

August 10: Pray for hope-filled connections to form through coaching and care ministries. Ask God to work through connectors and coaches to provide encouragement, wisdom, and practical support for those seeking direction and growth. Pray for renewed confidence and clarity for all who engage in these opportunities. Pray also for CBAC's Director of Connections, Greg Jones.

August 17: As the CBAC financial year closes this month, thank God for provision through the faithfulness and stewardship of all who support this ministry. Thank God for the opportunity to partner in God's mission with generosity, enabling continued impact through the ministry we do together. Pray for CBAC's Director of Finance (Debbie Barriault) as she provides oversight to the budget and administration.

August 24: Pray for our post-secondary instructions as they prepare for the academic year ahead. Lift up Acadia Divinity College and Crandall University as they begin their fall semester. Pray for the staff, faculty, and students to experience growth, wisdom, and productivity in their studies and ministry. Thank God for the leadership of Anna Robbins, President of ADC, and Bruce Fawcett, President of Crandall University.

August 31: As a new school year begins, pray for all teachers, staff, and students as they settle into routines and face new opportunities. Remember those in Pre-K to Grade 12 and their families, asking for strength, patience, and joy in this season of transition. Pray especially for educators and school staff who dedicate themselves to shaping and guiding the next generation with care and wisdom.

The Reflector

August 2025

Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



First Baptist Church Amherst

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Study

Jeff is interested in Bible Study, all year round. Who would like to get together during the spring and summer? Let him know if you are at all curious. We could even meet outdoors at various places, or in various homes and cafes. Ever have a picnic Bible Study? Let's try it.

Active in Mission Birding

The excursions to go bird watching with Jeff White, in August, will be:

- **6:30 pm, Tuesday the 5th** – Tidnish Dock Provincial Park (carpool from FBCA)
- **10:00 am, Tuesday the 12th** – driving around the Amherst Industrial Park
- **5:30 pm, Tuesday the 19th** – pot-luck supper at Jeff & Sharon's, then birding the neighbourhood.
- **10:00 am, Tuesday the 26th** – Amherst sewage lagoons (yep!)

Volunteers for August

Flowers: Jeff White; **Communion Clean-up:** Neil & Norma MacGregor; **Ushering & Offering: Team Three:** John Matthews; Carol O'Regan, Merlin Brown; Norma MacGregor; Pauline Lusby; David Lusby (Team Leader); Sharon White; George Godfrey; Marina Godfrey.

Prayer Team

There is a small group who will pray for prayer requests, confidentially & confidently. Contact Jeff White:

E-mail: jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca Phone: 902-614-1011.

Cookie Crew

This team makes cookies in our church kitchen for the unhoused and also for church coffee time. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the church office door.

Offering Options

Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer, Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes.

CBAC Prayer Link

(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

August 3: Pray for the pastors, delegates, and attendees of Oasis, that this gathering would be a time of spiritual refreshment, connection and vision. Ask God to guide the discussions, inspire the teaching, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among those who serve in ministry across Atlantic Canada. Pray also for CBAC's Cathy Parks as she coordinates the many staff and volunteers to run the event.

Sub Sunday - Congregational Luncheon

Following the morning service on **Sunday, August 24**, join us in the Christie Room for **Sub Sunday**— we'll be making our own delicious subs together! We're looking for **volunteers to bring in salads/desserts**, as well as a **separate group to assist on the day of**. We're also in need of helping hands for setup, serving, and cleanup during the event itself. If you're interested in either (or both!), there are **sign up sheets on the tables in the Vestry**. Let's make it a Sunday full of food, fellowship and fun. All donations to the Benevolent Fund.

REGULAR, REPEATING MINISTRIES

Prayer Sessions

Mondays 11:00 – 11:30: Join me once in a while (or often) to pray in various ways and join God to bless the world. We use prayer resources from a variety of books and consider many prayer requests. – Jeff White

Benevolent Fund

The **first Sunday of every month** we have **Holy Communion** during the service. We also encourage *benevolent offerings*, which can be designated as such on your envelope, for our Benevolent Fund. Through your benevolent offering, we have been able to share with those in need in a caring and compassionate way. In addition to our annual commitment to the operating budget of the Amherst Food Bank and the packing of Christmas Cheer Boxes, our church has received requests for financial assistance for prescriptions, food, and travel for medical appointments. We have partnered with other organizations to cover more expensive items such as rent, power and heating costs. **Your continued support is appreciated !!**

OASIS August 7-9

Oasis is the annual gathering of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC), a family of churches spread all over Atlantic Canada. CBAC churches send **pastors and delegates** to Oasis. Each August, we gather to deepen relationships, build community, learn tools for thriving in ministry, worship together, make decisions around budgets, and vision for the future. OASIS is also a time to celebrate God's faithfulness and our shared mission. First Baptist can be represented by several delegates at this 179th Annual gathering. OASIS will take place **August 7-9, 2025 on the Acadia University campus in Wolfville**, Nova Scotia

Worship Plans

- Aug. 3 - JGW, Hosea 11:1-11 - **Trembling Dove**
- August 10 - JGW, Luke 12:23-40 - **Chewing Moth**
- August 17 - JGW, Isaiah 5:1-7 - **Wild Grapevine**
- August 24 - JGW, Luke 13:10-17 - **Ox Fed & Watered**
- August 31 - Rev. Marlene Quinn

Summer Day Camps

Looking for something fun, safe, and faith-filled for your children this summer? Join us on **Thursday, August 7 & Thursday, August 14** from **9:30 am - 3:30 pm** for our Summer Day Camps — packed with games, crafts, music, and more! This program is for **ages 4 years - 11 years old**. **Registration is required**. For more information, please contact the office (902) 667-2001; ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca or visit our website www.firstbaptistamherst.com.

We're **looking for volunteers** to help out with our upcoming day camps—a fun and meaningful way to spend time with kids and serve our community! If interested, there are **sign-up sheets on the table in the Vestry**.

August 2025 at First Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30 am Worship Service At TSSUC	28	29 	30	31	1 	2
3 10:30 am Worship Service	4 Civic Holiday Church & Office Closed	5 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Birding at Tidnish Docks Park	6	7 9:30 am Summer Day Camp Oasis at Acadia University	8 Oasis at Acadia University	9 Oasis at Acadia University 2:00 pm Memorial Service: Donna Childs
10 10:30 am Worship Service	11	12 10:00 am Birding at Industrial Park	13 	14 9:30 am Summer Day Camp	15	16
17 10:30 am Worship Service	18 	19 5:30 pm Potluck & Birding at Jeff & Sharon White	20	21	22	23 
24 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Luncheon: Sub Sunday	25	26 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Birding at the Sewage Lagoons	27 	28 10:00 am Board of Deacons	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Christie Fund Meeting	1 Labour Day Church & Office Closed	2 	3 4:00 pm Board of CE	4 10:00 am Christmas Cheer Planning	5 	6