

# CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA

## MINISTRY OPENING

### CHURCH

#### **Northwest Baptist Church**

Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia

### MINISTRY POSITION

Pastor

### AVG SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Less than 49

### FULL TIME / PART TIME

Part Time

### REQUESTED CREDENTIALS

Any of the above

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

Please see attached job description

### POSITION CLOSING:

Flexible: open for applications until the position is filled

### SEND RESUME / CV TO:

[kmswimm@bwr.eastlink.ca](mailto:kmswimm@bwr.eastlink.ca)



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**Ministry Opportunity – Northwest Baptist Church**  
Big Lots Road, Northwest  
Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia

Northwest Baptist Church is a small, vibrant and active congregation seeking a pastoral candidate to serve its members and the surrounding communities. We are a small church with a big heart for serving our Lord.

This is a part time ministry opportunity with the following expectations:

- Leadership for Sunday Worship Services
- Officiate at Weddings and Funerals as needed
- Baptisms
- Visitation and other ministry as time allows

The Pastor is responsible to the Board of Deacons and to attend the monthly Deacons meetings.

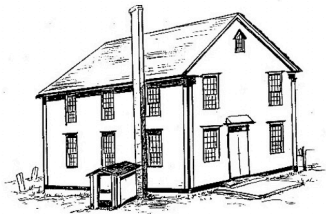
Salaries and Benefits: Commensurate with convention recommended salary

\$0.42/Km for mileage up to \$1500.00

4 weeks vacation

All inquiries may be directed to Kathy Swimm : [kmswimm@bwr.eastlink.ca](mailto:kmswimm@bwr.eastlink.ca) (902)-7664315 or (902) -298-1157

**WELCOME**  
to the  
**NORTHWEST**  
**UNITED BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**



*Line drawing Hazel Peasant*

**1609 Big Lots Road**  
**Northwest, Nova Scotia**  
**BOJ 2C0**

*-Founded 1809- "Meeting House"*  
*Built 1818-1820*

**"A Welcoming and Loving Family with a Strong  
Heritage of Serving our Lord and Saviour both  
Near and Far"**

A Registered Provincial & Municipal Heritage Property

**CURRENT SCHEDULE**

*(revised April 2022)*

You are invited to join us for:

- Sunday Worship, weekly 9:30 am  
(First Sunday each month  
celebrating the Lord's Supper)
- Sunday School, starting in the fall of 2022 weekly  
10:45 am
- Ladies Sewing Circle 1:30pm  
Once monthly, Monday
- Choir Practice, starting up in the fall of 2022

**STATISTICS**

- Resident Members 44
- Non-resident Members 10
- Active Families 40
- Sunday School Roll 31

Member of the Lunenburg-Queen's  
Association and the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic  
Canada

Feel free to call us:

**Deacons**

Madeline Oxner 902-634-9137  
John Klaas 902-634-4296  
Janet Cochran: (902) 634-3632  
Kathy Swimm: (902) 766-4315  
**Organist & Choir Director**  
Evangeline Whynot  
902-634-3202

**Church Clerk**

Robertta MacDonald  
902-624-9942

**Church Treasurer**

Kirk Knickle  
902-624-8773

**Recording Treasurers**

Kirk Knickle  
Amy Slaunwhite  
902-634-8773

**LAY PASTOR**

Lay Pastor Douglas **Oickle**  
[dcoickle.isabel@gmail.com](mailto:dcoickle.isabel@gmail.com)

**(902) 980-0048**

\*\* Allergens – we are a nut aware  
church and Sunday School\*\*

Have a question? Comments? Insights?

On November 3, 1809, a committee from the Baptist Church of Newport and the Baptist church in Chester met in Lunenburg at the request of a number of Baptized brethren, to counsel and assist in organizing a church. Elder Joseph Dimock of Chester was chosen as moderator who gave the right hand of fellowship to seven male (Jacob Hubly, George B. Hubly, John Hubly, Ferdinand Hubly, Philip Eisenhauer, Casper Bargeld, Joseph Falkenhime) and three female (Catherine Bargeld, Mary Elizabeth Eisenhauer, Ann Mary Hubly) members as a church of Jesus Christ. (It is interesting to note that one of the original names is still represented on the church roll.)

From 1809 to 1817, there was no house of worship; “the meetings or divine worship was kept in the dwelling places of the brethren”. Divine service was conducted by the deacons and the clerk. Reverend Joseph Dimock of Chester did attend to administer baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

On September 10, 1817, a special meeting was called to consult on the project of erecting an edifice of worship. It was unanimously agreed that there should be “a house built for the Lord, or a place of worship, and money be raised by subscription”. The church building was constructed during the years 1818 to 1820 with the first service on August 12, 1820. This was in the same building that is being used today.

Out of this church grew the Mahone Bay, New Cornwall, Bridgewater and Dayspring Baptist Churches.

The Spirit which animated the members of the early fellowship is exemplified by an outstanding event in Baptist life which occurred in 1827. On that date, at Horton (now Wolfville) steps were taken to promote and carry on the work of the Baptist Educational Society. From the deliberations of the assembled brethren came the Horton Academy and later Acadia University and this little church at Northwest was represented! A sister from this church, Elizabeth Spidle, with five other sisters, walked barefoot through the woods from Chester to attend this meeting. A plaque to their memory stands in the main auditorium of the administration building of the university.

In 1830, a parsonage was built in Northwest and today it is the residence of Mrs. Gordon Rose.

Many changes have taken place over the years – from oil lamps to electric lights, pump organ to electric organ, wood stove to oil furnace; and in 1970 the men of the church worked diligently to remove the ground underneath the building to make a church hall. In 1972, the new church hall was dedicated. The ground removed, created the parking lot across the street from the church.

The same loving outreach and concern mark the fellowship today. It is the prayer of the folks here that they may be worthy successors to the founding fathers and faithful followers of a great God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The first communion goblets used by the congregation were brought to the church from Germany by our forefathers Casper Bargeld and family.

In 1874 the pews were rented to the members of the congregation for \$3.00 per year.

In 1885 the first money raising was held by a special event – a Strawberry Festival – organized by the Sewing Circle of the church. A quilt was made to raise money.

In 1922, an individual communion service was given to the Northwest Church by brother Thomas Spidle of Lower Cornwall.

The pulpit currently in use was made in 1933 by Manson Spidle, a member of the church. He was paid \$50 for his work.

The oil lamps and candelabra were replaced by electric lights in December 1941.

In 1945, Deacon Hilbert Eisenhauer, Mrs. James Joudry and Gordon Eisenhauer gave the present communion table to the church in memory of all former members. Also at this time, a new organ was given in memory of Cpl. Robert Baker of Herman’s Island who was killed in action in 1944.

In 1964 the pulpit Bible was given in loving memory of Aileen Meisner by her daughter, Claudia (Meisner) Cook.

Arched windows made by Maritime Manufacturers, Mader’s Cove, were placed in 1967 in memory of Enos and Adelaide (nee Eisenhauer) Dauphinee.

An office was built in 1995 by Deacon Beecher Spidle in memory of his brother Deacon Duncan Spidle who served in many capacities within the Church.

- Registered as a Provincial Heritage Property  
24 June 2002
- Registered as a Municipal Heritage Property  
13 July 2004