

2018 SUNDAY PRAYER LINK
January – May 2018
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

January 7, 2018

- **Happy New Year!** As you gather together for worship today, celebrate and give thanks to God for this new beginning. Consider Isaiah 43:19 – *“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”* Consider what “something new” may be in your own life, your church and your neighbourhood. Where is God asking you to join him?
- **Church to pray for:** Inglewood United Baptist Church, Bridgetown, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); Pastor Cathy Batson.

January 14, 2018

- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Peter Reid, CBAC Executive Minister**, as he begins a sabbatical which will conclude April 30, 2018. Pray that God will allow this to be a time of learning, reflection and rest for him. Rev. Greg Jones will serve as the primary contact working closely along with the other two Associate Executive Ministers – Rev. Dr. Garth Williams & Rev. Kevin Vincent.
- Pray for our **vocational children’s & youth pastors and camp directors** as they meet this week for **The Summit** (Jan. 14-15, Halifax, NS). May this be a time of encouragement and challenge as they minister to the next generation, equip leaders, and inspire young people in their journey of faith. Please pray for protection over their lives and their families, pray for decisions they need to make, and pray for energy and balance as they faithfully serve.
- **Church to pray for:** Alma Baptist Church, Alma, NB (Albert Association, Region 3); Pastor Paul Steeves.

January 21, 2018

- Pray for the **CBAC staff** as they begin a new year of serving each of our churches & associations. Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as they offer assistance, develop resources, and plan events that inspire and equip churches and leaders to be all that God is calling them to be. Take a minute and send a note to the staff this week – cbac@baptist-atlantic.ca.
- **Church to pray for:** Jeddore United Baptist Church, Jeddore, NS (Halifax, Region 6); Rev. Aubrey Deslatte.

January 28, 2018

- Pray for **Rev. Greg Jones**, Interim Executive Minister, Associate Executive Minister and Director of the Centre for Congregational Renewal. Greg works alongside many churches as they seek God’s direction toward resurrection and renewal. Take a moment this week to send Greg a note of encouragement (greg.jones@baptist-atlantic.ca).
- **Church to pray for:** Assemblée Baptiste Evangélique, St-Leonard, NB (Northwestern Association, Region 2); Pastor Roger Mazerolle.

February 4, 2018

- February is **African Heritage Month/Black History Month**. Take the opportunity to pray for, learn from, bless and be blessed by our brothers and sisters in the African United Baptist Association. If you can, worship at an AUBA church this month. Also, visit the Black Cultural Centre in Cherry Brook outside of Halifax <http://www.bccns.com>.
- **Church to pray for:** Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, Halifax, NS (Halifax Association, Region 6); Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton. <http://cornwallisstreetbaptist.ca>

February 11, 2018

- The annual **Simpson Lectures** at *Acadia Divinity College* take place this week (Feb. 12-14). <http://acadiadiv.ca/event/simpson-lectures-2018>.
- Please pray for **Dr. Harry Gardner, President of Acadia Divinity College**, as well as the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, clarity and good health as they train leaders for ministry in our churches. This is ADC's 50th anniversary! Congratulations! We give thanks for ADC and the God's blessing to our churches and communities as they train up pastors and leaders.
- The season of Lent begins on February 14th. Consider using this time to prepare your heart for Easter. Like advent for Christmas, Lent is a period of waiting and anticipation as we remember Christ's death and resurrection.
- **Church to pray for:** Cherryfield Baptist Church, Moncton, NB (Westmorland-Kent Association, Region 3); Rev. Drew A. Mersereau. <https://www.facebook.com/cherryfieldbaptistchurch>.

February 18, 2018

- Please pray for **Mr. George Gray, CBAC President**, as he provides leadership alongside our Executive Minister and CBAC Council throughout the year. His home church is Cornwallis Street Baptist Church (Halifax, NS). George was a teacher and school principal for many years before retiring in 2012. We are grateful for his leadership at the church, association and CBAC levels of our denomination. Pray for protection and good health for he and his wife Terri.
- Pray for our **CBAC Support Staff** as they capably offer their gifts to our family of churches – Jacqueline Derrah, Karen Gillespie-Thorne, Karen Gunn, Wendy Jones, Lottie Reid, Dale Taber, Sandra Vincent & Heather Waugh. The role they play in the life of our *CBAC* may be largely behind the scenes but is critically important for the day-to-day operations of our organization. Pray for them as they carry out these responsibilities as well for their health and their families. Send them a note this week and thank them for what they do for us. (<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/contact-us/>)
- **Church to pray for:** Lockeport United Baptist Church, Lockeport, NS (Shelburne Association, Region 9); Rev. Kevin Grant.

February 25, 2018

- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Terry Smith, Executive Director of Canadian Baptist Ministries**, the international mission organization for Canadian Baptist regional denominations. Please pray for physical and spiritual protection for Terry as he gives leadership to this broad and diverse ministry internationally.

- Pray for **CBM office staff & global field staff** and their families. We particularly pray for those from Atlantic Canada: Darrell and Laura Lee Bustin (Rwanda), Jeff & Deann Carter (Czech Republic), Dan & Melody Grove (Cameroon), Aaron & Erica Kenny (Africa Team Leaders), Bruno and Kathleen Soucy (Latin America Team Leaders), Michael & Melanie Waddell (Philippines), Adrian Gardner (Discipleship Programs Facilitator), Louise Knowles (Youth & Young Adult Engagement), Randy Stanton (Regional Representative, Atlantic Canada). 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.
- **Church to pray for:** Tracadie United Baptist Church, Monastery, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); Pastor Deacon Alonzo Reddick; Associate Pastor Lic. Mary G. Desmond.

March 4, 2018

- Please pray for the **Board of Ministerial Standards and Education** as they meet with students and others seeking credentials with our CBAC family. Pray that those who appear before the Board will share their Christian experience and call to ministry with clarity and conviction.
- Pray for those whom God is calling into vocational ministry. Discern who in your church God may be calling. Pray for them. Encourage them. Support and journey with them. Our churches need these pastors to guide us in engaging our culture and neighbours.
- **Church to pray for:** Guysborough Baptist Church, Guysborough, NS (Colchester-Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough Association, Region 6); No current pastor.

March 11, 2018

- It's exciting to see **new congregations** emerging in various corners of our region – some are brand new while others are mergers and replants, still new but with renewed energy and vigor. Is God calling you to start something new or help support something near you? Pray for these new congregations and even those that will emerge through 2018.
- Pray for **Rev. Kevin Vincent**, Associate Executive Minister and Director of the Centre for New Congregations. He is primarily working with individuals and churches seeking to begin something new or multiply what God is already doing. Take a moment this week to send Kevin a note of encouragement (kevin.vincent@baptist-atlantic.ca).
- **Church to pray for:** Wilson's Beach United Baptist Church, Campobello Island, NB (Southwestern Association, Region 1); No current pastor.

March 18, 2018

- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of Clergy Formation & Wellness** for the CBAC. Pray that she will find opportunities to help pastors and their families improve their level of wellness as this has a direct effect on the church they are serving. She leads several pastors retreats each year along with ongoing groups and programs that pastors can take advantage of. Take a moment this week to send Cheryl Ann a note of encouragement (cherylann.beals@baptist-atlantic.ca).

- **Church to pray for:** Eastern Passage Baptist Church, Eastern Passage, NS (Halifax Association, Region 6); Senior Pastor - Jamie MacArthur; Associate Pastor Rick Campbell.

March 25, 2018

- **Happy Palm Sunday!** *“The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Matthew 21:9.* Today is the beginning of **Holy Week**. Reflect each day on the events around Christ’s death and resurrection. We pray this will impact you in a new way.
- Pray for the **20 Associations** in our CBAC family. Many associations come together around chaplaincy, camps and other ministry that is still vital. Please pray for the Moderators and executive members who give leadership and seek future direction for the Associations. <http://baptist-atlantic.ca/associations>
- **Church to pray for:** Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville, NS (Eastern Valley Association, Region 8); Interim Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta; Associate Pastor Rev. Jennifer Smith.

April 1, 2018

- **Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!**
May our lives and churches be a reflection of the risen Christ. Share the power of the resurrection and the love of the Father with our neighbours.
- **CBAC Council** meets this week. Pray as they seek to give leadership on behalf of our churches between annual assemblies. Wondering who’s serving on council? Check it out: <http://baptist-atlantic.ca/council>.
- **Church to pray for:** First Baptist Church (Charlottetown), Charlottetown, PE (Prince Edward Island Association, Region 4); Senior Pastor Rev. David DuBois; Associate Pastors: Andrew & Laura Bennett, Sharon MacKenzie, Pam Schut and Rev. Annette Wells.

April 8, 2018

- The **NEXT Conference** for Children’s Ministry Workers, April 14th, Moncton Wesleyan Church, Moncton, NB. Pray for renewal, community, networking and for the volunteer leaders who attend that they will be open to hear what God is saying to them.
- Pray for our volunteer youth/children’s leaders. They carry a tremendous responsibility alongside parents to train up our children and youth in the ways of the Word. Pray for them as they teach and walk with our children. Encourage your youth/children’s workers this week.
- **Church to pray for:** North Range United Baptist Church, North Range, NS (Annapolis - Digby Association, Region 8); No current pastor.

April 15, 2018

- **Leadership Development** – we need strong & capable leaders in our churches. We’re committed to walking with and helping them live up to their calling as they lead in our churches and neighbourhoods. Pray that God will continue to raise up leaders to lead well. Do you see someone that needs some encouragement to lead? Tap

them on the shoulder and tell them. Looking for resources to help discern the call or take the next steps – <http://yourcalling.ca>.

- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Garth Williams**, Associate Executive Minister & Director of the **Centre for Leadership Development**. We are committed to seeing our pastors not just survive but thrive. The overall health and missional strength of our churches depend on it. Along with broader responsibilities, Garth gives oversight to the Board of Ministerial Standards & Education. Take a moment this week to send Garth a note of encouragement via our website (garth.williams@baptist-atlantic.ca).
- **Church to pray for:** Wallace River United Baptist Church, Wallace River, NS (Cumberland Association, Region 6); Rev. Chris Greer.

April 22, 2018

- **Pension & Benefits Board** – This is an important ministry of caring for our pastors and their families. It's a tangible way we journey with them while they are serving and even after they retire. The PBB oversees the benefits and investments. Pray for the board members and staff (Daryl MacKenzie, Consultant; Karen Gunn, Benefits Coordinator) as they provide leadership and support to our pastors and churches.
- **Church to pray for:** Midgic United Baptist Church, Midgic, NB (Westmorland - Kent Association, Region 3); Rev. Hal Lowther.

April 29, 2018

- Please pray for **Dr. Bruce Fawcett, President of Crandall University**, as well as the University's board of governors, faculty, staff and students. Please pray as they build on the strong foundation that was established more than 65 years ago. Thank God for blessing the students who receive "quality university education firmly rooted in the Christian faith."
- **Spring Convocation Services** for *Crandall University* will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Please pray for all our college/university graduates as they seek God's calling in their lives.
- **Churches to pray for:** Clementsvale United Baptist Church, Clementsvale, NS (Annapolis - Digby Association, Region 8); No current pastor.

May 6, 2018

- **ONE Conference** - May 11-12, Moncton, NB – <http://onecon.ca>. One God. One Church. One Conference. A multi-denominational 2-day conference for students and youth leaders. Pray for this new cross denominational initiative and partnership.
- **ADC Convocation Celebrations**, May 11-13 in Wolfville, NS (Commissioning Service/Graduation). Congratulations to all graduates on this accomplishment. We pray for you in this next stage of life as you move into God's calling.
- **Church to pray for:** Meductic United Baptist Church, Meductic, NB (Northwestern Association Association, Region 2); Pastor Johsua Hoyt.

May 13, 2018

- Today is **Mother's Day**. Please pray for all Mum's in particular, but also for all women, that they will have the godly wisdom, maturity and fortitude to help shape our homes, churches, neighbourhoods & communities to be places of protection, nurture and growth for all.
- Today is **ADC's Convocation**. Congratulations to all graduates!

- **Church to pray for:** Lower Derby United, Lower Derby, NB (Miramichi - North Shore Association, Region 3); Rev. Diane Juckes.

May 20, 2018

- Pray for **renewal in our churches** and the courage to follow God's leading even when He leads in what may seem to be a difficult direction. For churches to be renewed, they must be mission-edged churches – focussed on mission and ministry in their neighbourhoods and the world. Is your church mission-edged? Pray for renewal in our congregations and in the Church of Jesus Christ throughout Atlantic Canada!
- **Church to pray for:** Barss Corner Baptist Church & Emmanuel Baptist Church of Parkdale-Maplewood, Barss Corner, NS (Lunenburg-Queens Association, Region 9); Rev. Sam Jess.

May 27, 2018

- Give thanks for the continued growing ministry of the **Atlantic Baptist Foundation** as they assist our churches and agencies with financing for new church development, extension projects, and grants to strengthen various ministries of the CBAC. As God blesses this ministry, it in turn is able to bless others. Pray for the board as they make these decisions.
- The **Financial Planning Seminar** takes place May 29-30 at Crandall University, Moncton, NB. Hosted by our CBAC's *Pension & Insurance Board* Pastors and other church ministry staff, as well as their spouses, gather to attend a **financial/retirement-planning seminar**. Please pray that God will give wisdom as they listen to presentations relating to stewardship issues preparing for retirement.
- **Church to pray for:** Second Falls United Baptist Church, Second Falls, NS (Southwestern Association, Region 1); Pastor Reg Ward.