

CBAC Prayer Link
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

September 6: Pray for the CBAC Youth & Family team as they support leaders and churches ministering to students and families across Atlantic Canada. Ask God to grant vision, creativity, and perseverance in their work. Pray that young people and families would be nurtured in faith and community.

September 13: Pray for CBAC staff and executive leadership as they serve churches across the region. Ask God to grant wisdom, unity, and energy in their work. Pray for encouragement and joy as they support the shared mission of the CBAC family.

September 20: Pray for Connections ministries across the CBAC, including coaching and care. Ask God to form hope-filled relationships that bring guidance and support. Pray for clarity, resilience, and renewed confidence for leaders engaging in these ministries.

September 27: As the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches, pray prayers of remembrance, repentance, and commitment. Ask God to guide the Church in responding faithfully to the Calls to Action. Pray for justice, healing, and renewed relationships.

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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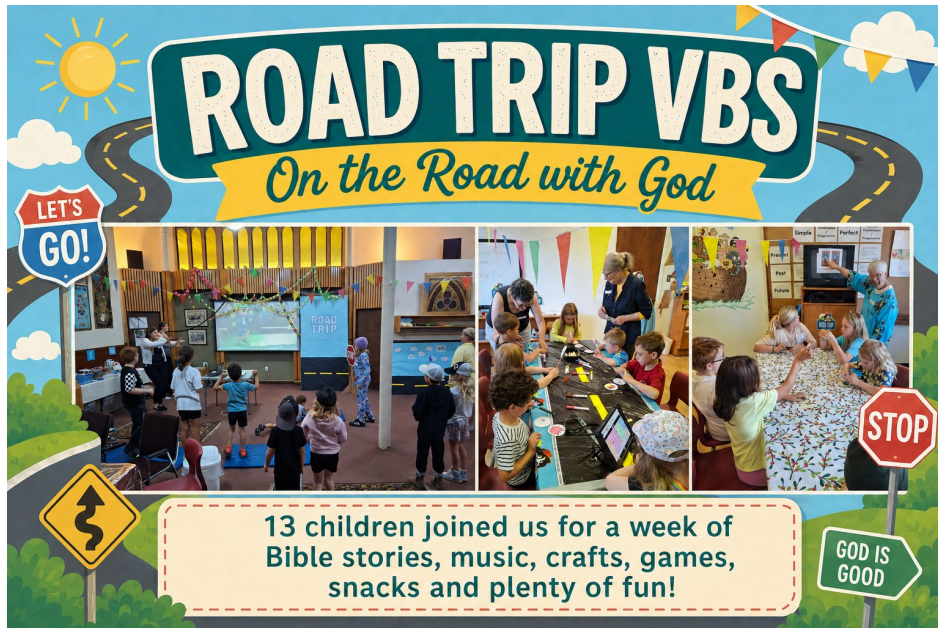
Kingdom Kids Program Leader Mackinley Mace

SEPTEMBER REFLECTOR 2026



**The Lord your God go with you
wherever you go - Joshua 1:9**

Summer Adventures



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make our summer camps fun, welcoming, and successful!



Help Restock the Amherst Food Bank

Following a busy summer, the **Amherst Food Bank** could make use of a few things should you wish to donate. Here are some suggestions: Kraft Dinner, Boxed Cereals, Oatmeal Packets, Instant Coffee (any size), Pancake Mix (for families) Canned veggies, Canned Fruit. **Any grocery bags would also be welcome as they are used each day.** (Ample supply of clean bottles for now but continue to save them please). Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.

Let's Put Some "GIVING" into Thanksgiving!

Sharing the Fall Harvest: The church will be collecting donations of fresh vegetables, fruit, preserves and any other food items **on or before Sunday, October 4.** Suggested items include potatoes, carrots, apples and onions. All donations will be delivered to the Amherst Food Bank before Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for helping us share the season's bounty and make a difference in our community!

STAY CONNECTED WITH FBC!

There are many ways to keep up with church news, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved:



FACEBOOK

Follow the First Baptist Church Amherst Facebook page for reminders, photos and the latest updates.



WEBSITE

Visit www.firstbaptistamherst.com for church information, worship details and upcoming events.



MONTHLY REFLECTOR

Would you like The Reflector delivered by email? Contact Angela at ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca to be added to the mailing list.



CONNECT WITH US CARDS

Cards are available on the tables in the Vestry. Use one to request information, update your contact details, ask for prayer or let us know how you would like to get involved.

Stay informed, stay involved and stay connected with your FBC church family!

Fall Into October

Emergency Services Annual Service
Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 am

Robert Thomas & the Sessionmen
Friday, October 9 at 7:00 pm
Tickets available through Eventbrite.ca
& the Church Office

Fibre Arts Festival Quilt Show
In the FBC Sanctuary
Fri., October 16 & Sat., October 17
10:00 am–4:00 pm each day



Watch for complete
details in the
October newsletter!



What a summer it has been!
From VBS and our fire station adventure to movie morning, our summer was filled with laughter, learning, friendship, and wonderful memories!



Summer Worship & Repairs



RAISING THE ROOF!

Church Roof Repair Update

Work on the church roof began at the end of July and renovations are still underway.

We are grateful for the progress being made and appreciate everyone's patience as this important work continues.

Throughout the summer, First Baptist and Trinity-St. Stephen's shared worship, friendship and fellowship as our two congregations gathered together.

On July 26, we worshipped outdoors in Victoria Square and enjoyed a BBQ together!

I attended **Oasis in August** (First Baptist's only representative), in Wolfville, the annual meeting and gathering of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. Here is a very brief report of just a few things I observed. Among the people elected to the many boards and committees and roles was Linda Matthews (PE) to be our Vice President for the next year. Our President is now Rev. Michael Palmer (NB), and Past President Dr. Crystal Todd (NS). The 2026-2027 CBAC Budget passed, with proposed expenditures of \$1,961,166. Next year's meeting will be in Moncton. The **two motions, below**, that came to the floor **did pass and now go into effect, for better, for worse**.

- ◆ That the CBAC Assembly adopt the proposed policy on Dual Affiliation (as outlined below), to be included in the Ministerial Professional Standards. This new standard would be added to "Section 3: Code of Ethics" as a new section. Credentialed pastors will be given one year, as of August 7, 2026, to comply or apply for an exception, as outlined in the new policy.
- ◆ That the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada adopt the proposed "Process for Termination of Membership from the CBAC," as circulated, as a formal process to give fair effect to Section 3.09(c) of the CBAC General Operating Bylaws.

Before August, and now following, I have been part of some online meetings of leaders from various Baptist Churches in Atlantic Canada, who have been concerned with these developments. Our conversations continue. As you may know, I am 'dually affiliated' myself, recognized as an ordained Baptist minister since 1998 by the CBAC, and since 2013 by the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (when they began to recognize and accredit ministers). So I now have about eleven months to choose to keep my affiliation with either the CBAC or the CABF.

Jeff G. White

Step Into September!

Back to School—A New Beginning! September brings new classrooms, fresh routines and exciting opportunities to learn and grow. Best wishes to all students, teachers, school staff and families for a safe, happy and successful school year!

Summer Wrap-Up Carnival: On Sunday, September 6, from 4:00–6:00 pm, we will be hosting a Summer Wrap-Up Carnival for registered children and their families. The afternoon will feature food, games, prizes and plenty of fun!

Congregational Brunch: Join us on Sunday, September 13, following the morning service for a delicious brunch featuring scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and breakfast potatoes! All donations will support the **Benevolent Fund**.

Baptism: We will celebrate the Baptism of Angela Marks on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 pm at the Tidnish River on Ketchum Drive (Tidnish Bridge Hwy 366). Rain Date: Wednesday, September 16. All are welcome to attend this event.

Kingdom Kids! A brand-new weekly program for children ages 5–12, beginning Tuesday, September 15! Kingdom Kids will meet every Tuesday from 6:00–7:30 pm here at FBC. We will provide a fun, welcoming and safe place where children can build friendships, grow in faith and discover ways to make a difference. Kingdom Kids is all about creating a place where children can be themselves, make new friends, have fun and grow together in God's love.

Program Leaders: Mackinley Mace & Angela Marks

For more information:

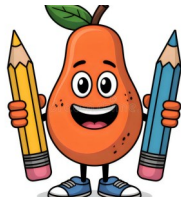
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Worship Under The Summer Sky



Month of September at FBC 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 am Worship at TSSUC	31 	1 9:00 am AIM Birding: Sackville Quarry	2 4:00 pm Board of CE	3 	4	5 
6 10:30 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Carnival Event	7 Labour Day Office & Church Closed	8 6:30 pm Board of Mgmt.	9 	10 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 	12 9:00 am AA Round-Up
13 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Congregational Brunch	14 10:00 am White Birches Practice 4:00 pm IODE 6:00 pm Baptism: Tidnish	15 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	16 6:00 pm Baptism Rain Date	17 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 
20 10:30 am Worship Service	21 	22 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids First Day of Fall	23 10:15 am Gables Lodge Service 11:00 am Centennial Villa Service	24 10:00 am Board of Deacons 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 	26
27 10:30 am Worship Service	28 	29 6:00 pm Kingdom Kids	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 