

### This Week At Kentville Baptist

Today	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	10:00am	Praise Team
	11:00am	Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School
Monday	12:15pm	Board of Community Ministries
	2:00 pm	Board of Missions (Lockhart Rm.)
	6:30 pm	<i>Hope Explored</i> – Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 am	Quilters
	1:30 pm	Ethel Fenerty WMS
	6:00 pm	Valley Voices
	7:00 pm	Board of Stewards
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Afternoon Bible Study
	6:15 pm	Adventure Club
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	9:00 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Turkey Farmers Board Mtg. (Lockhart Rm)
	10:00am	Sharing Memories (Parlour)
Friday	10:00am	Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Sunday	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	10:00am	Praise Team
	11:00am	ADC Sunday – Worship/Sunday School

Weekly sermons are available online at [www.kentvillebaptist.org](http://www.kentvillebaptist.org)  
and by phone at 1-888-813-3162.

### **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.

**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](mailto: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.

### **Ministry Team and Contact Information**

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# Welcome to Worship at Kentville United Baptist Church

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



## Epiphany Sunday

*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.*

January 7, 2024

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

Prelude: "We Three Kings" (arr. Walker Baylor)

Welcome

Call to Worship & Prayer

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

**We Three Kings**

**Christmas Offering**

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three wise men seeking truth they traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the Child from heaven  
Falling on their knees  
they bow before the humble Prince of Peace  
We bring an offering of worship to our King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honour that You're due  
O Lord, we bring an offering to You.

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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: "The First Noel" (arr. D. Cherwein)

\*Stewardship Song: **What Can I Give Him?**

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Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks and Sharing Concerns

**LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Karen Illsley

Message: "Jesus, King for all People"

\*Hymn of Response: **As With Gladness Men of Old**

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**COMMUNION: SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord's Supper

**GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

\*Commissioning Hymn: **The First Noel**

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(Please remain seated while the Benevolent Offering is being received, please stand as the Deacon's come forward)

\*Blessing

Postlude: "As With Gladness" (arr. R.J. Hughes)



Earle Illsley

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We welcome all to the Lord's Supper who know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord, the One who has reconciled us to God and who has laid claim to our lives. If this is not yet your faith, please feel free to pass the bread and cup by without embarrassment, letting them speak of God's love to you. (Please note: For those who have gluten sensitivities and allergies, we offer a gluten free wafer option on the trays of communion bread.) If you would like to explore what it means to know Jesus, please talk with one of our pastors. On Communion Sunday, we also give people the opportunity to contribute toward compassionate ministries for helping with specific needs. This benevolent offering is a generous gift or a compassionate act of kindness. For example, through this offering we aid in food assistance, we participate in the Christmas hamper program, we respond to emergency needs in crisis, etc.

**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. More details? Contact Quincy and Bonnie Collins at [quincycollins2011@gmail.com](mailto:quincycollins2011@gmail.com)

**Nominating Committee Members:** Please note there will be a meeting following today's service in Room 202.

**Others in Ministry**

**Today**

Greeters: Eileen Cochrane, Sandra Weir

Ushers: TBA

Tellers: Sandra Weir (Head), Jani Dufton, Joy Andersen

PowerPoint: Creator – Alison Brathwaite Presenter- Alison Brathwaite

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

**Next Week**

Greeters: Tim & Debbie Brothers

Ushers: TBA

Tellers: Sandra Weir (Head), Bob & Lynne Dorland

PowerPoint: Creator – Alison Brathwaite Presenter- Alison Brathwaite

Sound Technician: Bob Dorland

**With Winter weather here once more please note that** Kentville Baptist Church makes every effort to hold church during our storm season. However, if there are power or safety concerns during a storm, the Deacons have developed a cancellation protocol. Notices of the cancellation will be posted on CBC, AVR and Rewind 89.3 and on the church voice mail (if there is no power outage) and web site.



*JUST A THOUGHT. . . (a slow meander through Mark)  
Read Mark 2:18-20*

People noticed that Jesus trained his disciples differently. The disciples of John the Baptizer's renewal movement and those of the established religious teachers fasted solemnly, but Jesus' disciples didn't. "I'm *with* them! How can they be sad? Fasting is for later when I'm gone." Our spiritual disciplines/habits are to be appropriate to our experience of God, either full or hungry.

How has fasting been a part of my life in times of sadness?



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.

**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.

\*\*\* **Our Christian sympathies and support** are extended to David and Janet Ross and family who are grieving the recent passing of David's mother, Margaret Ross.

**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** Dorothy Beach, Mary Jean Brown, Marcia Higgins and Hazel Greene 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.

**For CBM Prayerline items please see** <http://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/>

**Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) Prayer Link:**

- ❖ *January 7* - A new year brings fresh opportunities for ministry in our neighbourhoods! Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our churches, homes, schools, and communities. Pray for new relationships to be formed, and for the Gospel to be shared. Pray for those in leadership in our churches, that they would feel renewed and be led by the Spirit this year.

**NOTE!** The **CBM Coin Cans** will be collected **on Sunday, January 28th during the service**. Funds raised will be added to our Refugee sponsorship fund. Don't have a can but would still like to contribute? Place your donation in a pew envelope and clearly mark it with **CBM CANS** and add your name or envelope number for a tax receipt. Replacement cans are available in the foyer for those who would like to continue saving their loose change. ~ Thank you from the Board of Missions.

**Memorial Bulletin Covers** - Would you like to sponsor a church bulletin in memory of a loved one who has passed or in honour of someone on special dates over the upcoming year? The cost is just \$40.00, and I require **no later than 3 weeks' notice** to make sure I can order and purchase special covers online and have them delivered in time for the Sunday selected. Please contact Alison in the Office for more details.

**150th Anniversary! Save the date!** On March 3, 2024 we launch the church's 150th Anniversary celebrations featuring former pastor Rev. Dr. John McNally as special speaker in worship, followed by a light lunch for all. In addition, the Deacons will be featuring several special events throughout the anniversary year. Everyone is invited to participate in the celebrations!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



**Happy Birthday!** We congratulate and celebrate with Barb Smith who celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday this past week.

**Ethel Fenerty WMS January Meeting.** Ladies! we invite you to gather for our first meeting of 2024 in the Parlour at 1:30 on Tuesday, January 9th. New members and all warmly welcome! See you then!

**Sanctuary Choir rehearsal** - first choir practice of the new year is Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7:30 pm. New members welcome (please contact Rev Devin if interested).

**Adventure Club** - All leaders, parents and clubbers take note that Adventure Club resumes on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm.

**Youth Group** – All Youth are invited to join us this coming Friday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the church hall! For further information contact Pastor Devin.

**2024 Budget Request Deadline** - The Board of Stewards would like to ask that information for the 2024 budget be submitted to the Church Treasurer, Kevin Higgins, no later than **Friday, January 12th, 2024.**



**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.** All groups and committees are responsible for handing in a report. They can be emailed, on memory stick or handwritten and dropped off at the Church Office. We have only received a handful of reports so far.

*Note:* after the deadline on January 12<sup>th</sup>, I cannot guarantee its inclusion in the booklet. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THEM TO THE OFFICE ALREADY! Your time to prepare them is much appreciated!**

**Please check your Church mailboxes!** Many still have Christmas mail to be picked up. Your 2024 offering envelopes were distributed. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Myrna Blenkhorn, Kevin Higgins, or the Church Office. If you have any concerns regarding your envelopes, please contact Kevin or Myrna. If you do not have a mail slot and would like one please let us know.

**An encouraging update** - Our church has a goal of providing \$15,000 by March 3, 2024 to help the Acadia Divinity College (ADC) establish a permanent teaching position that would equip and encourage faith communities to become advocates for justice and reconciliation. **We have now reached a total of \$12,593!** In summary:

Support from all five KUBC boards:	\$5,000
Individual donations	\$2,531
Matching funds from Deacons' Board	\$5,062

The Baptist Foundation is matching all donations from churches, so this will double the effect of our giving to date to become \$25,186. In a special service **NEXT SUNDAY** on January 14, we will be celebrating the longstanding relationship between our organizations featuring a quartet of ADC alumni and Harry Gardner as guest speaker.