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# TIDAL IMPACT 2011 THE WAVE IS BUILDING!

Every two years a wave of youth sweeps over our region. From July 16-22, nearly 1000 youth will converge on central New Brunswick for Tidal Impact 2011 (TI 2011), the largest known youth mission tour in North America. Through partnerships with local churches between Fredericton & Woodstock, youth will flood the area to participate in ministry opportunities including a food drive and a garbage cleanup. They will take the Upper River Valley by storm impacting thousands of people for Jesus Christ.

#### "I put my life in God's hand and let God take control." Youth, TI 2009

Guest speakers Dave Currie, Duffy Robbins and our own Lennett Anderson will bring messages that will challenge both youth and leaders. Evening rallies will also feature high energy worship, and student dramas. The final rallies are open to the public as an opportunity to join Tidal Impact participants in worship.

The executive and their planning teams have been working for the past year preparing for TI 2011. Members of the executive team include Rene Robichaud (Camp Shiktehawk), Jody LeBouthillier (Brunswick Street), Sarah Dail (Greenwood Drive), Brandon Thompson (Hartland), Melissa Trites (Atlantic Baptist Youth), Jacqueline Derrah (CABC), and Dale Stairs (CABC). In the past, we have welcomed participants from across Canada, US and even Europe. This year, a team of twenty from Ireland are registered and interest from other regions has been expressed. This is very exciting!



Come to TI 2011 and be swept by a wave of God's love that will roar across our region and ripple around the world. Registration is now open for both visiting and host churches. (www.tidalimpact.ca). If you have questions, please contact the Tidal Impact registrar jacqueline.derrah@baptist-atlantic.ca.

### "Our youth always come back from TI more on fire and more connected."

Rev. Renée Embree, Main Street Baptist



# Children's Ministry Networking Day



An opportunity for those overseeing Children's Ministry in their church to network, encourage, and learn from each other. April 14, 2011 Immanuel Baptist Church, Truro, NS (Pre-registration required) www.baptist-atlantic.ca/childrens-

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# TIDAL TO IMPACT

# FREDERICTON WOODSTOCK JULY 16-22, 2011

REGISTER YOUR CHURCH Both host and visiting churches register and pay the \$149 church registration fee.

#### JANUARY START TEAM PREPARATION

In order to have the best Tidal Impact experience you need to spiritually prepare as well as plan logistics.

FEBRUARY INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION Now is the time to get commitments from individuals. A \$30 deposit must be submitted to hold a place for each participant.

## JUNE FINAL PAYMENT DUE

The balance of \$99 for each participant must be submitted.

#### DETAILS ABOUT ALL OF THESE STEPS CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.TIDALIMPACT.CA

# **BIVOCATIONAL MINISTRY**

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Pastor Brian Johnston is one of our pastors that had served as a bivocational pastor is.

Brian has been Pastor of Zion United Baptist Church (AUBA) in Truro, NS, since 2001. While taking on the responsibility of pastoral duties, Brian was a member of the Halifax Regional Police Force as a Detective Constable in the Criminal Investigation Divi-

sion. He joined the Dartmouth Police Force in 1980 and retired in April of this year after 30 years of service. Brian is married to Hope and they have two daughters.

Here are a few questions we asked Brian about his role as a bivocational pastor:

#### **CABC:** "Were there elements of your role on the Police Force that helped you in your ministry?"

Brian: "I was fortunate in that I was able to see people at their worst and at their best and was able to use this in my police work as well as in ministry settings. I believe that both vocations



complemented each other. There were times when I think some people have felt they had a reason to not to confide in me, but, overall, I believe that I was able to overcome and demonstrate that you can be a bivocational person and do justice to both professions. The common question asked of me was 'How do you find the time and energy to do both, and at the high degree that you do both?' My answer was and will continue to be, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'"

> **CABC:** "Balancing life can be tough these days. What challenges did you face in trying to balance your vocation, ministry and family life?"

**Brian:** "The challenges were great. I believe that of anyone, my wife and family were the ones who suffered the most. The shift

work involved with police work in the early years was difficult, missed birthdays, anniversaries, school plays, Christmas concerts, dance recitals etc. Vacations were usually used to attend church functions such as Association and Convention, but we got through it and I would encourage others that if that's where God is leading you, allow Him to and trust Him to work it out for you."

Follow this link to read the entire article: http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/news\_events/ bivocational-ministry



