



Stay Connected

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH & GET INVOLVED



Prayer Team

Our Prayer Team is available to support your requests with care, confidentiality, and compassion.

To share a request, please contact:

✉ **Rev. Jeff White**
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☎ 902-614-1011



Looking to Volunteer? We'd Love Your Help!

We'd love for you to share your gifts in a way that feels right for you:

- ♥ Scripture Readers
- ♥ Choir
- ♥ Coffee & Conversation
- ♥ Events & Luncheons
- ♥ And so much more!



Share in Ministry

Rev. Jeff will be visiting **Victoria Manor** and **Northumberland Hall** this May, sharing time in worship and fellowship.



Interested in being part of this meaningful ministry?
Please contact Jeff.



Connect with Us

- Connect with Us cards available in the vestry
- Website: www.firstbaptistamherst.com
- Follow us on Facebook



Stay in the Loop

Submit your email to receive updates:

✉ ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca



We're Better Together

Whether you pray, serve, participate, or simply show up—you make a difference.

Thank you for being part of our FBC family! ♥



Thank you for staying connected!

TOGETHER, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND COMMUNITY.



The Reflector

May 2026

Reflecting the life of *First Baptist Church Amherst*



*Rooted in
God's Love,
Growing in
His Grace.* ♥

First Baptist Church Amherst

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

Senior Minister Rev. Jeff G. White, B.Sc, M.Div.

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Minister Emeritus Rev. Byron Corkum, B.A., M.Div.

Organist & Choir Director Kevin Dupuis, B.Mus, B.Ed.

Administrative Assistant Angela Marks ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Custodian Shauna McCallum

What's Happening at FBC!

Join Us for Connection, Community & Joy

Annual Meeting—Be Part of the Conversation

We invite you to join us for our Annual Meeting **TODAY, May 3 at 12:00 pm** —a time to reflect on the year past and share in the vision for what's ahead.

Happening Today at FBC! Baptist Association Service

Join us **TODAY May 3 at 4:00 pm** for a special time of worship. This is a meaningful opportunity to strengthen our fellowship and encourage one another in our shared ministry. A potluck meal will follow in the Christie Room. All are welcome! **Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tim Cheprasov.**

Growing Forward Together

Congregational Supper & Brainstorming Night

Tuesday, May 12, join us for an evening of food, conversation, and sharing ideas as we look ahead together as a church family.

Spring is Blooming – Plant Sale!

Come browse, share, and enjoy our **Plant Sale! Friday, May 22 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Donations of plants are welcome during the week leading up to the event. Contact **Jeff W** for more information.

Toe-Tappin' Bluegrass Is Back!

Get ready for an afternoon of lively music and great community spirit! The **Spinney Brothers Bluegrass Band** will be here on **Sunday, May 24, 2:00–4:00 pm.** Enjoy the rich sounds of traditional bluegrass and classic country from one of Canada's top international bluegrass groups. **Tickets: \$25** & can be purchased at church office!



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CBAC Prayer Link
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

May 3: This CBAC Sunday, give thanks for our shared mission across more than 400 churches. Praise God for a rich history of faithful witness and ongoing renewal. Pray for vibrant ministry and creative expressions of the Gospel in our neighbourhoods and communities.

May 10: Give thanks for mothers and maternal figures who nurture, encourage, and love. Pray for strength, patience, and joy for those in caregiving roles. Remember those who grieve, long to be mothers, or experience strained relationships, asking for comfort and grace.

May 17: As InterMISSION approaches, pray for the ministry of Atlantic Baptist Women. Ask God to inspire and encourage all who gather, and to deepen their partnerships in ministry. Pray for spiritual renewal, meaningful connection, and joyful discernment.

May 24: Pray for churches and leaders as they prepare for summer ministry and outreach. Ask God to open doors for meaningful relationships and faithful witness. Pray that churches would remain attentive to God's leading in both planning and rest.

May 31: Pray for the One Conference next week, as students and leaders gather from across Atlantic Canada. Ask God to meet young people in transformative ways through worship, teaching, and community. Pray for leaders and volunteers as they guide and care for those attending.

Growing Forward Together

♥ Let us work together on a vision for the future! ♥

 In recent months, church leadership has felt called to pause – to assess the church, congregation, ministry and mission here at First. It feels like a time to map a path to renewed energy, community connection and spiritual enrichment. But we need your help to direct this movement.

 In May and early June a series of informal discussions (over plates of deliciousness) are planned. By coming together to brainstorm and focus on ideas, we hope to clarify a vision of sustenance and growth for this church. Success in such an endeavour is going to require input and participation by the whole church family – all of us.

 Initial reflection questions have been attached to recent church bulletins and sent out by e-mail. If you have not yet submitted your thoughts, there are copies available in the vestry, and a basket for returns.

 We hope to arrange for Dr. Stephen McMullin, a person with insight and experience in church renewal, to meet with us very soon as well. Watch for a confirmation of dates.

 *Together, let us listen, share, and grow as we look to the future.*

Exploring Faith & Worship Together

Learning, Growing & Gathering as a Church Family

Introduction to Christianity

Anyone interested in **Church membership**, or a **refresher** in what it means **to be a Baptist Christian**, can join Jeff White for this study series.

Tuesdays | 3:30–5:00 pm

- May 26 First: Being Christian
- June 2 Second: Being Church
- June 9 Third: Being Baptist
- June 23 Fourth: Being First Baptist Amherst

Worship Services

- May 3 Rev. Jeff White
- May 10 Rev. Byron Corkum (*Mother's Day*)
- May 17 Rev. Jeff White
- May 24 TBA (*Pentecost Sunday*)
- May 31 Rev. Jeff White (*Trinity Sunday*)

- June 7 Rev. Byron Corkum
- June 14 TBA (*Christian Education Sunday*)
- June 21 Rev. Jeff White (*Father's Day*)
- June 28 Rev. Jeff White (*First Sunday with Trinity-St. Stephen visiting us*)

*We look forward to learning, worshipping,
and growing together.*



We Walked the Green Carpet!

EARTH DAY STROLL RECAP

On a beautiful spring day, we gathered for our **Earth Day Stroll**, enjoying fresh air, fellowship, and the beauty of God's creation. 🌿

From blooming flowers to unique trees—and even a few fun surprises along the way—there was so much to notice and appreciate. 🌸

It was a wonderful time of connection, conversation, and gratitude as we walked together and reflected on the gift of creation around us. ❤️







Walking
together in
community



Discovering
signs of
new life



Appreciating
the beauty
around us



Sharing
laughter along
the way

**Thank you to everyone who joined us—
we look forward to more moments
together in God's creation!** ❤️

Caring & Community Support
Benevolent Fund • Serving Others



♥ *Thank You Rick & Team!*

Thank you to **Rick Creamer** and his dedicated helpers
for our congregational luncheons.

Your efforts bring us together—
and all donations support our
Benevolent Committee.



Through these gatherings and your generosity, the **Benevolent Fund** helps support individuals and families in our community—assisting with needs such as rent, heat, power, oil, prescriptions, Christmas Cheer Food Boxes, and other essential expenses and needs.

May Volunteers: Communion Clean-up: Greg & Pat Wilson; Ushering & Offering—Team One: Shawn & Lisa Brunt, Debby & Rick Creamer, Karen Fraser & Bev Curry & Jean Harrison, Greg Wilson (Team Leader). Flowers: Audrey Lewis-Patriquin.

Offering Options

You can give in several convenient ways: Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer; Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes. For more information, please reach out to Angela at the Church Office!

*Tax receipts are issued for income tax purposes.
Thank you for your faithful generosity*

What We've Been Up To!

MOMENTS OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Thank you to everyone who joined in these wonderful events. Because of you, our church family continues to grow—together!



Creativity in Bloom

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES WITH SHIRLEY ANN—HALLE

With 7 participants enjoying the sessions, these classes offer a wonderful opportunity for creativity and connection, with a floral focus.

📅 April 27 & May 4 | 10:00 – 11:30 am

All proceeds support the Benevolent Fund.



Growing in Faith

STUDY GROUP: "HEARING GOD"

This study group gathers weekly on Tuesdays at noon with Jeff White, exploring a video curriculum by Dallas Willard. Sessions continue until May 12, offering a meaningful time of learning and reflection.

♥ All are welcome—feel free to bring your lunch!



A Time to Pause

PRAYER TIME WITH JEFF

This weekly time together offers a gentle space for prayer, reflection, and connection.

🕒 Mondays at 11:00 am

All are welcome to come as you are.



Stepping Into Amherst's Story





HISTORIC WALK—JANE'S WALK RECAP

On May 1, participants met at First Baptist Church before heading out on a guided walk through downtown Amherst, exploring local history and stories along the way. Afterward, the group returned to the church to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

♥ Thank you to Ed and Roy for leading a wonderful and engaging tour!

It's been a wonderful season of connection and community!

A Month of May at FBC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30 am Worship Service 4th Sunday of Easter	27 10:30 am Watercolour Class 11:30 am Prayer Time 1:00 pm Line Dancing	28 12:00 pm Study Group 1:30 pm Tantramar Seniors College	29 2:00 pm The Travelers (Practice)	30 10:00 am Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1 1:00 pm Historic Walk	2 
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10 10:30 am Worship Service 6th Sunday of Easter & Mothers' Day	11 	12 12:00 pm Study Group 5:00 pm "Growing Forward"	13 6:30 pm Board of Management	14 10:30 am Tantramar Seniors College 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 10:30 am Worship Service 7th Sunday of Easter	18 Church & Office Closed Victoria Day	19 10:00 am Practice for White Birches	20 10:15 am Victoria Manor Service 11:00 am Northumberland Hall Service	21 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 am Plant Sale 	23
24 10:30 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Spinney Brothers Day of Pentecost	25 11:00 am Prayer Time	26 3:30 pm Christianity Intro	27 	28 10:00 am Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30
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