

2019 SUNDAY PRAYER LINK
January – December 2019
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

January 6, 2019

- **Happy New Year!** As we gather together for worship today, let's celebrate and give thanks to God for this new beginning.
Consider Isaiah 42:9-10 - "*Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.*"
Consider what "new things" God is declaring in your own life, your church and your neighbourhood. Where is God asking you to join him?
- **Church to pray for:** Sunnyville United Baptist Church, Guysborough, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); Deacon Clara Jordan.

January 13, 2019

- Pray for our **vocational children's & youth pastors and camp directors** as they meet this week for **The Summit** (Jan. 14-15, Moncton, NB) . 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 that this would be a time of renewal as they gather to refocus and re-energize around our vision in leading the next generation in joining God in their neighbourhoods.
- **Church to pray for:** Gunningsville Baptist Church, Riverview, NB (Albert Association, Region 3); Rev. Blair Holden

January 20, 2019

- 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:** South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth, NS (Halifax, Region 6); Senior Pastor - Michael Vlahos; Associate Pastors Rev. Sarah Clapham. <http://southendbaptist.ca>

January 27, 2019

- Pray for **Rev. Greg Jones**, Associate Executive Minister (Congregational Renewal/Mission-Edge). Greg works to encourage and equip CBAC churches as they seek God's direction toward revitalization and resurrection. Take a moment this week to send Greg a note of encouragement (greg.jones@baptist-atlantic.ca).
- **Church to pray for:** Waterville United Baptist Church, Waterville, NB (Queens - Sunbury Association, Region 2); Senior Pastor - Pastor Kurtis Kent; Associate Pastor - Mark Rupnow.

February 3, 2019

- 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:** Victoria Road United Baptist Church, Dartmouth, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); No current Pastor. <http://victoriaroadbaptist.ca>.

February 10, 2019

- The annual **Simpson Lectures** at *Acadia Divinity College* take place this week (Feb. 12-14). <http://acadiadiv.ca/event/simpson-lectures-2019>.
- 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. We give thanks for ADC and the God's blessing to our churches and communities as they train up pastors and leaders. Harry retires in June. Pray for him as he finishes well. Pray for the search process to replace him.
- **Church to pray for:** Shediac Bay Community Church, Shediac, NB (Westmorland-Kent Association, Region 3); Rev. Paul Berry.

February 17, 2019

- Please pray for **Mr. Wayne Murphy, CBAC President**, as he provides leadership alongside our Executive Minister and CBAC Council throughout the year. Wayne Pastors Lancaster Baptist Church in Saint John, NB. Pray for protection and good health for he and his wife Angie.
- Pray for our **CBAC Support Staff** as they capably offer their gifts to our family of churches: – Jacqueline Derrah, Karen Gunn, Wendy Jones, Lottie Reid, Debbie Barriault, 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:** Jordan Falls United Baptist Church, Jordan Falls, NS (Shelburne Association, Region 9); Rev. David Hopper.

February 24, 2019

- **Leadership Development** – Strong & capable leaders are needed 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 (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:** Inglewood United Baptist Church, Bridgetown, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); Pastor Cathy Batson.

March 3, 2019

- The season of Lent begins on March 6th. 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:** United Baptist Church of Nuttby, Nuttby NS (Northeast Nova Baptist Association, Region 6); Rev. Stephen Shaddick.

March 10, 2019

- 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 2019.
- Pray for **Rev. Kevin Vincent**, Associate Executive Minister (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:** Calvary United Baptist Church, Black's Harbour, NB (Southwestern Association, Region 1); Pastor Reginald Ward.

March 17, 2019

- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of Clergy Formation & Wellness** for the CBAC. Pray that she continues to 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:** Uniacke Baptist Church, Mount Uniacke, NS (Halifax Association, Region 6); Rev. David Cumby.

March 24, 2019

- 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:** Wilmot Baptist Church, Wilmot, NS (Annapolis - Digby Association, Region 8); No Current Pastor

March 31, 2019

- The **NEXT Conference for Children's Ministry Workers**, April 6th, Full Gospel Church, Halifax, NS. Pray for renewal, community, networking and for the volunteer leaders who attend will be open to hear what God is saying to them.
- Pray for our volunteer youth/children's leaders. They carry an immense 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. Send a note of encouragement to your youth/children's workers this week.
- **Church to pray for:** Cavendish United Baptist Church, Cavendish, PE (Prince Edward Island Association, Region 4); No current Pastor

April 7, 2019

- **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 (Karen Gunn, Benefits Coordinator) as they provide leadership and support to our pastors and churches.
- **Church to pray for:** Hill Grove United Baptist Church, Digby, NS (Annapolis - Digby Association, Region 8); Rev. Leon Langille. <http://hillgrovebaptist.com>

April 14, 2019

- **Happy Palm Sunday!** *"So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"* John 13:13. 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 a vital part of our ministry and outreach. 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:** Pugwash Memorial Baptist Church, Pugwash, NS (Cumberland Association, Region 6); Pastor Bill Martin.

April 21, 2019

- **Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!** *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 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.

- **Church to pray for:** Hillside Baptist Church, Moncton, NB (Westmorland - Kent Association, Region 3); Senior Pastor - Rev. Jeremy Reddy; Associate Pastors Rev. David Steeves, Pastor Adams Townsend & Rev. Roger Reid. <https://hillsidemoncton.org/>

April 28, 2019

- 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 continue to 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 4th. Please pray for all our college/university graduates as they seek God's calling in their lives.
- **Churches to pray for:** Inglisville Baptist Church, Lawrencetown, NS (Annapolis - Digby Association, Region 8); Rev. Claude Bonnell.

May 5, 2019

- **Fresh Expressions Vision Days** - Hillside Baptist Church, Moncton, NB (May 7th) & Birch Cove Baptist Church, Halifax, NS (May 9th). Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world. Pray that this would be a time of growth and learning as we develop new ways to join God in our neighbourhoods.
- **Church to pray for:** Grafton Baptist Church, Grafton, NB (Northwestern Association, Region 2); No current pastor.

May 12, 2019

- Today is **Mother's Day**. Please pray for all Mom'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! We pray for you in this next stage of life as you move into God's calling.
- **Church to pray for:** Doaktown United Baptist Church, Doaktown, NB (Miramichi - North Shore Association, Region 3); Rev. Gary Countway.

May 19, 2019

- One of our priorities is that our churches would become **Mission Edge Churches**. Some markers of this kind of church would be that the church would be in the neighbourhood, they would reflect the demographic of their neighbourhood, and that they recognize where God is working in their neighbourhood and are joining Him there. Your neighbourhood should be different because the church is there. Is it?
- 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.

- **Church to pray for:** Northwest Baptist Church, Lunenburg, NS (Lunenburg-Queens Association, Region 9); Rev. Randy Crozsmann.

May 26, 2019

- **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 cross-denominational initiative and partnership as it continues to grow and impact the youth of Atlantic Canada.
- **Church to pray for:** Union Street Atlantic Baptist Church, St. Stephen, NB (Southwestern Association, Region 1); Rev. Carlos Concepcion.

June 2, 2019

- ADC Journey of Discovery in Israel and Palestine. June 8-19. Please pray Dr. Harry Gardner, Dr. Anna Robbins, and Dr. Glenn Wooden as they lead a group to Israel and Palestine to experience key locations in Jesus' life and ministry and other prominent areas connected to scripture.
- **Church to pray for:** Scott's Bay Baptist Church Fellowship, Canning, NS (Eastern Valley Association, Region 8); Rev. Murray Shaw.

June 9, 2019

- **Embrace the Call** event happens June 10-12 in Moncton, NB. This is professional development **for all CBAC pastors**; it will focus on personal and practical ministry concerns. Pray for our pastors as they use this and other resources to develop resilience, endurance and perseverance in ministry.
- **Pray for our High School graduates** as they launch into the next stage of life. Pray that their faith will grow and that mentors to come alongside of them to encourage them. As their faith community, maintain your connection to them as they seek God's will for their life.
- **Church to pray for:** Port Greville United Baptist Church, Parrsboro, NS (Cumberland Association, Region 6); No current Pastor

June 16, 2019

- Today is **Father's Day**. Please pray for all Dad's, but also for all men, that they will have the godly wisdom, integrity and leadership that will help shape our homes, churches and neighbourhoods to be safe, healthy places where their example points to our Heavenly Father.
- **World Refugee Day** is June 20th. Over the past three years, Canadian Baptists have settled over 500 people. Many churches have been helping settled families bring their family members to Canada. Has your church considered refugee sponsorship? Contact Paul Carline for more information.
- **Church to pray for:** Pennfield United Baptist Church, Second Falls, NB (Region 1, Southwestern Association); Pastor Reginald Ward.

June 23, 2019

- Pray for **camp directors, staff & boards of our camps** as they provide opportunities for campers to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ this summer. As Atlantic Baptists, through our Associations we own and operate 15 **camps** throughout Atlantic Canada. For a list of camps, visit our website – <http://baptist-atlantic.ca/camps>.
- Many pastors and lay leaders take **vacation** during July & August. Please pray for those who travel, and that these vacations may be times for rest, renewal and spiritual replenishment.
- **Church to pray for:** Mactaquac Baptist Church, Mactaquac & Scotch Settlement Union Church, Scotch Settlement, NB (Region 2, York Association); Rev. Peter Beckwith.

June 30, 2019

- Tomorrow is **Canada Day!** *“May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth!”* Psalm 72:8. Pray for our country and for our leaders as they wrestle with social and moral issues. Pray that they will seek wisdom from God as they carry out their duties. Pray also for leaders in the churches across our CBAC as they participate in public dialogue through the grace and Spirit of God.
- **Church to pray for:** Sydney New Life Baptist Church, Sydney Mines, NS (Cape Breton Association, Region 5); No current Pastor.

July 7, 2019

- Pray for churches and pastors who are currently experiencing transitions in ministry – pastors looking for churches and churches looking for pastors. Pray that they will be Kingdom focused, listening to God’s voice as they move from the fruits of one ministry to the promise of another. Pray that they may be open to new ways that God may be calling them.
- Pray for all of our **retired pastors**, many of whom never retire completely. Some will continue to minister in our churches filling valuable roles. Others struggle with declining health. Thank a retired pastor for their dedication and faithfulness to the call of God on their life.
- **Church to pray for:** Greenville United Baptist Church, Yarmouth, NS (African United Baptist Association, Region 7); No current Pastor.

July 14, 2019

- **Tidal Impact** - July 20-27 – Fredericton and Woodstock, NB. Pray for students and leaders from across our region as they are challenged to practice and embrace being on a mission with Jesus every day, everywhere. Pray for teams as they serve the people of Fredericton and Woodstock and live out partnering with God in our neighbourhood.
- **Church to pray for:** Greenwood Drive Baptist Church, Fredericton, NB (Northwestern Association, Region 2). Senior Pastor Rev. Gordon Cook and Associate Pastor Keith Blair.

July 21, 2019

- 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), 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:*** Plaster Rock United Baptist Church, Plaster Rock, NB (Northwestern Association, Region 2); Rev. Emile Arsenault.

July 28, 2019

- Pray for our prison chaplains as they minister to those in Atlantic Canada's correctional institutions. They offer an important ministry of hope and grace only found in the love and person of Jesus.
- ***Church to pray for:*** Penobsquis Baptist Church, Penobsquis, NB (Saint John-Kings Association, Region 1); Rev. Mark Worth.