

CBAC Prayer Link

(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

September 7: Pray this week for the CBAC Youth & Family Team, including Dan Pyke (Director) and Laura Bennett (Associate Director). Ask God to give them vision, creativity, and perseverance as they work to inspire and support leaders for the next generation across Atlantic Canada. Thank God for their passion, dedication, and commitment to serving churches, young people, and their leaders.

September 14: Pray for pastors seeking healing and refreshment through the Sozo Centre for Soul Care. Ask God to provide rest, renewal, and a deep sense of God's presence as they take intentional steps toward wholeness. Pray for the Cheryl Ann Beals as she and her team direct this ministry, that they would offer wisdom and compassion to those they serve.

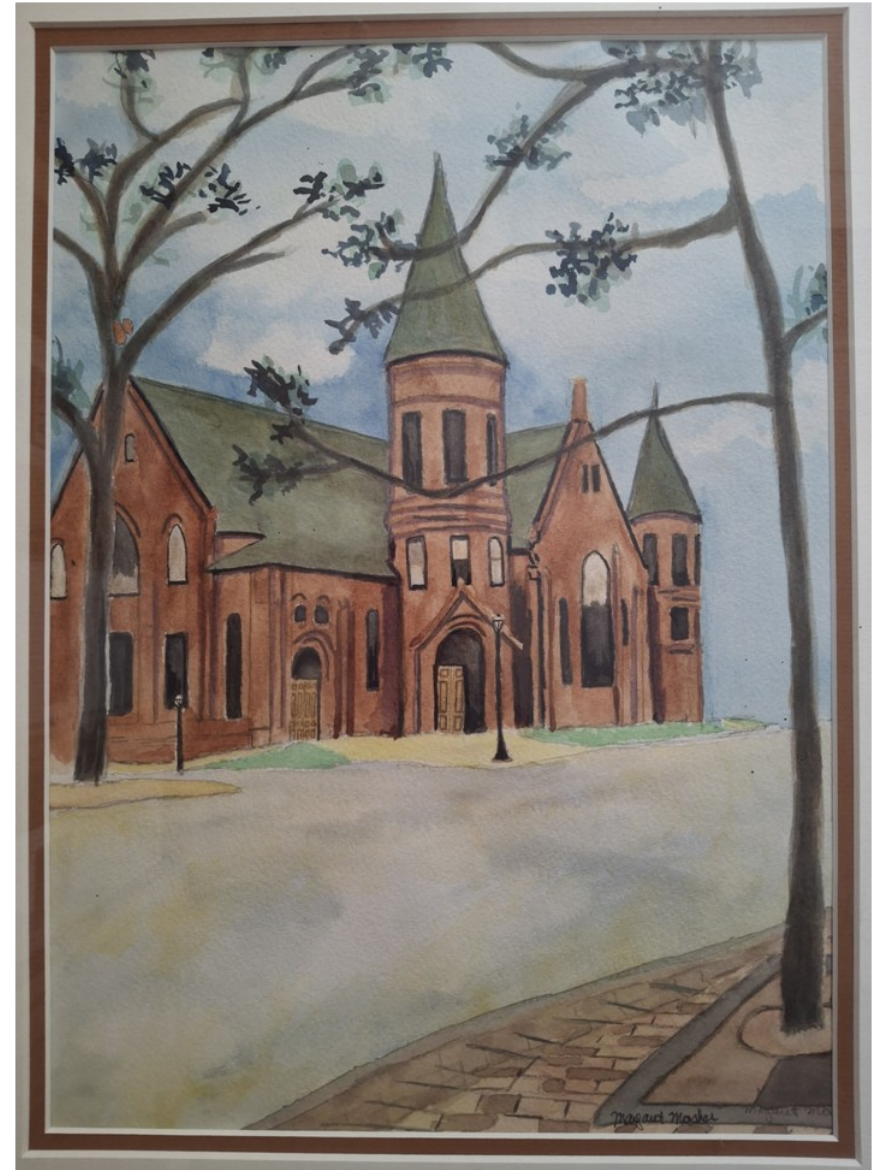
September 21: Pray for the staff of the CBAC as they work to support and resource churches, pastors, and leaders across Atlantic Canada. Pray for Executive Minister Renée MacVicar as she leads the CBAC team. Ask God to grant them wisdom, creativity, and energy as they serve. Pray for unity and encouragement as they carry out the important work entrusted to them.

September 28: Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Pray for recognition and repentance on behalf of ourselves and the Canadian church for the harms that have been done, and sometimes continue to be done, to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. Pray for the continued work in Canada to respond to the Calls to Actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Reflector

September 2025

Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



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First Baptist Church Amherst

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Prayer Time

Mondays at 1:15 pm. Led by Jeff White, the sessions in September will include *lectio divina*, meditating upon scripture. October we will use classic prayers from history.

Universal Portrait Studios LTD

It's time to create **a new Church Photo Directory** - a record of who we are and how we connect! Universal Portrait Studios will be here on **September 15, 16 and 17** to create your Keepsake Portrait for inclusion in the directory and as something you may hand down through the generations. Single or family portraits can be arranged. **Booking information cards are on the table in the vestry. Pick up a card today to reserve your sitting time.**

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.

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.

Offering Options

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

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 !!**

Congregational Luncheon

Join us for a **Congregational Luncheon** following the worship service on **Sunday, September 21**. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food together—the lunch menu will be a *surprise*! All donations to support the work of our Benevolent Committee.

Sunday School

Did you hear the good news? Rev. Marlene is starting **Sunday School**? It will begin on **Sunday, September 21**. We will all come to church, after story time, Rev. Marlene along with her volunteer will take us out to the **Parlour** for Sunday School. This will be a time to hear some of the stories from the Bible. Rev. Marlene is currently working on the rainbow story known as Noah's Ark. This will be our first story and maybe there will be a craft or two along with some pictures to colour. **This is for ages 5-12**. Come and bring a friend. -Rev. Marlene

Emergency Services Memorial Day

Sunday, September 28th, Emergency Services Memorial Day will be observed, during our morning worship service, at **10:30 am**. We will welcome local Firefighters, Paramedics, Police, and other visitors. This is the first time in some years that this will be integrated into the morning service.

REGULAR, REPEATING MINISTRIES

Volunteers for September

Flowers: Susan Colquhoun; **Communion Clean-up:** Lloyd & Marilyn Munroe; **Ushering & Offering: Team Two:** Marjorie Rushton, Judy Sutherland, Kim Delong, Lloyd Munroe, Ken Embree (Team Leader), Marilyn Munroe, Gordon Jackson, Derek Livingstone.

CABF's Assembly and Annual General Meeting

October 3-4, 2025 First Baptist Church Amherst, NS

We get the privilege of hosting this fall's session and annual meeting of the **Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada**. It is a great opportunity for us to have fellowship together with Baptists from across Nova Scotia and Canada. (Zoom Available for Some Sessions).

Friday, Oct. 3:

6:30pm: Registration
7:00pm: Welcome and Announcements
7:15pm: Guest Speaker: Robert Seymour Wright
(Zoom link will be available to those registered)
8:45pm: Communion Service
9:10pm: Refreshments
9:30pm: Goodnight

Saturday, Oct. 4:

9:30am: Registration
9:45am: Devotion
10:00am: Refreshments
10:15am: Guest Speaker: Robert Seymour Wright
(Zoom link will be available to those registered)
11:45am: Lunch
1:00pm: CABF Annual General Meeting
(no fee Zoom link will be available)
2:30pm Adjournment

Guest Speaker: **Robert Seymour Wright** is a queer, African Nova Scotian Social Worker and Sociologist whose 35 year career has spanned the fields of education, child welfare, forensic mental health, trauma, sexual violence, and cultural competence. He recently completed terms of service as the founding Executive Director of both the Peoples' Counselling Clinic, the African Nova Scotian Justice Institute.

To register online, use the link on the CABF webpage:

<https://c-abf.ca/events/cabf-events>

September 2025 at First Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Christie Fund Mtg.	1 Labour Day Holiday Church & Office Closed	2 	3 4:00 pm Board of CE	4 10:00 am Christmas Cheer Mtg. 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 10:30 am Worship Service Congregational Meeting	8 1:15 pm Prayer Time 4:00 pm IODE	9 6:30 pm Board of Management	10	11 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 
14 10:30 am Worship Service	15 12:00 pm Universal Portraits 1:15 pm Prayer Time	16 12:00 pm Universal Portraits	17 12:00 pm Universal Portraits	18 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:30 am Luncheon 2:00 pm Valdy Concert	22 1:15 pm Prayer Time First Day of Fall	23 	24 10:15 am Centennial Villa Service 11:00 am Gables Lodge Service	25 10:00 am Deacons Mtg. 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 	27
28 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School Emergency Service Memorial	29 1:15 pm Prayer Time	30	1 4:00 pm Board of CE	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 CABF's Assembly & Annual General Meeting	4 CABF's Assembly & Annual General Meeting