

CBAC Prayer Link
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

October 4: During Pastor Appreciation Month, give thanks for pastors who serve faithfully in their communities. Pray for strength, encouragement, and rest. Ask God to sustain them with hope and joy in their calling.

October 11: On Thanksgiving Sunday, give thanks for God's provision, faithfulness, and grace. Pray that gratitude would shape our lives and communities. Ask God to help us share generously from what we have received.

October 18: Pray for children's and youth ministries as leaders invest in the next generation. Ask God to renew vision, creativity, and commitment among those who serve. Pray that young people would encounter Christ in life-giving ways.

October 25: Pray for CBAC's Future Church ministry as it encourages courageous conversations about what God is calling churches to become. Ask God to inspire imagination, faith, and action. Pray for discernment as churches explore new expressions of ministry.

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.**

-Psalm 107:1



Dear First Baptist Folks,

In these shorter days, the fall colours are creeping in, the cooler temperatures are showing up, and the wonderful harvest is all around us. It is the same as every year; it is unique in its own way.

We are on the edge. The edge of summer and fall. The edge of beginning some new ministry and continuing the old. The edge of uncertainty in our world and nation. The edges, the borders, can be a rich and fertile area for new things and great possibilities. There are dangers and threats also. May we have good conversations together about our life as First Baptist Church. May we learn from our new 'Kingdom Kids' ministry what the spiritual needs are of the young ones who come to us. May we discover our voice and our prayers for this world of growing tariffs and broken trade, high costs and high violence. God calls us. Calls us together. Calls us to support one another. Calls us to give thanks whatever happens. Calls us to make a difference in this changing world. It has always been so.

May you be blessed with grateful hearts in this season, and strengthened for all the things you do that truly matter.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff G. White

FBC Christmas Tea Is Brewing!

Our **FBC Christmas Tea** will be held on **Friday, November 20, from 11:00 am–1:30 pm**, and we're looking forward to a warm and festive gathering!

Do you have decorative Christmas village houses we could borrow? We would need them approximately **five days before the Tea** to create our display. All houses will be carefully handled and ready to be returned immediately following the event.

We're also looking for **volunteers to help with:**
Serving, Morning preparation and arranging plates, Baking, Sandwich making, Cleanup.

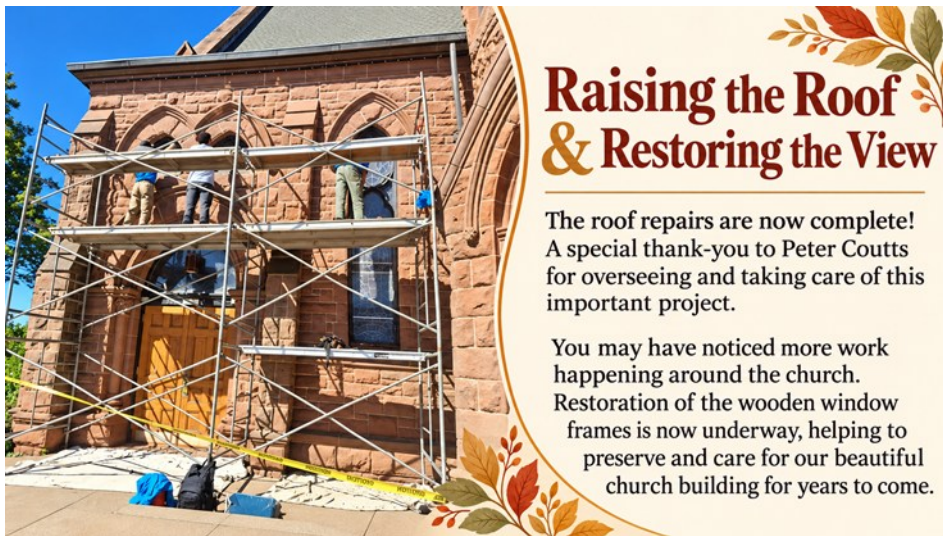
Whether you can help beforehand or on the day of the Tea, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the church office to get involved.

A Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to say a heartfelt **thank you to everyone** for your prayers, phone calls, messages, food, and all the kindness and support you have shown me during my recovery. It has meant more to me than you know!

I recently had my follow-up appointment, and I'm happy to share that my **stitches have been removed and my cast has been replaced with a boot!** Another step forward in my recovery! I miss you all very much and **can't wait until I'm able to see everyone again.** Thank you for continuing to keep me in your prayers.

With love,
Angela



Giving Thanks, Giving Back

Sharing the Fall Harvest: Today is the final day to **donate!** Fresh vegetables, fruit, preserves and other food items may be dropped off here. Suggested donations include potatoes, carrots, apples and onions. All donations will be delivered to the Amherst Food Bank before Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for sharing the season's bounty and supporting our community!

YMCA Fall Food Drive: Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, drop-offs for any food items are: Super Store, Sobeys, Walmart, or YMCA where volunteers will be available to help. Drive By Pick-Ups will also be done on town streets by designated volunteers.

SPECIAL THANK YOU for your kind thoughts and generous donation of groceries for our community Food Bank. Thank you for your willingness to share with those who truly need your blessings of food items!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a special opportunity to thank Rev. Jeff White & Rev. Byron Corkum for their leadership, care and faithful service to FBC. We are grateful for the many ways they encourage, support and walk alongside our church family & community.

From the Vestry: The Fall edition of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms “The Bulletin” is now available in the Vestry! You can also access it online : <https://www.c-abf.ca/publications>

Fall Into October

Emergency Services Memorial Day: Today (October 4) at **10:30 am**, we will gather here at FBC for a special service honouring and remembering the devoted service of our police officers, firefighters, paramedics, transport operators and all emergency service personnel.

“Growing Forward” Congregational Meal & Conversation: On Wednesday, October 7, come be part of the conversation as we **Grow Forward together!** We'll revisit the original categories, prioritize suggestions, and **welcome new ideas.** Didn't attend our first meeting in May? No problem—you are warmly invited to join us! Planning to attend? Please **sign up on the sheet in the Vestry or reach out to the church office** to help us plan for the meal.

5:00 pm Gather 5:30 pm Meal 6:15 pm Group Conversations

Robert Thomas and the sessionmen Friday, October 9 at 7:00 pm here at FBC. Enjoy an evening of original songs and the stories behind them. Tickets are available online at [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

Fibre Arts Festival Quilt Show: Step into our beautiful Sanctuary and enjoy a stunning display of quilts during the Fibre Arts Festival! **Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17 10:00 am–4:00 pm each day.** Come admire the beautiful colours, patterns, creativity and craftsmanship on display.

Congregational Brunch: Join us in the **Christie Room** following worship on **Sunday, October 25**, for scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon and breakfast potatoes! All donations will support the **Benevolent Fund**, helping provide assistance within our community, including our Christmas Cheer Boxes and other important needs.

Kingdom Kids: Kingdom Kids meets every **Tuesday from 6:00–7:30 pm** for children ages **5–12**. Looking to register? Visit **Kingdom Kids at First Baptist Church** on Facebook to find the registration link, or email the church office at ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca. Interested in **volunteering**? Whether you can help occasionally or regularly, please contact Angela at **(902) 667-2001** or email the church office. **A Criminal Record Check is required.**



Doing so will mean that each of us will need to pay closer attention to the labels on waste bins, ask questions when we are unsure, and organize our waste a little more carefully when we gather for congregational meals and events. With greater awareness of the issue and a commitment to the words in our covenant, *“To care for the earth, our common home...”*, we hope to make this change in the coming months. A question-and-answer session is being planned, so watch for details.

Let’s get greener—together!

3. It is becoming more important than ever to understand the difference between CBAC and CABF

Confused by the acronyms? You’re not alone! Even among the Board of Deacons, it can sometimes be unclear which organization we mean when we refer to “CBAC” and “CABF.”

Following two motions passed at the August annual meeting of CBAC (more familiar to many of us simply as “Convention”), some important decisions are now before us. Jeff will be considering his options regarding his pastoral credentialing, and our congregation will also have an opportunity to discuss what these developments might mean for us.

There is some history, tradition, and a few significant events and people to sort through—but we’ll do our best to make it clear, understandable, and engaging!

Plan to stay for a **light snack in the parlour** after church on **Sunday, October 18**, and join us for an opportunity to become **better informed about what is becoming an interesting and significant chapter in the life of First Baptist Amherst.**

From the deacons: Did you know?

The **board of deacons** currently consists of **9 members** of the church: Cynthia McCarthy (chair), Sandy Corkum (Vice-chair), Sherrill Pettigrew (secretary), Debby Creamer, Nancy Allen, Susan Colquhoun, Marina Godfrey, Greg Wilson, and Tammy Arseneau. In addition **Ed Colquhoun and Susan Colquhoun** were named **Honourary Deacons** as of a congregational vote in

We would like to bring your attention to a few items from the September 24th meeting:

1. Our church Inclusion Statement begins, “Because we believe that Jesus taught and practiced an inclusive discipleship of equals...”

For the past four years, we have flown the Pride flag outside our church during June in support of Pride Month in Cumberland. However, in keeping with our Inclusion Statement, our commitment to inclusion extends throughout the year. Following thoughtful discussion and a motion, the decision was made to display a Pride flag inside the church as an ongoing expression of welcome and support. This action is consistent with the same spirit of hospitality and inclusion that led us to modify our church pews to better accommodate people who use wheelchairs.

2. Considering a more thoughtful relationship with the Earth and its care

You may be aware that our current waste removal service does not, in fact, sort waste at its final destination. Perhaps, knowing this, we have all become a little less careful about sorting waste here at church than we are at home. We think we can do better! An alternative waste service is used by one of our neighbouring churches. We are considering making the switch.



Active in Mission Birding – Jeff White

I was not nearly as ambitious as in other years, and just reported **68 species to eBird this summer**. So, I donate \$68 dollars to Canadian Baptist Ministries' *Active in Mission* project. I thank a number of you who joined me for my walks, and made some donations. Here are the species I reported, with your help, from June 1st through September 1st.

1. American Black Duck	24. Common Tern	47. Palm Warbler
2. American Crow	25. Common Yellowthroat	48. Pied-billed Grebe
3. American Goldfinch	26. Crested Caracara	49. Purple Finch
4. American Herring Gull	27. Double-crested Cormorant	50. Red-eyed Vireo
5. American Kestrel	28. Eastern Kingbird	51. Red-winged Blackbird
6. American Redstart	29. European Starling	52. Ring-billed Gull
7. American Robin	30. Gadwall	53. Ring-necked Duck
8. American Wigeon	31. Great Black-backed Gull	54. Ring-necked Pheasant
9. Bald Eagle	32. Great Blue Heron	55. Rock Pigeon
10. Barn Swallow	33. Greater Yellowlegs	56. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
11. Barred Owl	34. Gray Catbird	57. Savannah Sparrow
12. Black-and-white Warbler	35. Green-winged Teal	58. Semipalmated Plover
13. Black-capped Chickadee	36. Hermit Thrush	59. Semipalmated Sandpiper
14. Blue Jay	37. Mallard	60. Song Sparrow
15. Blue-winged Teal	38. Mourning Dove	61. Spotted Sandpiper
16. Bobolink	39. Nelson's Sparrow	62. Tree Swallow
17. Canada Goose	40. Northern Flicker	63. Turkey Vulture
18. Cedar Waxwing	41. Northern Gannet	64. White-throated Sparrow
19. Chestnut-sided Warbler	42. Northern Harrier	65. White-winged Crossbill
20. Chipping Sparrow	43. Northern Parula	66. Wood Duck
21. Common Grackle	44. Northern Yellow Warbler	67. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
22. Common Merganser	45. Osprey	68. Yellow-rumped Warbler
23. Common Raven	46. Ovenbird	



Month of October 2026 at FBC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30 am Worship Service	28 	29 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Church & Office Closed	1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	3 3:00 pm Wedding (Private Event)
4 10:30 am Worship Service: Emergency Services	5 10:00 am Tant. Sr. College 1:00 pm Line Dancing 4:00 pm IODE	6 1:00 pm Book Club 4:00 pm Board of CE 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	7 5:00 pm “Growing Forward” Congregational Meal & Conversation	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00 pm Concert: Robert and the sessionmen	10 
11 10:30 am Worship Service	12 Happy Thanksgiving Church & Office Closed	13 9:00 am Tant. Sr. College 10:00 am Practice for White Birches 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids 6:30 pm Board of Management	14 10:00 am Tant. Sr. College	15 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 2:00 pm Fibre Arts Set-up 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 am Fibre Arts Quilt Show	17 10:00 am Fibre Arts Quilt Show
18 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Snack & Conversation	19 10:00 am Tant. Sr. College 1:00 pm Line Dancing	20 9:00 am Tant. Sr. College 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	21 10:15 am Gables Lodge Service 11:00 am Centennial Villa Service	22 1:30 pm Tant. Sr. College 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 	24 1:00 pm Bridal Shower (Private Event)
25 10:30 am Worship Service (Rev. Byron) 12:00 pm Cong. Brunch	26 10:00 am Tant. Sr. College 1:00 pm Line Dancing	27 9:00 am Tant. Sr. College 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	28 	29 1:30 pm Tant. Sr. College 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 3:00 pm Wedding Ceremony (Private Event) Happy Halloween