

CORNERSTONE STRATFORD

Cornerstone Baptist Church has witnessed exciting growth in the past few years. Having just enjoyed their third summer in the new facility in Cornwall (PE), the church has ventured out in another building project across the Hillsborough River in Stratford. For the past five years the church has been meeting in the Stratford Town Hall while longing for a home they could call their own.



Rev. Phil Woodworth (Cornwall) and Rev. Stephen Cogswell (Stratford) have seen a combined average attendance of 320. *“God is good and we are excited for how our ministry may be used to ‘... disciple people to LIVE and LOVE as Christ did...’.”*

In April they turned the sod and began building in a highly visible and central location that created a buzz in the community. In October, they held their first service in the new building. Pastors

CHINESE MINISTRY IN FREDERICTON

Ethnic ministry is becoming an increasing reality in our region, particularly for churches in more urban settings with universities. For many years, Grace Memorial and Brunswick Street Baptist Churches in Fredericton have been ministering to the Chinese community

through initiatives such as English as a Second Language (ESL), small groups and a weekly prayer meeting.

Building on this work, the Chinese Baptist Ministry in Fredericton is being led by Pastor Emily Wu. Originally from Hong Kong, Emily earned her M.Div. from her home country as well as an M.Th from Acadia Divinity College. She currently pastors part time but looks forward to the time when the financial support will allow this to become a full time ministry. The ministry’s emphasis is on networking, building friendship bridges and training leaders. The long range goal is to plant a self-supporting mandarin speaking Chinese Baptist Church in Fredericton.



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PASTORAL CLUSTER GROUPS

One of our core priorities* as a Convention is to have healthy churches, and healthy churches require effective pastors. Our goal is to support, equip and journey with pastors from the beginning of their call through their entire life.



The challenges of ministry in this post-modern era have pastors seeking peer support from others in ministry who are experiencing similar issues. Over the years, a number of pastoral clusters have formed throughout our Convention. One such cluster can be found in the African United Baptist Association (AUBA). Since 2003, the pastors of the AUBA have been invited to take part in a pastor’s gathering. This year, fifteen AUBA pastors got together for a retreat at Bayside Camp. Regional Minister Rev. Elias Mutale said, *“As a result, our pastors are stronger and some of them are learning to reproduce these clusters in their various areas.”*

*see back page for a list of all six core priorities

OASIS 2011: REFRESHMENT FOR THE JOURNEY

“Oasis 2011 was the best yet!”
“Sensed God in and through the all aspects of Oasis.”
“Mark Buchanan challenged me to be more active in both community and church.”
“I was overwhelmed with the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the worship sessions, and the obvious carry over into the business sessions.”



These were just a few of the comments heard after Oasis in Wolfville this summer. Were you there? Here are a few highlights:

- Inspiring worship from the Mike Janzen Band
- Challenging speakers - Dr. Peter Reid & Rev. Mark Buchanan
- Devotionals – Dr. Harry Gardner & Mr. Doug Schofield
- Spirit of unity as we discussed our Family Business
- Quality youth leadership - Oasis Kids and Oasis Youth
- Friday Night Arts Celebration hosted by Rev. Rhonda Britton
- Engaging seminars
- Afternoon concert series with Jacob Moon & Jason Hildebrand
- Presentation by Canadian Baptist Ministries
- After Hours Café & other events
- And so much more - www.baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis

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Oasis 2012
August 22-25
Crandall University
Moncton, NB
Details to be announced soon!



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TRANSITION TEAM

At Oasis 2011 our churches bravely embraced change and a strong vision for future ministry in Atlantic Canada as delegates voted in favor of the Senior Staff Restructuring Proposal (www.baptist-atlantic.ca/departments/executiveminister) brought forward by the Council.

This will involve a transition process that will last until July 2013 when the new staffing arrangement will be fully implemented. Four of our present Regional Ministers will retire at the end of 2011. Working closely with the Executive Minister, Dr. Malcolm Beckett and the remaining Regional Ministers (Rev. Elias Mutale, Rev. Jerry Horsman, and Rev. Greg Jones) will make up the new transition team.

Please note that as of January, 2012, Regional Ministry will no longer exist as we have known

it in the past. "But who am I going to call when I no longer have a Regional Minister?" In the New Year you will be able to contact the Administrative Assistant for the Transition Team (506-635-1922) who will help direct your request.

We ask that Associations, regions, churches and pastors have patience and support us in prayer as we begin to work under this new structure. Our goal is to do our very best to serve you and address your concerns as expediently as possible. For more information, go to our website and search for "Transition Team".



Has your church joined the newly incorporated CABC? Churches that have joined - 419.
See an updated list here: www.baptist-atlantic.ca/incorporation

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Our Six Core Ministry Priorities

1 Healthy Churches

Healthy churches are disciple producing churches. We exist for the health and vitality of all our churches.

2 Effective Pastors

Healthy churches require effective pastors. We support, equip & journey with pastors and their families from the time they begin their call.

3 Creative Mission

Assisting churches and their communities in fulfilling their mission efforts. Both locally & globally, the needs and opportunities are great.

4 Passionate Next Generations

Recognizing that the church has the responsibility of making new disciples, we are committed to youth and to the families who raise them.

5 Focused Compassion

We recognize that the only gospel is a holistic gospel, and so we invest in bringing God's love to a hurting world through various efforts and initiatives.

6 Celebrated Community

Every family needs to know who they are, where they've come from and where they are going. Our Convention family is tied together by a common faith, mission and identity.

CONNECTED
FOR MISSION
Transforming Churches Transforming Lives

As this year of 2011 comes to a close, we want to say **Thank You** on behalf of all our sister churches who along with your church make up this mission partnership called the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. As a joint mission of CABC churches, the only resources the CABC has are those that come from the churches and individuals who generously and sacrificially support the CABC's 'United in Mission' Fund through their tithes and offerings*. So again we say, **Thank You!**

*If you would like to make a personal gift to UIM, please go to www.baptist-atlantic.ca/donate

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!



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THE BAPTIST BOOKROOM

Since its inception in 1960, the vision of the **Baptist Bookroom** in Saint John, NB, has been to provide our Convention and the surrounding community with Christ-centered resources (bibles, books, music and videos) for salvation and spiritual growth.

Over the years pastors, churches and individuals have had access to resources that have enhanced the ministry of churches in our Convention. As well, the **Bookroom** has been spiritually profitable in that many lives have been touched and the Kingdom of God has been expanded beyond denominational lines.

In the early years, the **Bookroom** operated out of the Convention Office. By 1977, demand grew to provide more books and resources so the **Bookroom** moved into a store front location on Germain Street. In the years that followed, they moved three more times (Loch Lomond Mall, Parkway Mall and its current location on McAllister Drive).

Providing resources is only a part of the ministry of the **Bookroom**. Bookroom Manager Heather Goodwin commented, "We have had many opportunities to share Christ with those who have been searching as well as pray for and encourage Christians

who have shared their concerns." Heather has witnessed the ups and downs in the retail market but knows the spiritual benefits cannot be weighed. "The ministry of the **Baptist Bookroom** has been a wide reaching one and only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished over the many years."

The **Baptist Bookroom** will close its doors on December 31, 2011. We have sought ways to extend the life and ministry of the **Bookroom**

but it has not been immune to the effects of the economic climate, changing technologies and other factors that have impacted the book industry and distributors across North America.

Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Heather and the excellent staff both

current and past, and to the members of the Bookroom Committee and Convention Council for their concern for the ministry of the **Baptist Bookroom**. Thanks are expressed to the many patrons of the store who have faithfully supported this ministry.

Most of all, we give thanks to God for the opportunity to share in this ministry. We may never fully know the impact that the **Bookroom** has had for the Kingdom, but the story of the **Baptist Bookroom** will become part of our Convention's rich history.

