

Welcome to
Bedford Baptist Church
Service of Worship – November 27, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

Enter His Gates With Praise

Call To Worship

Prelude

Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Kevin

**Time of Praise*

Worship Team

Lighting of the 1st Candle of Advent—“Hope”

Carol #25 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Service Of Believer’s Baptism

Don Mosher

Song “In Christ Alone”

(KidZone Children may head downstairs during singing of last verse)

Our Response To Him

Tithes & Offering

Pastor Bob

Offertory

**Offertory Response* #600 “Praise God From Whom...”

Ministry of Music “Cold December Winds” Sanctuary Choir

Reception of New Members

Prayers of the People

Pastor Ida

Ministry Of The Word

Scripture John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, NT pp. 91-92)

Sermon **A Baby And Me?**

Pastor Bob

**Carol* #59 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**Benediction*

Postlude

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WELCOME!

- We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship and fellowship with us this morning. If you are a first time visitor with us, please take time to fill out a "Welcome Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.
- Parents of small children (under age 3) may take them to our Nursery, where a caring staff will supervise them. We also have a Pre-School Program (ages 3-5) that runs during our Worship Service in the Church Time Pre-School Room. One of our ushers would be happy to help you locate either one of these facilities.
- Elementary School children are invited to take part in our KidZone program which starts after the first part of our Worship Service downstairs in the Vestry.

About Us

Bedford Baptist Church has been a part of this community for 112 years. We seek to be a fellowship of believers building on the principles of love, grace, and compassion as first modeled by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To that end, we offer a wide variety of programs and services for every age group. On a larger scale, we are affiliated with the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches & Canadian Baptist Ministries.

Staff

Ministers – All Of Us!

Rev. Robert Ohsberg	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Dr. Ida Whitehouse	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Lic. Kevin Haggarty	<i>Youth Pastor</i>
Rev. Nelson Metcalfe	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
Mrs. Lianne MacMinn	<i>Ministry of Music</i>
Lic. Miriam MacDonald	<i>Supervised Field Education Student</i>
Lic. Heather Cox	<i>Supervised Field Education Student</i>
Mr. Peter Metcalfe	<i>Office Administrator</i>
Mr. Joel Scott	<i>Caretaker</i>

Please Be In Prayer For Our Sick & Shut-In

IWK	Dawson Sangster
Halifax Veteran's Memorial	Mr. Bill Gallant
Halifax Infirmary	Mrs. Eleanor Reeves (Tony Reeves' mother)
Walter Reid Veteran's Hospital	Mr. Adam Keys (Herman & Vivian's Nephew)
Ivany Place	Mrs. Evelyn Ross Ms. Brenda Carson Mrs. Freda Bender Mr. & Mrs. Albert & Ruth Moulton
St. Vincent's Nursing Home	Mrs. Barb Bishop
Dykeland Lodge	Mrs. Helen Beeler
Parkland Estates (Cameron Hall)	Mrs. Norma Sutherland
Parkstone	Mrs. Beth Kennedy Mrs. Ruby Shuve (Nancy Ohsberg's mother)
Windsor Elms	Mrs. Marjorie Levy (Marlene Davies' Mother)
Berkeley Retirement Residence	Mrs. Lola Freeman (Judi Hayes' Mother)
At Home	Mrs. Sydney Derrah (Carolyn Derrah-Murphy's Mother) Ms. Carol Lumsden Mrs. Hilda MacDonald (Tena Poirier's Mother) Mrs. Ruth Chiasson Mr. Alistair MacLeod Mrs. Bev Giffin

Last Week's Offering (November 20, 2011)

TOTAL= \$6,519.74

<u>OFFERING BREAKDOWN</u>	
<u>Total Annual Budget = \$388,400</u>	
Last Week's Offering Towards Budget	\$ 6,484.74
Weekly Offering Needed To Make Budget	\$ 7,469.23
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	- \$ 984.49
Year To Date Surplus/Deficit	- \$ 31,554.12
<u>Special Donations & Non-Budget Offering</u>	
Total	\$ 35.00

Week At A Glance

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 27TH – DECEMBER 4TH		
<i>Today</i>	1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
	10:45 am	KidZone
	3:00 pm	Intergenerational
	5:15 pm	Spaghetti Supper
	6:30 pm	Hanging of the Greens
	6:30 pm	Youth Fireside
<i>Monday</i>	7:00 pm	Board of Deacons
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:15 am	Ladies Alive
	9:30 am	Preschool Playgroup
	2:00 pm	Friendship Circle
	7:00 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	College & Career
	7:00 pm	McLean Home Bible Study
<i>Wednesday</i>	9:30 am	LAFF
	12:30 pm	Just Desserts
	6:30 pm	Hi/KidVenture
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Thursday</i>	2:00 pm	Jean Rushton WMS
	7:00 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Girls in Motion
<i>Next Sunday</i>	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (BENEVOLENT SUNDAY)	
	10:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer
	10:30 am	Communion Service
	10:30 am	Nursery (Nancy Ohsberg & Kaleigh Rand)
	10:30 am	Preschool
	10:45 am	KidZone
	6:30 pm	Youth Fireside

Servants in the Lord's Work

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Deacon On Duty</i>	Kathy Cochrane	Graham Starratt
<i>Greeters</i>	Graham & Tanya Starratt	Al & Daneen Dakin
<i>Sound</i>	Warwick White	Peter Metcalfe
<i>Tellers</i>	Leela Bates & Marlene Davies	Arlene Metcalfe & Audrey Currie

Worship Service Attendance

Last Week: 203 Year Ago 237

Our Daily Bread

The next edition of *Our Daily Bread* (December 2011 – February 2012) is now in and available in the foyer.

News & Events

Convention Prayer Link

As Christmas approaches, please pray for our missionaries including both those who are currently serving in the field as well as those on home assignment. Pray particularly for those who are far away from family members, friends and colleagues. Pray also that their investments may reveal the Gift of the Christ-child within the communities in which they minister.

Our Prayer Initiative

We are invited to join together in prayer for one another. As we move through our fellowship alphabetically, look for your name to appear. If it doesn't, please let Peter know, for we wish to be in prayer for YOU. This week, please be in prayer for: John, Lianne, Matthew, Jamie & Gillian MacMinn, Catherine MacMullin & David Barss, Ivan, Marg & Stephen MacPhee, and David, Karen, Meaghan, Emily & Christopher MacRae.

Birthday Greetings

Best wishes are extended to Myrtle Mayhew who is celebrating her 83rd birthday on November 29th.

Thank You

Many thanks to all the church members for the expressions of sympathy on the passing of my sister, Marion, in Peterborough Ontario. The family appreciated all the prayers, calls, cards and pastoral visits.

Betty Short & Family

Church Treasurer

The Nominating Committee is seeking a Church Treasurer. If you have been blessed with the gift of financial expertise and would like to serve the Lord in this area please call Sharon Higgins @865-2680.

News & Events (Cont'd.)

Just Desserts

The next meeting of the "Just Desserts" group will take place at the home of Ron & Norma McLean (9 Lisa Court, Hammonds Plains) on Wednesday, November 30th starting at 12:30 pm. As usual, this is a potluck lunch gathering. If you have any questions or need directions, please call Ron & Norma (835-1787).

Return From India Mission

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. It was an incredible experience of teaching Christian leaders in West Bengal. We received a warm welcome from all that we met. We saw God's hand at work among these faithful Christians in India.

Blessings.

Kathy Cochrane & Rev. Ida

Membership Amendment

A special business meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 10:30 am. The purpose of the meeting will be for our members to vote on the proposed membership amendment (see insert). Please remember this decision in prayer. Deacons will be available to contact, if you have any questions, between now and the meeting. Also, if you need transportation to the meeting, call the Church Office.

Free Sewing Machine

Free to a good home - The sewing machine and stand located in the Heffler Room is no longer of use to our church. Anyone who wishes to have it, please call the office to make arrangements to pick it up. Or for details, you may call Nancy Duffy 860-3591.

News & Events (Cont'd.)

Gifts For KidVenture

KidVenture will soon be seeking to share the lesson with the children that Christmas is the season for giving. There will be an upcoming evening where the kids can “shop” for gifts for other members of their family. Once they pick out their gifts the children will wrap and label them and take them home to put under the tree. This is where you come in! We need small gifts for men, women, and children so that our KidVenture youth will have items to “shop” for. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Church Office.

Christmas Beacon House Project—COMPLETED!

Thanks to your more than generous efforts we have reached our goal of being able to provide Beacon House with 450 cans of fruit for the Christmas boxes that they are preparing! We'll still take over any more cans that come in but we are so pleased to announce that we reached our goal a week early! Thanks to all who contributed!

Regional Minister Retirement Party

You are invited to a Retirement Celebration for our Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Frank J. Guinta, Jr. This will take place at First Baptist Church, Dartmouth on Saturday, December 3rd from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. A love offering will be given to Dr. Frank. All are welcome.

Poinsetta Donations

If anyone would like to donate a poinsettia for the Sanctuary in honour or memory of loved ones, it would be much appreciated. They can be dropped off at the office (mornings only) any time after Dec 1st.

News & Events (Cont'd.)

Hospice House

There will be an Open House at Hospice House on Saturday, November 26th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 27th from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm. There is a lot to show as renovations are proceeding at a very fast pace with the help of so many volunteers. Everyone welcome.

Tiller Needed

Walter and Zephaniah have followed through on the plan to expand the church garden by about 40%. The process of tilling the old and new sections was almost completed when Walter's tiller quit on him. If any member of the congregation has, or knows of, a tiller that is gathering dust and not dirt, he would appreciate the chance to adopt, borrow, or make an offer for a replacement tiller with which to continue the garden work as soon as conditions make it possible next spring. Call 865-3355 or leave a message at the church office

Seniors Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing

Our Seniors Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 pm in our church gym. It will be "pot luck" this year, rather than being catered as in previous years, therefore there will be no charge. Seniors from Faith Baptist, Lower Sackville will be joining us.

The folks from Faith will provide dessert and rolls. We will be responsible for the main dishes. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer next Sunday for you to indicate the main dish you wish to provide, i.e. casserole or salad. Following dinner we will enjoy a carol-sing.

Opportunity will be given for a small donation to help cover any costs that may occur.