

This Week at Kentville Baptist

Today	9:00am	Music Rehearsals
	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School/ Choir Presentation
	12:15pm	Tone Chime Practice
Tuesday	2:00pm	Friends In Bereavement
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	8:30pm	Tone Chime Practice
Thursday	6:30pm	Youth Group (Hall)
Friday	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sunday	9:00am	Music Rehearsals
	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School

**Weekly sermons are available online at www.kentvillebaptist.org
and by phone at 1-888-813-3162.**

Upcoming At Kentville Baptist:

December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service – 6:30pm
December 29 – Deacon Gary Corbin speaking
January 1st, 2025 – New Year’s Day Church Family Skate – Kentville Arena, 4 - 5 pm
January 5th – Deacon Braedon MacDonald speaking
January 12th – CBAC Executive Minister – Rev. Renée MacVicar visiting and speaking

MESSAGE FROM OFFICE: Please note that I will be taking time off from December 25th to January 5th, 2025. ***ANY notices that need to be placed in the bulletin for December 29th and January 5th must be received by Monday, December 23rd.*** After this time, I can not guarantee their inclusion in the bulletin while I am off on a Christmas Break. I would like to thank the Pastors, the Stewards and Jani Dufton for their help while I take a much needed rest over the holidays. ~ Alison

Holiday Pastoral Contact Information - Pastor Dave will be away from Christmas Day to Thursday, January 2nd, 2025. For pastoral emergencies please contact Pastor Devin at 902-678-3162 (church), 902-679-3611 (home), or contact Gary Corbin (Chair, Board of Deacons) at 902-678-3385.

Ministry Team and Contact Information

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Welcome to Kentville United Baptist Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2024

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude: "Merry Christmas Medley" (arr. M. Bober) Lenore & Devin Johnstone

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

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

Joy To The World 270

Lighting of the Candle of Joy Raymond, Petisha and Kai Cooper-Dunbar

Time With the Children

(After the children's time, Children grades P-6+ may leave for Sunday School. Parents, please pick up your children after the service from the classrooms located at the end of the hall past the washrooms and nursery area).

SHARING AS A COMMUNITY

Stewardship: Investing in God's Kingdom

Offertory: "O Come All Ye Faithful" (arr. A.L. Page)

Choir member Tone Chime Ensemble

Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks & Sharing Concerns

Reflection

Pastor Dave

*Hymn: **O Little Town of Bethlehem 250 (verses 1 & 4)**

LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Lessons and Carols with the Sanctuary Choir & Friends (see insert)

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*Commissioning Hymn: **Good Christians, All Rejoice 273**

*Blessing

Postlude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (arr. Lani Smith)

Today's bulletins have been donated in honour of past and present members of the Ethel Fenerty Women's Missionary Society by Bob and Myrna Blenkhorn.



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. Also note: there will not be Coffee time after the morning service on December 29th. Coffee and Fellowship will resume after church on Sunday, January 5th, 2025.

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.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME in Room 202 – 10:00 – 10:45 am. 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

Others in Ministry

This Week

Greeters: Ellen Kyte, Lois Boudreau

Ushers: David Armstrong, Lilly Campbell

Tellers: Murray Lawson (Head), David & Nancie Armstrong

PowerPoint: Creator – Al Kingsbury Presenter- Al Kingsbury

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

Next Week

Greeters: Tim & Debbie Brothers

Ushers: Charlie Kyte, Jim Prime

Tellers: Murray Lawson (Head), Lynn & Debbie Joseph

PowerPoint: Creator – Al Kingsbury Presenter- Al Kingsbury

Sound Technician: Braedon MacDonald

Please join us for our

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Family Worship

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 pm



Offerings are part of worship in the Bible. They are a way of expressing our thanks to God for his grace in our lives. Offerings are part of community-building in the Bible. They are a way we say "We're here for each other." Offerings are part of loving in the Bible. They are a way to spread our resources into a needy world. So on Christmas Eve, in a spirit of God-gratitude, family-communion, and neighbour-love, we will receive a free-will offering for any who wish to make a gift. If you would like to receive a tax receipt, please use an offering envelope in the pew or church foyer, making sure to include your name and address.

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

Read Mark 6:53-56

Physical healing was a central part of Jesus' ministry. It signalled the presence of God's kingdom in the most personal of ways. Our bodies are where and how we live, and God's compassion and power embrace this dimension of our existence. The New Testament, originally written in Greek, has one word for both healing and saving. Jesus redeems the entire person, with nothing left out.

How have I recognized Jesus' power to heal in my life?

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 cooperation and consideration of others by turning your phones off or setting them to silence during the morning worship service.



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 Mary Jean Brown, Peggy DesBarres, Marcia Higgins and Hazel Greene in prayer.***

Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) Prayer Link:

December 15 - On the third Sunday of Advent we celebrate the joy we have in Jesus! In this season, we praise God that he sent his son to live among us, and through him we have victory over sin and death! Let us joyfully celebrate all that God has done, and all that he continues to do in our lives. Pray that our churches would have many opportunities to share the Good News of Christ in their communities this Christmas season!

CBM PRAYERLINE

Europe - *Several activities are planned in Marburg this December to foster community, share the gospel with unbelievers, and strengthen the faith of believers. These include Christmas cookie baking, a marriage seminar, a Christmas party, and a winter camp. Pray that God will work powerfully in and through the believers in Marburg during these events.*

MENA - *Praise God for the positive impact of the education centres run by the Egyptian Baptist Convention, which are transforming the lives of children and their parents.*

Latin America and Caribbean: *Pray for relief efforts to reach the most vulnerable as partners face ongoing challenges such as food shortages, limited healthcare, and inconsistent power. Pray for wisdom and resilience for leaders navigating these increasingly difficult conditions.*

Asia - *Pray for Shalom Trust and the Arunachal Pradesh Baptist Church Council in India as they begin new partnerships with CBM in 2025. Pray for success in their initiatives, including prison ministry and fishpond projects to provide student scholarships.*

Africa - *Pray for the Africa Team as they plan for activities and initiatives in 2025. Ask for clear direction, unity, and inspiration as they seek to make a lasting impact.*



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Please check your Church mail boxes! There is lots of Christmas mail to pick up! *Your mail slot is found UNDER your name.*

Your 2025 offering envelopes have been distributed. If you know of someone who normally attends why not pick up theirs and drop them off to them as boxes will not be mailed out. **If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Myrna Blenkhorn, Kevin Higgins or the Church Office.** If you do not have a mail slot and would like one please leave a message with the church office and one will be set up for you in the New Year.

Youth Group!!– All Youth are invited to join us this coming Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the church hall! (Rescheduled from last Friday) For further information contact Pastor Devin.



For Christmas Eve! We are still looking for candle lighters and holders of all ages for the Christmas Eve Service. If anyone is interested please put your name on a welcome card, write “candle” beside it and place it in the offering plate or contact the Office to be added to the list.

THANK YOU! The Board of Community Ministries thanks everyone for their generosity supporting the White Gift offering and extends a thank you to those who came out to volunteer their time to deliver our Christmas Gift Cards to those in need in our local community.

Thank You from the Ladies Auxiliary!

We greatly appreciate all those in our church family who assisted us with the baking and those who supported the project by purchasing trays of sweets! \$600.00 was realized by your generosity.

TELLERS AND HEAD TELLERS – The 2025 schedule is in your mailbox. The Head Tellers’ schedule is on the back page. There is a copy on the bulletin board in the Teller’s Room.

PICTURE PERFECT - Capture the JOY of Christmas with your Family Photo. We have set up a photo corner with a lovely Christmas backdrop by the mailboxes for you to take YOUR family picture. This will be available until December 25th.

Can You Help? The church needs a new representative for the Board of the Fundy Interchurch Food Bank. This involves attending a meeting once every two months on a Wednesday at 4pm. If you feel you could fill this role please contact Kerry MacPherson or the church office for more information.

Please Note: Just a friendly reminder that Annual Reports are due Friday, January 10th, 2025. 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.



New Year's Day Church Family Skate – free of charge at Kentville arena, courtesy the CE Board. **Wednesday, January 1st, 4:00 – 5:00 pm**, all welcome.

With winter weather here 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 church voice mail (if there is no power outage) and web site.



Also! Groups meeting at the church are encouraged to make sure their members and the church are notified of any meeting or event cancellations due to inclement weather.

CBM

Join your church in bringing *hope & healing* around the world

Shared Gifts

cbmin.org/shared-hopeful-gifts-2024/

Check out the Missions Board bulletin board display in our church foyer for catalogues and information about this year's CBM Hopeful Gifts of Change

Give a Gift of Hope to the Future Church: this Christmas, give a gift to support your seminary, Acadia Divinity College. Together, we can empower our professors and equip our students to bring hope to our churches today and into the future. Give a gift of hope today: acadiadiv.ca/give-hope_

Ardyth & Jennifer's "The Longest Night" Concert, December 21st at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm), St. James Anglican Church, Kentville, N.S. Harpists, singer-songwriters Ardyth & Jennifer with guests Pam Mason (bass) and Clara Whitman (violin) will be filling the church with stories and song this year on the longest night of the year. All proceeds will go to support the "Nightlight Shelter" hosted by St. James. Tickets available for \$20 at the door or ahead of time at: www.eventbrite.ca

Christmas Concert - TODAY at 2 pm - Featuring Men of St. Anthony's Church Men and Friends. Waterville Baptist Church. Freewill Offering. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas Eve 11 PM - The annual Christmas Eve service will be held at the historic Covenanter Church, Grand Pre at 11 pm. Service to feature scripture readings, carols and special music. All are welcome.

Valley Connect Outreach is The Annapolis Valley's Street Ministry - We have opportunities for those seeking to share their faith, time & skills with people in crisis. The greatest single need we have is for overnight shelter hosts. There are also opportunities for individuals and groups from area churches to use our outreach locations to host coffee times, games, music, life skills courses, recovery programs, Bible study, etc. Creating a welcoming environment is one way we can demonstrate Jesus' love to people who may otherwise be hungry, lonely or simply need a place to be warm. For more info or to get involved, call or text: (902)-300-4762 / info@valleyconnectoutreach.ca or visit <http://www.valleyconnectoutreach.ca>



Life Lessons From Psalms – The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Group will begin an uplifting and encouraging look at the Book of Psalms starting on **Wednesday, January 8th**. Please join us at 1:30pm in the Parlour if you are interested! For more info please contact JoAnne Manning.

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.

Anyone wishing to make a year-end donation may do so by placing it in the church side door mail box slot before noon, **Tuesday, December 31st**. **Year-end statements** will be ready in **February 2024**.

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.**

