

THE BRUNSWICK BANNER

The Weekly Newsletter of Brunswick Street Baptist Church
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Rev. Greg Geldart,

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Pastor Steve Patterson, Associate Pastor to the Traditional Congregation, Senior Ministries

Pastor David Wang, Interim Pastor to the BSBC Chinese Congregation



Have We Met?

Please let me share two very different ways that you can get to know your church family better!

CHURCH FAMILY PHOTOS – With the arrival of Pastor Brian as our Interim Senior Pastor in September 2017, pictures were taken of church families to help him get to know the congregation. These photos were assembled in a binder and are also now on display in the corridor heading towards the Family Room and preschool area. Please enjoy the photos – they are a great way to make connections with the people you may be seeing on a regular basis. We don't want anybody left behind! If your photo is not there, please feel free to provide a picture to me, via e-mail or printed copy; I will ensure that it is added. Special thanks to Bill DeMerchant for providing his photography services for this project; and to Mavis Doucette and Janet Clark who shared their creativity and time to put the pictures together.

MEET THE FAMILY! Starting Wednesday, February 28th from 6:30-8 pm, you will have the opportunity to connect with church members by attending our *Meet the Family* elective that will be part of Wednesdays in the Word. This new six-week elective will feature a different church member each week who will share their personal testimony, ways in which they have been able to serve God and grow their faith at Brunswick Street. It is our hope that this Wednesday evening offering will be an opportunity for people to come and hear how God has changed one person's life, and how being a member of Brunswick Street has helped their faith journey. The roster of people sharing their testimonies is still being confirmed; however, the first evening will feature... drum roll... me! Our stories may not be grand but they tell of God's plan in the big and small things. Come on out, you never know who you'll meet!

Denise Mersereau, Church Family Life Coordinator
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OUR PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for our senior friends not always able to be with us... Joyce Dawson, Everett Dunfield, Eileen Ferris, Evelyn Ginson, Mae Green, Joan Hamilton

Please pray for Pastor Jodie & Marybeth LeBouthillier as they continue their vacation together. Pastor Jodie will return to the office on Monday, February 26.



February 18-24, 2018

SUNDAY

Library is open at 10 am and after morning worship.

- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Chinese Worship (3rd Floor)
Contemporary Worship (Church Gym)
Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Childcare for Infants to Age 4 (1st floor)
KidzTown for Children K-Grade 5 (2nd Floor)
- 3:30 pm Chinese Ministry Committee (3rd Floor)
- 5:00 pm Third Sunday Supper (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Alpha Marriage Course (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study (Family Room)
- 8:15 pm College & Career Curling and Pizza - \$10
(Capital Winter Club, 232 Rookwood Ave)

MONDAY – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

- 5:00 pm Chinese Fellowship Potluck (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Board of Management
(Board Room above Main Kitchen)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting
- 9:30 am Shake, Rattle & Roll (Church Gym, Nursery)
- 11:00 am Church Staff Meeting (Meeting Room)
- 12:00 pm Chinese Fellowship Prayer Time
(Board Room above Main Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm Myrtle Burden Quilting Group (Quilting Room)
- 6:00 pm Fredericton Ladies Choir
(3rd Floor Assembly Area)
- 6:15 pm Youth Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare (Family Room)
Topic – Facing My Loneliness
- 7:00 pm AV/IT Meeting (Room 307)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am Seniors Exercise (Church Gym)
- 5:30 pm Annual Meeting Supper¹ (Church Gym)
- 6:00 pm Junior Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Special Children's Program¹ (2nd Floor)
- 6:30 pm Annual Business Meeting¹ (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Coffee Mill)
Women's Prayer Breakfast (Coffee Mill)
- 9:30 am New Life (Barnabas Centre)
- 10:00 am English Second Language (3rd Floor)
- 1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Family Room)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice (Barnabas Centre)

- 7:00 pm GriefShare Evening Session (Family Room)
Topic – Guilt and Anger
- 7:00 pm Woodsmen (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

- 10:30 am Seniors Exercise (Church Gym)
- 2:30 pm GriefShare Afternoon Session (Family Room)
Topic – Guilt and Anger
- 5:00 pm Sisterhood (Barnabas Centre)
- 6:00 pm Friends Are Us Puppets (Puppet Room, 2nd Floor)
- 6:00 pm Middle School and Senior High Youth
 Sliding Party – 7 pm² (Experimental Farm)
- 7:00 pm Chinese Fellowship
 (Family Room, Nursery, 2nd Floor)

SATURDAY

- 10:00 am Badminton (Church Gym)
- 12:30 pm Worship Team Practice (Church Gym)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Night @ the Movie³ (3rd Floor)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 25 Propel Women⁴ – 4 pm
- February 28 GAK and Scouts Banquet – 6 pm
 “Meet the Family” Initiative⁵ – 6:30 pm
 Children’s Combined Event – 7 pm
- March 6 Community Volunteer Income Tax
 Weekly Program Begins⁶ – 1 pm
- March 17 Patterson Family Concert⁷ – 7 pm

MINISTRY FOOTNOTES

¹**AN EVENING OF BLESSING FOR ALL AGES** – We invite you and your family to join us this **Wednesday, February 21** for our **Annual Church Meeting Evening**. We begin with a catered "pizza/salad/ice cream" supper at 5:30 pm in the gym (reservation slips are included in today’s bulletin). Then at 6:30 pm our **Annual Worship Gathering and Meeting** will take place in the sanctuary WHILE a special children's program will be offered for infants to Grade 5 on the first and second floors of the Family Life Centre. The special children's ministry is being hosted for preschoolers by Yewande Akalusi; and for Grades K-5 by Melissa Nelson, assisted by a team of youth. Parents, please note that on Wednesday the 21st neither Scouts nor GAK programs will be offered – allowing those leaders to attend the worship and meeting in the sanctuary. We encourage everyone in our church family to come be part of this special evening!

Copies of the Annual Report are available today in the gym and sanctuary foyers and at the Connections Centre – one per household please.
 An electronic copy is available by contacting the church office (bsbc@bsbc.nb.ca). Come engage in our Master's business and grow together as a church family!

²**YOUTH SLIDING PARTY** – This Friday, February 23 from **7 – 8:30 pm** at the Experimental Farm. Come dressed warm. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Farm in the parking lot (850 Lincoln Rd)... not at the church.

³**SATURDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES** – Why not come in from the cold and enjoy a good movie hosted by David Clark. Here's our first offering of the winter: **BELLE**. Beautiful award-winning film telling the story of mixed-race Dido Belle who goes to live with her uncle, the Lord Chief Justice of England, whose ruling in a 1786 slavery case contributes to The Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. Come to the movies this Saturday, February 24 at 7 pm on the third floor!

⁴**PROPEL WOMEN** – Are you a young adult woman looking for community, support and encouragement as you grow in your faith? Between work/school, friends, family...and Instagram...we know your time is valuable. Join us in the Family Room on Sundays (starting February 25) from 4–5:30 pm for delicious food and great conversation as we launch our series on "Growth". For more information, connect with Claire Geldart on Facebook or email claire.geldart@gmail.com.

⁵**MEET THE FAMILY** – Starting Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30 – 8 pm you're invited to join us in the Family Room for a new weekly initiative we're calling "Meet the Family". A member of our church family will be featured in an interactive format where they share their Christian testimony with a special focus on how, when and why they came to become part of our church family. We trust this will be a great way to get to know each other and 'build the body' at BSBC!

Deacon Denise Mersereau, Church Family Life Coordinator

⁶VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX MINISTRY

The time to file 2017 taxes will soon be upon us. We at BSBC are continuing to minister to people in our downtown core in a meaningful and practical way through hosting a tax return clinic. BSBC has again been invited to be part of the "Community Volunteer Income Tax Program" (CVITP) to prepare income tax returns free of charge for seniors, students and low income individuals.

The number of tax returns prepared by BSBC volunteers in 2017 was just over 600! While completing a large number of returns is nice, the program is not and should never become just a numbers game. We are part of a larger city-wide effort that includes the Salvation Army and Forest Hill United Church who also host clinics. This ministry continues to meet a need in the community. We in turn are blessed through making new friendships, and renewing old ones.

How can you help?

We are always on the look for people who are interested in helping with preparing tax returns AND we also need one to two people at each clinic to act as greeters.

The basic requirement is only a willingness to help others who could use our assistance. If you have basic computer skills, you can easily learn how to prepare the computerized returns. Any volunteers who may not be comfortable using a computer would be able to help in a host/greeter role.

What do you need?

You DO NOT have to have your own computer. Canada Revenue Agency provided the computers and software. You just need a willingness to serve. You do not have to be available for all of the days or even all of the hours on a given day. Experience shows that we are busiest during the first hours and then things are a little more quiet the last hour or two.

Our tax clinics and hours of operation are...

Where: Barnabas Centre, 359 George St

When Tuesdays, 1 to 5:30 pm

Dates: March 6, 2018 until April 26, 2018

FUNDRAISING CONCERT – Our Counseling Center is in need of some suitable furniture for the ease of clients and counselors alike. We have twisted the arm of Pastor Steve and his daughters, Lauren and Taylor to present a concert of his original music and well-known favourites...maybe with some sing-a-long times on Saturday, March 17 at 7 pm in the gym – great evening to bring guests to hear some great music and sample some great desserts with a freewill offering. More details to come...but be sure to mark the date!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THANK YOU to all the guys who made our Ladies' Banquet a success AND to all the ladies who came in difficult weather to be served. I have received thanks from the Downtown Clinic for the helpful gifts for women that were gathered. It looks like we all "survived" our night in Peru!
Pastor Greg

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2017 giving will be available in the gym following today's services. If you will be seeing someone who is not here today, please take it to them. We want to save on postage expense. Thank you.
Shirley Dunfield, Financial Secretary

Financial Report

Report to February 11 (six weeks)

	Operations	Building
Received February 11	\$11,792	\$877
Required each week	\$17,173	\$2,500
Receipts to Date	\$99,019	\$10,915
Required to Date	\$103,038	\$15,000

REFUGEE OPPORTUNITY – We have been contacted by the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) about a refugee opportunity. Perth Andover Baptist Church has completed their year of sponsorship with a Syrian family and the family has since moved to Fredericton to focus on English so that the husband can enroll in NBCC next year. Before the family left Perth Andover, the church agreed to bring their relatives through a full private sponsorship; however, it is expected that the relatives would prefer to settle in Fredericton. Thus, Perth Andover Baptist will need local assistance for the day-to-day support, setting up bank accounts, application for SIN, Medicare, etc. The family of six consists of the parents of the husband currently in Fredericton, as well as his brother, sister-in-law and their two school-aged children. Their arrival is scheduled for spring/summer. The Social Action Team doesn't have the resources at this time to commit to this large endeavour; but if you can commit to four to six hours a week for the next year, perhaps we, as a church, can assist! Please note that CBAC has only asked for our time – the funds are expected to be in place for this family! If you would like to volunteer, or have more questions, please contact Adrian Verboom (474-3770 or adrianandmartina@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 LENT TALKS – "Springtime for the Soul – Looking at the Parables of Jesus" will be presented by Bishop Bill Hockin on Mondays, February 26, March 5 and March 12. Each session will be held at 12:15 pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel on Queen Street. Topics include...

- God Came Calling – But, I Was Out to Lunch (Luke 14)
- Virus in Paradise (Matthew 13)
- The Gospel of the Second Chance (Luke 15)

2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES are being prepared by the Women of the Republic of Suriname with the theme of "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Join with Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and in 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather to learn about, pray and celebrate in solidarity with the people of The Republic of Suriname through the World Day of Prayer. Open to the Public. For more information please contact Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

Friday March 2 at 7 pm

Northside –

All Saints Anglican Church, 172 Canada St
Forest Hill/Lincoln –

St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln Road
Hanwell/New Maryland –

Holy Family Parish Church, 1500 Hanwell Road

Sunday, March 4 at 2 pm

Southside – Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Dr