – 2 - New Minas Baptist Church featuring live animals, authentic market stalls, a tax collector booth where you can donate non-perishable food items to the local Food Bank, as well as Roman Soldiers at the entrance gates of the village. Village opens at 6:00pm each evening. For more information or questions, contact nativity@nmbc.ca or 902-681-7683.

ST. JOHN'S A.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. November 25th, 10:00 A.M to Noon. Admission: free will offering. St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville.

Merry & Bright with Valley Voices, Saturday December 2, 2pm , A festive afternoon of song with the Valley Voices A Cappella Chorus, featuring Two In The Morning and quartets Four Shore, Open Book, QWiNN and Tonic! PLUS refreshments and afterglow from 4 pm - 5 pm. In the Kentville Baptist CE Centre. Tickets \$20 by email tickets@valleyvoices.org

Christmas Tea and Sale, Pereaux Baptist Church, Saturday December 2, 2pm – 4pm, Doors open at 1:30pm. Adults - \$10, Youth 6-12 - \$5 and free for 5 and under. For more information call 902 582 3296.

Employment Opportunities: Please see our Church Bulletin Board for Job postings and information for the following opportunities:

- Kingswood Camp** is currently seeking applicants for the role of Executive Director of the Camp. Information also can be found at www.kingswoodcamp.ca
- Atlantic Baptist Women** is seeking applicants for Vacation Bible School Leaders for the summer of 2024. For more info please contact JoAnn Sweet at sweetjie@xcountry.tv.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Goodness of God

1. I love You, Lord, For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*[chorus] And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

2. I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

[chorus]

[Bridge 2x]

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, Your goodness is running after
It's running after me.

[chorus 2 x]

[tag] Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, November 26th, immediately following the morning service.

A special business meeting has been called for after church on Nov. 26 to consider and vote on the following motions by the Board of Deacons:

The Board of Deacons moves that Glenna Prime be accepted into full membership, following her recent baptism.

The Board of Deacons moves that Jim Prime be accepted into full membership, transferring his membership from Freeport Baptist Church.

The Board of Deacons moves that Kaitlyn Allen be accepted into full membership, following her recent baptism.

The Board of Deacons moves that Rebecca MacDonald be accepted as an Associate Member by experience.