

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT
May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

The collage features 18 individual photographs arranged around a central text box. The photos depict a variety of church-related activities:

- Top left: Three men celebrating in water, likely a baptism.
- Top center-left: A group of people holding a large rainbow flag.
- Top center-right: A man playing guitar on a stage with a cross in the background.
- Top right: A man speaking at a podium next to a screen displaying the word 'easter'.
- Middle left: A man being baptized in a large tub.
- Middle center-left: A woman in a green apron holding a tray of cookies.
- Middle right: A man in a plaid shirt standing next to a table.
- Bottom left: A man playing guitar on a stage with a large star backdrop.
- Bottom center-left: A family portrait of a man, woman, and child.
- Bottom center: A group of people sitting at a table with orange decorations.
- Bottom center-right: A young boy wearing bunny ears and holding a basket of eggs.
- Bottom right: A young girl in a 'IN MY DANCE ERA' sweatshirt holding a camera.
- Far right: A blue pickup truck parked outdoors.
- Far bottom right: A group of people standing in front of a building.

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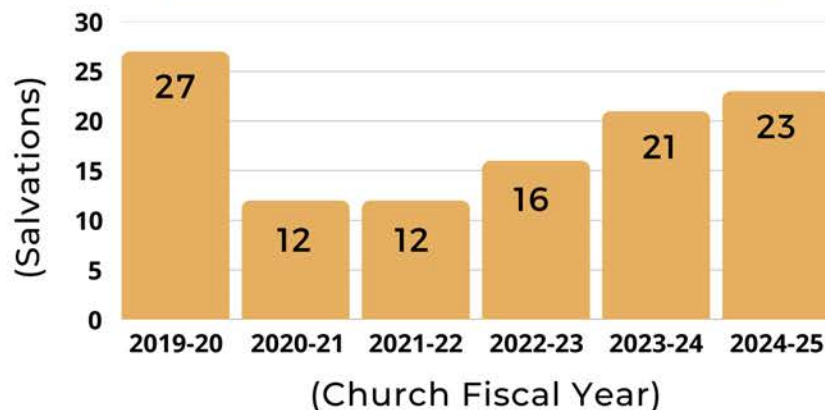


23 Salvations!

Every light **LIT** on our HOPE sign (Kentville & Kingston) represents someone's decision to **COMMIT** their life to Jesus!

Special thanks to Tanya, Karen & Teddy for sharing their stories during our annual 'Stories of Hope' teaching series about how God has transformed their lives as they placed their hope and trust in Him!

Salvations at New Hope



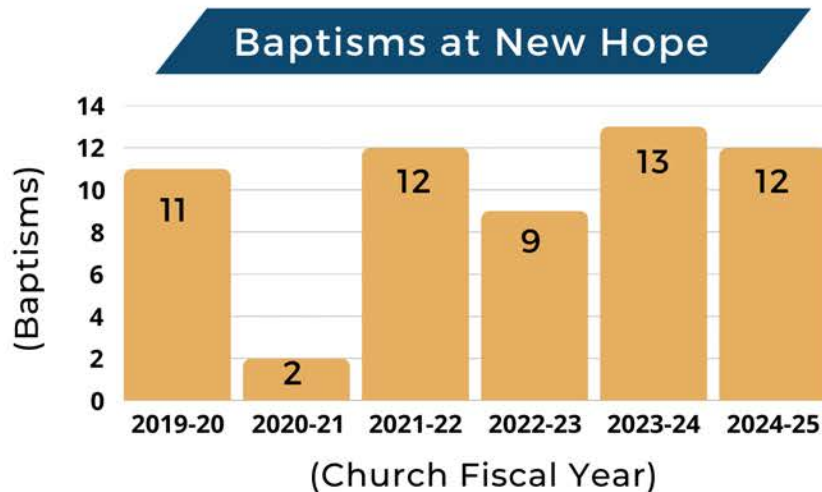
“May the God of **HOPE** fill you with all joy and peace as you **TRUST HIM**, so that you may overflow with **HOPE** by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

12 Baptisms!



On Sunday, Aug. 18, around 130 people (Kentville & Kingston) gathered to celebrate **6 baptisms** and enjoy a delicious meal (BBQ, corn, and sweet desserts) at our annual 'BBQ & Baptisms' event!



“ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live **NEW LIVES**. ”

Romans 6:4



RAISED TO LIFE IN CHRIST!

Our Vision!



We exist to spread the **HOPE** of Jesus Christ through a loving **COMMUNITY** as we **GROW** in our relationship and likeness of Him.

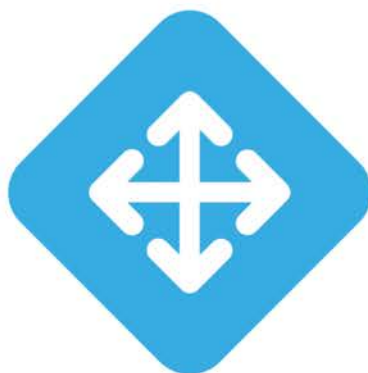
Motto: "a hope-filled community"



HOPE

Because of Jesus, we have **HOPE** for forgiveness and a bright future with Him in Heaven for all eternity!

(Romans 5:5)



COMMUNITY

Because of Jesus, we belong to a loving **COMMUNITY** that encourages, loves & supports one another!

(Romans 12:9-13)



GROWTH

Because of Jesus, we lead others to accept Him into their heart and we seek to **GROW** in our likeness of Him!

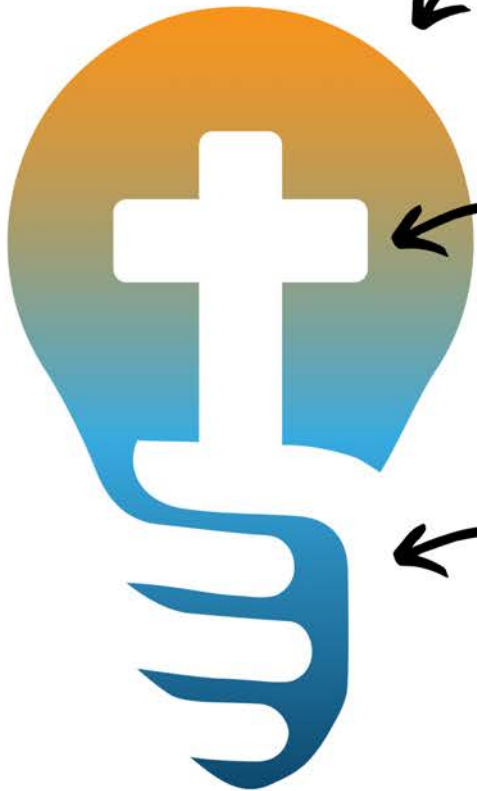
(Ephesians 5:1-2)

It takes **ALL** the people of God, doing **ALL** the work of God, to reach **ALL** the people **FOR GOD**!



Our Logo!

By God's help, we will **SHINE** our light for Jesus and tell others about the **HOPE** He provides!



LIGHT BULB

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

- There is a better/more fulfilling way to live found in Jesus. When we surrender our life and follow Jesus (walk in His light) it becomes brighter and more clear that His ways are right and He keeps us from walking in darkness and making a mess of our lives.

CROSS

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8)

- If it weren't for Jesus' loving sacrifice on the cross in which He paid the price/penalty of our sin, and offered forgiveness of sins, we would have NO HOPE... When we accept Jesus into our heart as personal Lord & Saviour, we are forgiven, adopted into the family of God, and we experience HIS HOPE & LIGHT in our life.

HAND

Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."* (Matt. 5:14-16)

- The hand represents those who trust & follow Jesus. Jesus is OUR Lord & Saviour, and He is OUR LIGHT & HOPE, but Jesus doesn't want us to keep this hope to ourselves... He wants us to SHINE BRIGHTLY for God and take the hope of Jesus to others!

LET THE LIGHT OF JESUS SHINE!

Kentville campus!

7054 Hwy #12, Kentville, NS

est. July 14, 1994



232

AVG. SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE

(*14% increase from last year!)

MINISTRIES

HOPE HUDDLES, **HOPE** YOUTH, **HOPE** KIDS,
MENS, WOMENS, SENIORS MINISTRY, **GEMS & STOCKADE**,
PRAYER TEAM, GRIEF SHARE, HOSPITALITY, OUTREACH,
IMMIGRANT CONNECTION, BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK!

NEW METAL ROOF!

Thanks to the **generous** donations of multiple people, we replaced our old, leaking roof with a **new metal one** in July 2024, installed by Maritime Interlocking Company. This will ensure our building is well-protected for years to come! 😊



FROM PASTOR SCOTT...

The *upcoming* year holds even **greater promise**. With the **Windsor** campus launching Fall '25, **Kentville** soon becoming mortgage-free, and **Kingston** poised for continued growth through 2 Sunday services, we step into the future with **confidence** in Christ and **deep gratitude** to our Saviour! **THANK YOU** for being part of this journey. Together, as one church with multiple locations, we are bringing the **Hope of Jesus** to the communities of Nova Scotia and beyond!

KENTVILLE CHURCH FAMILY!

Kingston campus!

418 Markland Road, Kingston, NS

est. October 25, 2018



113

AVG. SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE

(*18% increase from last year!)



MINISTRIES

HOPE HUDDLES, HOPE YOUTH, HOPE KIDS,
ALPHA, MENS & WOMENS MINISTRY, OUTREACH,
PRAYER TEAM & BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK!

NEW SERVICE TIMES!

Because of **growth**, we were running out of space in both the sanctuary and HopeKids! To make room for more lives to be **changed by Jesus**, we launched **2 Sunday service times** (9:30 & 11am) as of April 13, 2025!

FROM PASTOR DAVE...



This year has been a season of **growth** and **momentum** at New Hope Kingston! We have seen God move in **POWERFUL** ways - new faces joining our community, people taking meaningful steps in their faith and fresh opportunities to serve the Kingston / Greenwood area with Christ's love. **With God, the future is bright!**

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KINGSTON CHURCH FAMILY!

Windsor campus!

We believe God is calling us to continue to spread the **HOPE** of Jesus



Launch: Fall 2025 (*Location: TBD)
As of May 20, 2025

Windsor is a historic town in Hants County with a population of 5,500+. Known as “the little town of big firsts,” it’s the birthplace of hockey in Canada, home to the world’s largest pumpkins, and host of North America’s oldest agricultural fair. It also features historic sites: Fort Edward, the Windsor Hockey Heritage Centre, and the Mermaid Theatre of NS.

WELCOME PASTOR JASON!

We were thrilled to officially welcome Rev. Jason Parker on **March 2, 2025** as our Campus Pastor! Jason & Carolina bring a **genuine love** for others, and a **deep desire** to see lives transformed by Jesus!



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facebook.com/newhopewindsor

“Thanks so much for your partnership in the Gospel and for your sacrifice. It makes me wonder what that does to the heart of our Father when we offer ourselves so freely for His Kingdom purposes!”

-Pastor Jason

SPREADING THE HOPE OF JESUS!



Whatever It TAKES!

In November 2024, Pastor Scott courageously cast the vision for our initiative to do **'Whatever It Takes!'** to reach lost people with the Hope of Jesus. This initiative focuses on 2 key areas:

- **Eliminate our Kentville mortgage!**
- **Launch new Kingdom locations across our Province!**

Starting November 24, 2024, many in our church responded with *sacrificial generosity* - **committing to a FAITH PROMISE** (over and above regular giving) for a 2-year period. Because of your faith-filled response & generosity, we collectively pledged

PLEDGED 

\$532,384!

→ \$335,605
(*received to date: May 12, 2025)



THANK YOU for being part of this God-sized vision through your giving, prayers, & support. **'Whatever It Takes!'** is more than a theme; it's a shared commitment to see lives changed by the Hope of JESUS. Let's keep trusting God to do **"more than we could ask or imagine"** as we say YES to His call!

Eph.3:20

Stats & Online!

We thank the Lord for the ability to **stay connected** with others through **in-person** & **online** options!



Kentville: 232 Avg. Sunday Attendance
14% increase from last year!



Kingston: 113 Avg. Sunday Attendance
17% increase from last year!



Kentville Facebook: 1200 Followers
18% increase from last year!

Kingston Facebook: 113 Followers
Launched this year!



Kentville Facebook LIVE: 30 Avg. Sunday Viewers
Same avg. as last year!



Instagram: 278 Followers
7% increase from last year!



Spotify: 60 Followers (*Kentville & Kingston)
32% increase from last year!



E-Newsletter: 264 Contacts
16% increase from last year!



STAYING CONNECTED!



(est. September 2020)

Hope Huddles

Hope Huddles are a casual and friendly environment in which we learn, care, serve, and grow in our faith together in a small group!

More simply put; it is the church on a smaller scale.

● SIZE

Typically composed of 6-12 adults + kids.

● FORMAT

Socialize, Meal/Snack, Music, Bible Study and Prayer.
(+communion in each season)

● SEASONS

Sept. - Dec. (10 weeks)
Jan. - Mar. (10 weeks)
Apr. - Jn. (10 weeks)

● OUTREACH

2 outreach projects in each 'season' to make a positive impact in our communities

16 Huddles = 150 Participants!

(7% increase from last year!)*

OUTREACH: Child Sponsorship, Handwritten Cards, Visitations, Serving and Preparing Meals, Blessings in a Backpack Support, Yard Work, Gift Cards, etc.



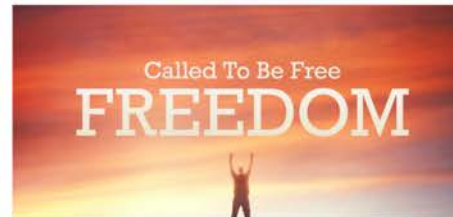
Join A Huddle

pastorscott@nhwchurch.ca (Kentville)
pastordave@nhwchurch.ca (Kingston)

9 SERMON SERIES!

Did You Miss A Sermon?

nhwchurch.ca OR Spotify



"All Scripture is inspired by God & is useful to **teach** us what is **true** and to make us realize what is **wrong** in our lives. It **corrects** us when we are wrong & **teaches** us to do what is right. God uses it to **prepare** and **equip** his people to do every **good work**." (2Tim.3:16-17)

GOD'S WORD TEACHES US!

Outreach!



168 SHOEBOXES!

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way to bless under privileged kids in the developing world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Because of Kentville & Kingston's generosity we were able to bless **168 children** in 2024! (+ we were the drop off location for our area!)

2023: 121 | 2022: 111
2021: 114 | 2020: 85



117 BACKPACKS!

Blessings in a Backpack is a school-based feeding program that provides food for elementary school children over the weekend. Because of Kentville & Kingston's generosity we are able to partner with 6+ schools and bless **117 kids** on a weekly basis!

2024: 85 | 2023: 65
2022: 53 | 2022: 35



25 HAMPERS!

Christmas Hampers, in partnership with The Salvation Army, is a campaign in which local churches provide a full Christmas meal for those in need. Because of Kentville's generosity we blessed **25 local families!**

+ Kingston supported the local Food Bank by providing **125 boxes** of Pancake Mix!



100 SPONSORSHIPS!

Compassion Canada is a ministry dedicated to delivering holistic care in Jesus' name, providing life-changing interventions and hope to children living in poverty! They reach more than 2 million kids in 29 countries, helping them overcome poverty and live out their fullest potential! Between both campuses, New Hope supports **100 kids!**

2024 Christmas Eve Offering

\$10,000!

(2023: \$19,516 | 2022: \$22,770 | 2021: \$14,063 | 2020: \$9,685)

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THANK YOU to the many who financially invested into our Christmas Eve Offering! We believe in partnering with and meeting the real life needs of others. As promised, **100%** of the donations continue to go to **intentional acts of kindness** in our community during **2025!**

\$600 to rent a **dumpster** to help someone clean out their home

\$700 towards the purchase of a **new fridge** for someone in need

\$1,000 to **assist someone** facing a personal crisis

\$1,100 for someone to attend a **Christ-centred recovery program**

\$1,250 to help with **rent** support

\$3,000 given to **local organizations** doing vital work in our communities

\$3,800 was given to help multiple families cover **power bills**

+ \$\$\$ worth of **Gift Cards** to those in need (House-fires, Bus Transit, Groceries, Meals, Gas, etc.)

**This is just a brief example of how we have stewarded these funds.*



Community Generosity

2024

CHURCH EVENTS!



Kingston



Kentville



Kentville



Kentville



Kentville



Kentville



Kingston



Kentville



Kentville



Kentville



Kentville

BBQ & BAPTISMS!

On Sunday, Aug. 18 we had our annual BBQ & Baptisms at Lake George with 130 in attendance (both campuses)! We celebrated 6 baptisms & enjoyed a delicious BBQ, corn, desserts! The afternoon was filled with joy, fellowship and humbling moments as we saw God's transformative power at work in people's lives! 🥕

**Special thanks to Geoff & Jodi Hennigar for hosting on their beautiful property!*

PUMPKIN BASH!

On Sunday, Oct. 27 we had our annual Pumpkin Bash at both locations w/ 150+ in attendance (church & local)! From carving pumpkins to thrilling pumpkin races, face-painting, cookie decorating, and chilli - every moment was filled with fun, laughter and *gourd* vibes only! 🎃

CAROLS & DESSERTS!

On Sunday, Dec. 8 we held our annual Carols & Desserts with 170 in attendance at our Kentville campus! It was a *joy-filled* evening filled with... classic carols, a children's moment, interactive readings, door prizes, plenty of laughs, followed by delicious festive desserts in the lobby! 🍪

DOUGH HOLY NIGHT!

On Sunday, Dec. 15 we held our annual Dough Holy Night with 100 in attendance at both campuses! This interactive service had... games, card-making, creating special cookie jar gifts to share, and reflected on the *sweet* story of Jesus' birth. It was a heartwarming reminder of the true meaning of Christmas! 🍪

LAUGHS! FRIENDS! MEMORIES!

2025

CHURCH EVENTS!



SENIORS DINNER!

On Friday, Feb. 14 our Seniors & GEMS Ministry collaborated by hosting a special dinner (Kentville) for the seniors. The GEMS girls assisted w/ serving the Roast Beef dinner and Dessert! Special thanks to all those who attended and supported the GEMS Ministry by contributing a financial donation! ❤️

GOOD FRIDAY!

On Friday, April 18 approx. 320 attended our reflective Good Friday service (both campuses) to remember the love Jesus sacrificially provided for all people on the cross. This moving service included singing, Scriptures, videos, mini-messages and communion followed by refreshments in the lobby 🛤️

EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

On Saturday, April 19 we hosted 400 people (40% from community) for our HopeKids Eggstravaganza at our Kentville campus! There was an egg-hunt, crafts, bouncy castle, face-painting, photo booth, and BBQ! Thank you to those who attended, helped out with and donated towards this *egg-cellent* event! 🐰

EASTER SUNDAY!

On Sunday, April 20 approx. 455 attended both campuses, as we celebrated resurrection of Jesus! The service included worship, powerful video testimonies, a dramatic skit and reading, and a hope-filled message - highlighted by a piece of cloth symbolizing the grave clothes Jesus left behind - He's alive! ☀️

FAITH! FELLOWSHIP! HOPE!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Congratulations!

Pastor Karen



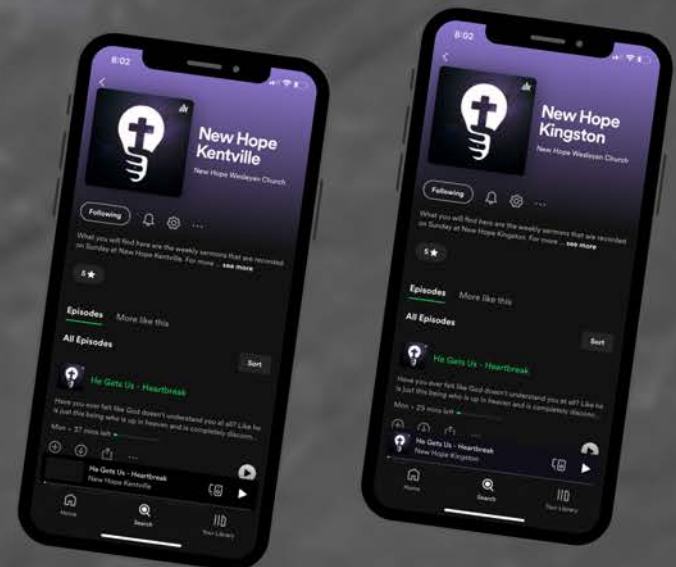
On Sunday, January 19, 2025 during our morning services, we took time to *honour & celebrate* **Pastor Karen** as she steps into retirement. With gratitude in our hearts, we reflected on her **faithful service**, **Christ-like leadership**, and the **countless lives** she's impacted for *God's Kingdom!* We also presented a special gift to Pastor Karen & Burton on behalf of our entire church family - **THANK YOU KAREN!**

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



SERMON PODCAST

Kentville or Kingston Sermons



STEP 1: Search - "New Hope Kentville or Kingston"

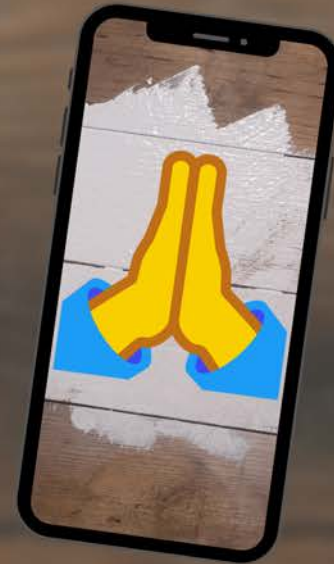
STEP 2: Listen to the latest sermon on the go!

TAKE THE MESSAGE WITH YOU!

TXT Prayer Requests...

902-906-0377

"... PRESENT your requests to God." (Phil. 4:6b)



We believe in the POWER of prayer and CARE about what is going on in your life. Therefore, if there is anything we can pray about, please do not hesitate to share your request!

*(*Prayer Requests are prayed for by the Pastoral Staff + forwarded to the Email Prayer Chain.)*

PRAYING WITH & FOR YOU!

PASTORAL STAFF

REPORTS!

KENTVILLE



Pastor Scott
Lead Pastor



Pastor Jodie
Assistant Pastor



Pastor Dan
Youth & Media



Pastor Mariah
Children's Pastor



Pastor Megan
Spiritual Care



Pastor Karen
Missions Pastor

KINGSTON



Pastor Dave
Campus Pastor



Pastor Melissa
Assist. Campus Pastor

WINDSOR



Pastor Jason
Campus Pastor

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

LEAD PASTOR REPORT

This past year has been a testimony to God's provision and the faithfulness of His people. As one church in multiple locations, we've committed to doing **Whatever It Takes** to see lives changed by the Hope of Jesus - and what a year it has been!

A God-Sized Vision

In **2024**, we boldly launched our "**Whatever It Takes**" Campaign, trusting God to move through His people in radical generosity and courageous obedience.

Over **\$532,384** was pledged over two years to support this mission. We praise God that, to date, **\$335,605** has already been received. Your faithfulness is making a difference!

Because of your giving, we're seeing vision become reality:

- We will launch our newest location in Windsor in October 2025, expanding our reach into a new community hungry for Hope.
- A new roof has been completed at our Kentville location, ensuring long-term sustainability for our ministry in Kentville.
- We're thrilled to announce that on June 17, 2025, the mortgage at our Kentville location will be paid in full. A massive milestone in our journey of faithful stewardship. It will be the first time in twenty years that New Hope has been debt-free. We will celebrate this achievement on June 22, 2025, at our Kentville location.

Each of these steps enhances our capacity to minister more effectively as one church across multiple locations.

A Historic Year

We also celebrated our highest combined attendance ever, with a weekly average of **345** people gathering for worship across our campuses. However, beyond the numbers, it's the stories behind the stats that truly reflect God's work among us:

- **23** people gave their lives to Christ
- **12** people were baptized as a public declaration of their faith in Christ
- **16** Hope Huddles (small discipleship groups) are continuing to add spiritual strength to New Hope
- **5** Baby Dedications, as families commit their children to the Lord

These moments represent real transformation. This is what it means to be the Church on mission - doing **Whatever It Takes** to make Jesus known.

In **2 Kings 4:1-7**, a widow faced a crisis and sought help from the prophet Elisha with only a small jar of oil. As she heeded God's instructions, gathering jars and pouring out what little she possessed, God performed a miracle. The oil kept flowing until every jar was filled to capacity.

This is our story as a church.

We've brought what we have - our time, gifts, and resources - and placed them in God's hands. He is multiplying it beyond what we could imagine. As long as there are empty jars and people in need of hope, we will keep gathering, keep pouring, and keep believing... because God is not finished.

Looking Ahead

The upcoming year holds even greater promise. With the Windsor location launching, Kentville soon becoming mortgage-free, and Kingston poised for continued growth through two Sunday services, we step into the future with confidence in Christ and deep gratitude to our Saviour.

We will not settle for small dreams. We will continue to be a church that does **Whatever It Takes** to reach the lost, love our communities, and raise up disciples.

The prophet said, "*Do not ask for just a few.*" **2 Kings 4:3** *Let's continue to prepare for more, because God still has jars to fill.*

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, as one church with multiple locations, we are bringing the Hope of Jesus to the communities of Nova Scotia and beyond.

Sincerely,

Scott Prime

Rev. Scott Prime

pastorscott@nhwchurch.ca

ASSISTANT PASTOR REPORT

New Hope Family, it has been a great privilege to serve as your Assistant Pastor over this past church fiscal year. Thank you for making my service to God and His Church a truly rewarding experience! Thank you to Pastor Scott, our incredible staff, the church board, and to you - our entire church family - for your support, encouragement, and the many ways you've expressed appreciation towards Mariah and I. Also, your love for our daughter Nora means so much! We feel motivated to give our best to God, His Church, and our community.

I've had the joy of participating in several meaningful ministry moments, such as:

- Witnessing our church respond with sacrificial generosity and commitment to our **'Whatever It Takes'** initiative to bring the hope of Jesus to communities in our province, and eliminate our Kentville mortgage!
- Welcoming **Rev. Jason Parker** to our pastoral staff! Jason is a faithful, passionate follower of Jesus and respected pastor on our district. We're so blessed to have him, Carolina and their family with us as they prepare to launch our Windsor campus!
- Experiencing powerful worship moments. You've likely sensed what I have – that God has truly been *"inhabiting the praises of His people"* (Psalm 22:3) ... There is such a **sweet presence of God's Spirit** when His people lift high the name of Jesus! I am so grateful for the privilege it is to help lead our church in worship each week.
- Preached **10 sermons**. I enjoy every opportunity to share & unpack God's Word in the most practical ways.
- Participating in a **leadership Co-Hort** since January 2024 with a dozen Assistant Pastors (Wesleyan Churches). Led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Peter Moore, this co-hort has been a valuable time of growth, encouragement and leadership investment.

As the Assistant Pastor I have the privilege to oversee the following areas: Worship Ministry, First Impressions, Promotional/Church Materials, In-House Documents/Procedures and Co-Lead the Staff Meetings with Pastor Scott. Here are a few highlights...

Worship Ministry

I've had the joy of planning service orders, song selections, incorporating creative elements, recruitment, and scheduling worship team members for Kentville & Kingston services. (*I am grateful to Pastor Dave who oversees Kingston's schedule and recruitment)

- I served on 45 Sundays this year - either leading worship, playing drums or acoustic guitar. It is my intent to help our church encounter God through a blend of new and older songs, Q&A testimonies, special readings, videos, skits, dance and art.

- a) I am very thankful to Alex (Sarah) Sanford who skilfully serves as one of our co-worship leaders at our Kentville & Kingston campuses. We are so blessed by their leadership, passion, and faithful commitment! Special thanks to Marlee Dietert, who also has been a co-worship leader at our Kentville campus – her heart for worship is such a gift!
- We are blessed with **40 highly skilled, committed and passionate worship team members** between Kentville & Kingston. This year, we recruited 5 new team members (Kentville & Kingston).
- **Updates:** 4 additional LED lights for stage designs. 3 new vocal microphones in Kingston. New digital snake in Kingston to improve sound quality. New electronic drum-set and piano pedal in Kentville.
- I assisted Pastor Scott in planning and leading Kentville's monthly **THRIVE** services. These evenings included: worship, Q&A testimonies, videos, Scriptures, devotional thoughts and focused prayer.
 - a) In Sept. 2024, Pastor Dave appointed Heather Jackson to lead THRIVE in Kingston – this took a responsibility off of my plate. Huge thanks to Heather for creatively & faithfully planning these services!
- I oversaw the planning of our family-fun event, '**Carols & Desserts**' (Dec. 8 '24) at our Kentville campus. Over 170 people attended this joy-filled evening that included: classic carols, a children's moment, interactive readings, door prizes and laughter (including a cupcake to my face from Mariah!)
 - a) Special thanks to Alex Sanford & members of the Kentville & Kingston worship team who passionately led the carols, along with Heather Hockley, Susan Amirault (+Huddle) for planning and serving the delicious festive desserts! Also, to all those who contributed!
- I oversaw our **Christmas Eve Services** (Kentville & Kingston) which included: carols, a family video reading the Christmas story, creative dance (special thanks to Emmanuelle & Ellington), a hope-filled message, candle-lighting, and post-service egg nog & apple-cider! 300+ people that attended (Kentville & Kingston)
 - a) Due to high RSVP numbers, we added a 2pm service in Kentville alongside our 4pm & 6pm services!
 - b) Special thanks to Pastors Mariah & Karen, Heather Hockley & Susan Amirault (check-in), and Jim Hockley for overseeing the parking team.
- Pastor Scott and I planned our Easter Weekend Services (April 18 & 20 '24)
 - a) Good Friday: Pastor Scott and I planned the interactive and creative service, which included hymns/modern songs, Scriptures, videos and mini-messages reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross. Jesus experienced leading up to the cross. There were 320 people that attended (Kentville & Kingston). Special thanks to Heather & Susan (+Huddle) for their planning, attention to detail to oversee the refreshments.
 - b) Easter Sunday: I planned the service that included hymns/modern songs, a powerful skit (Pastor Jason), a special reading (Austinn), two creative videos ("*I trust God b/c...*" and James' testimony) and a hope-filled message. There were 455 that attended (Kentville & Kingston).

- We redesigned the platform 5 times (Kentville & Kingston). Huge thanks to Pastors Scott, Dave & Mariah; Linda & Wayne Isnor; Heather Hockley; Natasha Ward; and Paul & Tammy Wamboldt for their help and creativity! I am very grateful to Natasha Ward who graciously agreed to oversee the stage designs in Kingston starting in June 2025. Her attention to detail and creativity are second-to-none and I know she will do a fantastic job!

First Impressions

- It is my privilege to oversee and support the important ministries of our Greeters and Ushers at our Kentville campus. Thank you to everyone who faithfully served and welcomed others into our church family this year!
 - a) This year, welcomed 4 new Greeters and 3 new Ushers to the team (Kentville), what a huge blessing!
- I oversee our weekly e-bulletin, which shares upcoming events, and updates about across all campuses.
- I also manage all event sign-ups and online forms, ensuring a smooth process.
- I oversee the church events poster seen in our lobby, washrooms and on Facebook (Kentville)
- I created the Faith Promise Card for '*Whatever It Takes!*' and multiple invite cards for church events.
- Special thanks to Linda Isnor for beautifully and festively decorating our Kentville lobby for Christmas!
- Special thanks to Bea & Gordon Stanley for enhancing the lobby (Kentville) atmosphere with creativity, generosity and thoughtful touches!
- With Pastor Karens retirement, I resumed leadership of **Starting Point** in January 2025.
 - a) Immense thanks to HUGE Gordon & Bea Stanley for consistently serving and representing our church so well nearly every week! They also refreshed and reorganized the space to make it more welcoming!
 - b) I revamped our first-time guests gift (special thanks to Nancy Sanford for assembling the mugs)
- Thanks to a generous donation in Sept. 2024, we have 2 automatic hand-sanitizer dispensers in Kentville.
- We plan to update the signage at our Kingston campus to reflect the new Sunday service times.
- We made a slight change to our current church logo, and also added a logo for New Hope Windsor.

In addition to the above responsibilities, I also had the privilege of...

- I was honoured to participate in the Celebration of Life services for Lucy Kornelson (Jan. 20²⁵) and Merton Stevens (Apr. 5 ²⁵). My heartfelt condolences and continued love & support go out to both families.
- I provide 'behind-the scene' leadership support and resources to our GriefShare ministry. I am so grateful for Bernadine Gerrits and Honey Young, who lead this ministry with such compassion and loving care for those navigating the pain of loss.
- I Co-Led our weekly Staff meetings with Pastor Scott.
- I lead a weekly HopeHuddle.
- I worked to update multiple in-house documents/procedures to better serve our growing church.
- I was involved in the planning of multiple church events.

- I regularly attended/participated in our monthly Board meetings.
- I compiled & designed our Annual Church Report document, ensuring it reflects both gratitude and clarity as we reflect on what God has done!
- I made many personal connections with our church family / ministry leaders to encourage, equip & support.

Personal Goals (2025-2026 church fiscal year)

- Develop my leadership ability by reading more ministry and leadership books.
- Support Pastor Scott as he entrusts me with more leadership responsibility.
- Organize/Host a “Church Health & Growth” conference.
- Provide church-branded apparel (hats, shirts, sweaters, etc.)
- Continue to update In-House documents & procedures to support clarity, consistency and church growth.
- Continue to empower & equip others so the ministries I oversee become less ‘reliant’ upon me, and are increasingly under the very capable leadership of others.

As I begin my **twelfth year** on staff at New Hope, I am truly humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve God, our church family and the surrounding communities. Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of being one of your pastors.

This past year brought growth, new experiences and fresh challenges – all of which reminded me how deeply I need the Holy Spirit to guide and empower me to live a God-honouring life, and lead effectively in ministry.

I’m continually encouraged by God’s Word in Philippians 2:13, *“For it is God who works in you to will (desire) and to act (power) in order to fulfil His good purpose”*. The Holy Spirit is our power source, and as we daily surrender to Him, He works through us in ways that make an eternal difference in the lives of others!

Serving with you,

Jedie Elliott

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YOUTH & MEDIA REPORT

New Hope family another year has gone by and once again it has been an exciting year as a church and I can't wait to see where we go next! We have seen a number of incredible things happen this past year and God has been very faithful.

Hope Youth (Kentville & Kingston) Here are some quick stats about Hope Youth this past year...

- **1** Baptism
- **3** Decisions to follow Jesus
- **17** Average Weekly Attendance

This past summer our youth group attended OneCon in Moncton NB. Our group of 4 joined nearly 3000 other teens and leaders in a weekend of worship/games. There was a concert on the Friday evening of the weekend that our group particularly enjoyed. One of the other highlights was being able to go out for our annual special lunch together where we reflected on the previous year. The speakers and music were incredible which you would expect but I think the best part of the weekend was the teens being able to see so many other people their age worshipping Jesus.

This year Pastor Megan had a baby which was exciting! It also left us with a need as we would be short a leader in Kentville. Thankfully Nicholas and Abigail Ward stepped up and volunteered to be leaders at our weekly youth meetings. It has been amazing to have their help and they have been an incredible addition to the team!

A highlight from this past year was being asked to be a guest speaker at a Middleton youth rally. As a youth group we all attended the rally and many of the group attend these monthly rallies. It was a great opportunity to connect with another church in the community and interact with other teens.

This year we relaunched Hope Bridge, our biggest obstacle with this ministry had been finding a leader but God sent us Bob Dorland. He did an incredible job leading the ministry this year and was instrumental in multiple decisions to accept Christ. We are saying goodbye to Bob as the year ends but I want to say thank you again to him for doing such an amazing job!

Media (Kentville)

- **30** Average Livestream Viewership
- **350** Average reach per service

This year we continued to livestream our weekly services at New Hope. We also continued the option to listen to

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the audio version of not only the Kentville campus sermon but the Kingston campus sermon as well. These audio versions are available on Spotify and on Apple Podcast. We will be adding audio versions of the Windsor campus when it launches this coming fall. This year we recorded a number of remote videos. Some of the highlights for me were the Christmas Eve promo video where I had Pastor Scott, Jodie and Dave running all over town as well as our annual stories of hope series. I was able to travel to different families homes in our church for some of the recordings this past year which is always a special time together. We have also continued recording our announcements weekly.

We had some significant upgrades this past year. We purchased some new microphones which allow remote recording to be done much easier and with much higher quality. There was also a generous donation which allowed us to replace one of our cameras in the sanctuary. Along with the camera we purchased a remote which allows us to control the camera from the booth. This give us many more options for the livestream. We also added crowd microphones which helps with the overall online experience.

I want to say thank you to all who have supported me in my time at New Hope. I am at the completion of my 5th year and I continue to be excited for what is coming next and hope you will join me on the journey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Burman

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CHILDREN'S PASTOR REPORT

Hello New Hope Family,

It has been a privilege to serve alongside each of you in the HopeKids Ministry again this year. Thanks to God's guidance, your prayers/support, and our amazing team of leaders, the this ministry continues to grow and more children are learning about God's love for them. Here's a glimpse of how God's been at work over this past year.

Stats:

Our numbers continue to grow, with an average weekly attendance of:

- **49** kids (Kentville)
- **28** kids (Kingston)

Since May 2024, we have welcomed **10 new leaders** to our team:

- Kentville: **6** leaders
- Kingston: **4** leaders

We also had a total of **5 child dedications** (3 in Kentville, 2 in Kingston). Praise God families who are committing themselves to living for Him, and for a church to support them with love, guidance, and prayer.

Events/Special Sundays:

All events occurred in both Kentville & Kingston, except for: OCC HopeKids Moment & Easter Eggstravaganza.

- **Birthday Bash:** June 2nd & Nov 24th This was our first year doing these events. The Birthday Bashes happen 2x a year to celebrate our HopeKids birthdays (Jan-June in June, July-Dec in November). During these mornings, we took a break from our regular curriculum and hosted a "birthday party" for our HopeKids. These mornings have been a fun way to make our HopeKids feel special and get excited about coming to church!
- **Special Sundays:** Summer 2024 These Sundays were primary planned by our Summer Student, Bronwyn, to help keep children excited about coming to church during the summer months when attendance tends to dip. Each of these mornings were a great success and enjoyed by many! **"School's Out!" Bash (June 30th), Christmas in July (July 7th), Water Sundays (July 28th & August 18th), Tropical Sunday (August 4th)**
- **Kickoff Sunday: September 15th** Bouncy castle, face paint, outdoor games
- **Pumpkin Bash: October 27th** Pumpkin carving, chili, face paint, pumpkin races. Each year, we see more members of our community attending this event!
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Nov. 17th We spent the month of November focusing on the importance of OCC & had Pastor Karen explain the mission behind these shoeboxes. Our HopeKids delivered their shoeboxes to the front of the sanctuary & joined the church congregation in prayer before sending these boxes overseas.

- **Dough Holy Night:** Dec. 15th Interactive Family Program. 100+ people in attendance, and 20+ volunteers.
- **Eggstravaganza:** April 19th 400+ people in attendance & 40+ volunteers/staff serving. 56% of children in attendance were not connected with our church. Amazing opportunity to open our doors to the community!

Sunday Morning Updates:

- In October 2024, we made the transition to use *Grow* curriculum. This curriculum is used for both children & teens in our church and focuses on getting our kids into the Word of God. It's been well received by both children and leaders.
 - Our HopeKids have continued to be engaged in our monthly memory verse challenge this past year. It's been so encouraging to see the kids memorize scripture and become more familiar with how to navigate their Bibles. This has been a major benefit with our new curriculum.
 - We've also purchased several kid-friendly Bibles to provide children/families with. We've handed out close to 10 Bibles this Spring alone!
- In October 2024, we also launched more formal programming in our Hope Garden classroom (ages 18 months-3 years). This program includes singing, a story time, and crafts/activities. Special thanks to Peggy Abriel, who brought this curriculum to the church and has helped to oversee the program.
 - **Due to a shortage in leaders, we currently only offer this program during the 9:30AM service (Hope Garden during the 11AM service is more of a "playroom"). The goal for this next year is to recruit more leaders so that we can implement this program during both services.

We were fortunate to have Bronwyn Knowlton as our summer student from May-August 2023, and are thrilled to have her back again this year. Bronwyn is creative, hardworking, and has a heart for children. She's passionate about helping to make our Sunday morning programs fun and engaging, while also ensuring that our HopeKids learn more about their relationship with God. Thanks for all you do, Bronwyn!

As I prepare to be on maternity leave from July 2025-2026, I am reminded again that this is not my ministry and that I am not in charge. God has been so faithful to New Hope and the HopeKids Ministry, and I'm looking forward to seeing what **He** accomplishes this next year.

Thank you, again, for your continuous prayers and support.

In His Service,

Mariah Elliott

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MISSIONS PASTOR REPORT

Stats:

- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes: **168** for both locations
- Blessings in a Backpack: **40** Kentville & **77** Kingston (*weekly basis)
- Christmas Hampers: **25+** (Kentville)
- Fundy Food Bank: approx. **40 kg.** per month (Kentville)
- Compassion Sunday Sponsorships: **15** in 2024
- Quarterly Seniors Lunches, in partnership with Lorraine Case
- Preaching: July 14, 2024

Regular Local Financial Support:

- Valley Care Pregnancy Center
- Valley Community Suppers
- Open Arms Resource Center
- Fundy Food Bank, Kentville
- Blessings in a Back Pack food insecurity ministry to local schools

Regular Global Financial Support:

- Robin and Yoko White, Japan Missionaries
- Team Amplify, Global Partners
- Ignite Hope, World Hope International
- Compassion Canada
- *Shareword* (formerly the Gideons)

Community Generosity (Christmas Eve Offering):

- Several grocery cards for community members
- Several Walmart gift cards for house- fire support
- Several gas cards

Summer of 2024 we made a partnership with Open Arms to identify and help those in the community in need of grocery support. We have provided extra financial funds to Open Arms for this ministry.

Special Projects:

- Baby Bottle Campaign in support of Valley Care Pregnancy Center
- Helped a church member through a house and yard clean up
- Compassion Sunday

- Special Summer Grocery bags for BIBP students
- Christmas Hampers
- Compassion Child supported by New Hope and Hope Kids: Micheal in Guatemala
- World Vision child supported by New Hope: Ninrod in India
- Refugee Sponsorship: Ongoing preparations in partnership with Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada
- Operation Christmas Child Drop off Center: Included in this initiative was intensive summer-long training for the leader (myself) plus organizing and training of volunteer staff in Sept/Oct. The drop off week was Nov. 17-24th, 2024 for the whole community. We collected 559 full shoeboxes in total, packed up and sent to the Calgary processing center. Many thanks to all the volunteers who were enthusiastic about this ministry!
- Gems missions night, Oct. 25 the girls decorated and filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas child and put in a special personal note of blessing in each one.

Dear church, it's been a pleasure and a blast to serve you and the Lord as your Missions pastor over the last 7+ years. As I settle into retirement, I can't thank you all enough for the support that you have given me and to the ministry. Special thanks to all the amazing staff and Pastors at New Hope.

God Bless,

Karen Doucette

Rev. Karen Doucette

CAMPUS PASTOR REPORT

Below are a few highlights from this past church year, along with some challenges and goals for the year ahead.

Highlights

- In July we entered a float in the Kingston Steer BBQ **parade**, which included a live band (our worship team). Almost 25 volunteers took part.
- We now have our own **Facebook page**, helping us to better communicate what's going on in the life of this location.
- Within the community, NH - Kingston participated in the following ministries: Christmas food hampers, Heart of the Valley Nursing Home, the Upper Room Food Bank, and Blessings in a Backpack (BIAB).
- Throughout the summer we had four **summer potlucks** on Sunday evenings. They were fun times of food & fellowship. Attendance was in the 40-65 range.
- Our **THRIVE** services have been spiritually rich, and attendance has quadrupled from last year.
- NH – Kingston has a **new staff member**. My wife Melissa began working five hours a week to clear some administrative tasks from my plate. She has been a great asset!
- We ran the **Alpha Course** in the fall for the first time. Weekly attendance was between 35-40. We saw some of our unchurched guests experience salvation or take spiritual 'steps' towards Jesus – including faithfully attending church. Our people stepped up to make this a success (27 volunteers).
- Our location participated in a week of **prayer & fasting** in January. I was encouraged with the engagement and believe we have been experiencing the spiritual blessings that came from it.
- We are steadily **growing**. Both Christmas Eve (182) & Easter (159) saw record attendance for us. Due to space constraints, we are now offering two Sunday morning services (9:30am & 11am). Our church has been dedicated and supportive of this change. The phrase I hear over and over is "Whatever it takes!"

Challenges

- The larger we get, the harder it is to keep the family atmosphere so many have come to love about NH - Kingston. We will need to be intentional in creating spaces that continue to foster deepening relationships.
- Several of our ministries need more volunteers. New volunteers will need to be identified and trained in order to keep up with growing ministry demands.

Future Goals

- This fall we are running Alpha again. The intent is to further reach unchurched & dechurched people in our community with the saving power of Jesus.

- We will continue to increase our community presence – especially in our schools. Through existing relationships, God seems to be opening a door for us at Kingston & District School.

Glancing back over this past year, God's faithfulness has been evident. He has blessed NH – Kingston this past year and I know He will be with us as we continue to walk step in step with Him. It has been my joy and privilege to serve as campus pastor.

In Christ,

Dave Tysick

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ASSISTANT CAMPUS PASTOR REPORT

It has been an exciting year for me joining the New Hope Pastoral staff team. Personally, we also welcomed our daughter Evelyn into our lives. This past year I was on maternity leave in the Fall and worked 5 hours a week outside of that.

Some of my highlights and bigger projects include the following:

- Pastor Dan helped me to launch the Kingston Facebook Page with I currently oversee.
- Organizing the Steer BBQ parade float in Kingston. This included a full live worship team that worshiped as the float drove through the main street in Kingston in front of hundreds of people. We also had prepared 150 goodie bags to hang out to the kids watching the parade.
- Helping with Kingston church improvement by tidying storage areas and purchasing and prepping baptismal cattle trough tank in which we baptized 4 people so far
- Working on growing our church community through hospitality. I organized a Hospitality Team that regularly invites people for meals as well as a Sunday morning floater team that seeks to engage with new people and make them feel welcomed and comfortable (beyond what our greeters already do).
- Helping Pastor Dave with administrative duties.

Serving with you,

Melissa Tysick

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CAMPUS PASTOR REPORT

Hey New Hope Family! I'm so incredibly grateful that God has called me to be part of this team. I officially started work here March 1, 2025 and have been working towards launching what will be New Hope Windsor with the goal of launching this October 2025!

Planting:

- The work of a church planter is very much like an entrepreneur starting a new business with lots of unknowns and as one of my old pastors said to me, building the ship as you sail it. We have some solid folks who have committed to being part of New Hope Windsor.

Location:

- We've also been working at trying to find a space. The Bible teaches us that man plans his ways but the Lord directs his steps. We had a place lined up to be booked but due to their plans to build office space we unfortunately had to pivot away from that plan and are actively exploring other options. This is priority number one and we'd kindly ask for you to pray that God would lead us to the perfect spot he has in mind.

Ministry:

- I've also appreciated the opportunities to minister whether that be in our Sunday morning services at New Hope Kingston and Kentville or our Thrive services. I have a real passion to teach and preach God's word and so I've been grateful to be able to use the gifts God's given me to be a blessing.

People:

- The other thing I have appreciated so far during my time here is the chance to get to know some of the folks that are part of the New Hope Family. While I haven't got all the names down yet it's been awesome to be able to visit people in their homes, having breakfast with folks and having the chance to get to know people more. I'm a people person and so I've been grateful for those kinds of opportunities.

Personal Note:

- On a personal note, we have so appreciated the prayer and support our family as we have been in this season of transition. As most of you are probably aware, for the last two months I have been travelling back and forth from Barrington to Falmouth/Kentville as we have been waiting for the sale and purchases of homes to go through. Thankfully that season is coming to an end but I am blown away by the volume of people that have taken the time to pray for our families needs in this season.

We are incredibly excited to see New Hope Launch in Windsor and to see the impact that is going to have. Thanks for being willing to do whatever it takes to see more kingdom locations in Nova Scotia. I'm thankful and believe that God is going to lead us to launch more kingdom locations in the future to see even more people come to faith in Jesus.

20 *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (Ephesians 3:20)*

In Christ,

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MINISTRY LEADER

REPORTS!

KENTVILLE



Ken
Men's
Stockade



Sharon
Women's



Tanya
Gems
Blessings in a Backpack



Susan & Heather
Social



Bernadine
GriefShare



Joanne
Prayer



Doug
Treasurer

KINGSTON



Bob
Men's



Karen
Women's



Heather
Blessings in a Backpack

MEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

The focus this year has been on the men in the church getting to learn a little more about each other. This has been done by getting men within the church to share their testimony or faith journeys with each other during our monthly breakfast events rather than having outside speakers.

We also held a men's eschatology study which drew a dedicated group of men out each Thursday night at the Kentville church.

Additionally we held a men's retreat weekend at Kingswood camp after a long hiatus due to COVID. We drew men from both Kingston and Kentville and even someone from Bridgewater. Jay Trainer from NY state was able to join us as our speaker for the weekend.

Many men also helped out with the CSB charity car show last August.

We continue to look at new and interesting ways for men to be an active part of the church.

Sincerely,

Ken McKenna

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STOCKADE MINISTRY REPORT

We switched this year from Cadets to Stockade which created a bit of a learning curve for everyone involved. We had 2 of the same leaders from last year plus another that had joined us late in the season last year. We added a fourth leader a few weeks in. We constantly averaged 5-6 boys at each meeting.

This year we focused on Citizenship (God's plan), Shape n Race (integrity) and Robots (created for a purpose) where in addition to focusing on God's word we played games, did a woodworking project making a Canadian flag, wooden cars and robots. We are wrapping up the year with a sleepover at the church where we will top off the year with car races, robot battles and other fun activities.

Sincerely,

Ken McKenna

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

The women's breakfast ministry was held the second Saturday of each month with an average of 40 women for each session. The purpose is to provide fellowship to women as well as help grow their spiritual relationship with God.

Last year we did three testimonials with one being on Grief Share. We had sessions on how God is the potter and we are the clay, the Armour of God as well as a Mother's Day tea. We had Kathleen Murphy a clinical social worker speak on mental health and how important it is for women to take time for themselves so they will be able hear God and receive everything he has for them.

The women got to try out their creative ability and did centre pieces for Christmas and Valentine cards for folks who did not have family to visit them. The cards were delivered to Evergreen nursing home as well as Valley Regional for people waiting for a bed at a home. They were very well received.

We were able to donate \$300 to Blessings in a Backpack as well as we have taken any extra food to Open Arms.

We did not have enough help at the first of the season. However, God has now blessed us with Vanessa to help with some of our technical issues we faced.

Holidays always seem to be on the second weekend of the month causing the attendance to be lower so we will be changing the breakfast to the third Saturday of each month. We have also changed from a free will offering to a \$10 charge to make sure our costs are covered.

To close for the summer in June, we will be having a movie night as well as a session on how to keep God first in the summer months.

Going forward we want to continue to have topics which will encourage women and bring new members. One of our main events will be a retreat in October.

Sincerely,

Sharon Agius & Denise Ford

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GEMS MINISTRY REPORT

When Pastor Megan asked me to take over the GEMS ministry while she was on maternity leave, I knew from being a leader with GEMS since 2017 that it was not a one person ministry so I requested that Rachel be my sidekick and I am so grateful that Rachel agreed. Together we have the opportunity and privilege to teach these young girls all about God and that He not only loves them, but He also has great plans for their lives. Our girls are awesome and we are excited to see them grow in their love for God over the time we spend with them in the GEMS ministry each year.

- We have a total of 21 girls who regularly attend our GEMS group (20 last year) along with the casual friends some of our girls bring with them. We hope to have more this coming Fall.
- We have four leaders beside Rachel and I who help us with crafts, games, snacks and the planning of each GEMS year. We will be down one leader this coming Fall as she is expecting her first baby in September!
- Each week our girls learn that our **God Is Unshakeable and His Promises are Unbreakable!** Psalm 62:2 reads, "He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."
- On lesson nights we taught our girls **God's five promises** to help them not to be shaken by things of this world. These five promises are ***I Am Loved*** (1 John 3:1), ***I Am Not Alone*** (Deuteronomy 31:6), ***I Am Strong*** (Philippians 4:13), ***I Am Forgiveness*** (1 John 1:9) and ***I Am A World Changer*** (Micah 6:8). We encourage our girls to open their bibles and look up these verses and read them out loud to the group. Our girls get excited to do this and are very eager to volunteer to read out loud.
- We completed four badges this year. ***Caring For Animals, Rest & Relaxation, What Is The Bible, Relationships With Other People*** and ***Unshakeable***. We had special guests on these nights to teach our girls special skills and they were a lot of fun!
- We also had a Christmas party, an Easter Scavenger Hunt and an end of year ice cream sundae night with games along with passing out badges earned, congratulating one of our GEMS girls who is graduating this year and saying goodbye to one of our girls who is moving next month to Ontario. I will also give gifts of appreciation to our GEMS leaders for their love and commitment with our GEMS girls and ministry.
- We had GEMS Sunday on May 25th to provide our church with an update on this ministry and to make them aware of the need for support through donating their time as a leader, donating money or taking their recyclable bottles to the Greenwich Recycling Depot by requesting funds from their bottles be donated to the GEMS account.

One highlight this GEMS year was our first ever **Senior's Valentine's Day Dinner!** We had roughly 50 plus seniors attend this event. We enjoyed a night of music, food, a skit, photo booth, Bingo, prizes and a lot of laughs.

Our GEMS girls welcomed our guests as they arrived, served them their meals, refilled their drinks, cleaned up after the guests finished their meals and in doing all of this, our GEMS girls were polite, respectful and even engaged in conversation with our guests.

Each guest received a personalized Valentine's Day card and a wooden, magnetic heart made by our girls to place on their fridge as a way to remind them they are not alone and that they are very much loved. We couldn't have been more proud of our GEMS girls!

Our GEMS leaders were a crucial part of this event as well. They helped with plating the food, cleaning the dishes and kitchen after the meal and supervising our girls throughout the event.

Lorraine Case and Bea Stanley catered the event with a delicious roast beef, mashed potato, veggies, gravy and cupcake dessert. Bea, Gordon, Lynn, Bob, myself and our daughter Jemma helped in setting up the tables and chairs and decorations which were provided by the lovely and talented Bea.

This event was a free will donation at the door and it was a **HUGE** success!! We plan to host another Senior's Valentine's Dinner in 2026. We cannot thank all who attended and donated at this event enough for your support and love toward this ministry. After all expenses were paid we raised roughly \$700. **THANK YOU!!!**

One challenge I faced with this ministry was learning how much time, planning, and organization is truly involved in order for this ministry to be effective and successful. It is without a doubt a real commitment. I could not have done it without the advice and assistance of Rachel, our daughter Jemma, Pastor Mariah and Pastor Megan. Thank you to all of you for your support. Having said that, I am thankful God called me to this ministry and that He trusts Rachel and I with each girl's spiritual wellness and growth.

Our hopes and plans for this ministry is to continue to grow and share with more girls how special they are to God and the many great plans He has for them in their lives.

From all us GEMS leaders and all our GEMS girls, thank you for your continued love and support to spread God's good news to these beautiful young ladies so they may develop a relationship with God and share his love with others as they go about their days.

With much appreciation,

Tanya Langley

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BIAB MINISTRY REPORT

When **Pastor Karen** approached me with the opportunity of taking over the Blessings In A Backpack ministry, I was honoured and excited to have the opportunity to make a difference in children's lives through the weekly provision of food over their weekends when not attending classes in school. This ministry is a great way to show God's children, all of their family, neighbours, friends and school staff that someone cares about them and values them.

- The 2024/2025 year we have had a consistent 13 volunteers (including myself and our daughter Jemma) and four new volunteers, totalling 17 volunteers who help with packing and/or delivering the food every week.
- One of our church interns studying at Kingswood, **Will**, has been helping Jemma and I with organizing the food on Wednesday mornings so that those volunteers who help pack and deliver the food on Thursday mornings can go as smoothly as possible.
- I am happy to introduce the opportunity of new volunteers who are only available Wednesdays and are only able to pack the food, not deliver it, starting this **May 2025**. Welcome **Tamara Marshall & Shannon Wheeler!** When they are scheduled during the month, two other volunteers will be scheduled that Thursday morning to simply pick up the bags of food and deliver them to Aldershot and KCA Elementary Schools.
- Once I took over this ministry I implemented that myself and the volunteers on Thursdays hold hands and pray over the food before it reaches the children it is intended for by God. I believe God has plans for these children and in His time and His way, these children will learn of Him, His love for them, their true value through Christ Jesus and perhaps one day have a personal relationship with Him.
- **Christmas 2024**, the **Women's Ministry** donated **\$300.00** dollars so that I could purchase Christmas stockings for our children in the Blessings In A Backpack ministry and fill them with chocolate, candy, toys, crafts and whatever else might bring them some joy during this time of year. I am certain the children who received this generous gift were without a doubt filled with some joy, laughter and love during what is for some of them a very difficult time of year. Thank you **Women's Ministry** for your love and support to this ministry!
- On Sunday, March 16, 2025, **Pastor Scott** interviewed me during both morning services to help bring awareness to the Blessings In A Backpack ministry, to gain more volunteers and to educate the church congregation on the amount of funds that is required to provide food to the children at Aldershot and KCA Elementary schools every week.
- **Heather Hockley** provided bookmarks with food donation ideas for people to purchase and drop off throughout the week.
- **Pastor Jodie** made a Blessings In A Backpack sign display with these bookmarks and placed it in the upstairs lobby to encourage people to help donate food to this ministry. He also graciously donated a mini bar fridge for our Blessings In A Backpack room to store our cheese strings. High five to Pastor Jodie :)

One highlight this year was when after my interviews on March 16, 2025 with Pastor Scott, several **Hope Huddles** decided that as part of their monthly missions week they would make cash and/or food donations to Blessings In A Backpack. It filled my heart with joy to walk in on any random day of the week and be pleasantly surprised with someone(s) coming toward me with bags of food donations or I would walk into the Blessings room where our food is stored and see boxes of food on the tables and floor that had been donated when I was not there. Some donated cash through the church website and that was awesome to know as well. Every donation big or small makes a **HUGE** difference in running this ministry. I want to personally thank all of you for your donations, prayers and support. I couldn't provide food for these children without you. **THANK YOU!!**

One challenge I faced with this ministry was learning to keep track of our food inventory, organizing and scheduling volunteers, and maintaining a safe and organized work space. Our daughter, Jemma Langley, has helped me in all of these areas. I am **VERY** proud of her and thankful that God chose me to be her mom. I could not have done this ministry well without her. ***I love you Jemma.***

Our hopes and plans for this ministry in 2025/2026 is to look at the possibility of gaining more financial funds from other resources such as grants and/or burserises so that one day we might be able to provide more food to more children in more schools in our local communities or at least more children in the schools we currently provide for. Should we pursue this, we will be looking for another person or persons to take over this responsibility.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and commitment to this ministry. I strongly believe **God** will continue to use this ministry as a way to share **His** love for these children in hopes that one day they will come to have a real relationship with **Him** and know of a better life with **Him** in it. **Amen.**

With much appreciation,

Tanya Langley

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been our honour to serve this past year as co-leaders of the social committee. We were involved with several events in this capacity.

- In August a baptism and barbecue event was held at Geoff and Jodi Hennigar's lovely lake front property.
- On a hot day in September a kickoff barbecue took place in the yard behind the church. Hot dogs were served and it was a challenge to keep the ice cream from melting!
- In October we celebrated 20 years in our building with cake and coffee. A video of photos from the early days brought back many memories!!
- In early December our annual carols and desserts evening came with music, laughter and mouth-watering treats.
- The new year began with a recognition in January of Karen Doucette's retirement as Pastor of Missions. We enjoyed Cathy MacDonald's delicious cake as we celebrated Karen's years of dedicated service.
- Just weeks ago on Good Friday the church gathered to remember the Lord's death on the cross. We fellowshiped after the service with light refreshments.

In closing we would like to acknowledge the Amirault Huddle. They served alongside us with willing hearts and cheerful smiles. We love you! To all the cooks and bakers, and those who made monetary donations, no event would have been successful without you! Heartfelt thanks!!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Amirault & Heather Hockley

Susan Amirault & Heather Hockley - Social Committee Leaders

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***NOTE: Linda Isnor is now the Social Committee Leader**

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GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY REPORT

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. Our GriefShare grief support group is for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend.

GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over thirteen weeks, participants find relief and comfort as they learn what to expect and how to navigate the personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, participants learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, we view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. Participants receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating the personal grieving process. New Hope provides these workbooks to those attending GriefShare FREE of charge.

New Hope Kentville offers the 13 week GriefShare program twice a year. The Fall semester began Sept 12, 2024 with Dave and Agnes Hazelwood, Honey Young, Rudy Halbersma, and Bernadine Gerrits acting as facilitators/co-facilitators. We had 16 people register for the Fall group with 3 of those being folks that attend New Hope.

On Saturday, November 30/24 we ran "Surviving The Holidays". This is a two-hour special event that functions just like a typical GriefShare session. It's designed to: Help the bereaved through the difficult holiday season/Serve existing GriefShare group members/Grow the current ministry/Be a major outreach into the community. Eight people attended the event along with the five leaders.

Our Winter semester began Feb 27/25. We are blessed to have Honey Young, Rudy Halbersma, Austinn Buckley, and Bernadine Gerrits co-facilitate the meetings. We have 20 participants registered (6 who have come back for a second time). Most of the participants come from outside of New Hope. We are really getting to know each other as we move through the sessions. Our 'graduation session' will be June 5 when we hope to have a potluck supper together and go over the exercises in our workbooks for session 13.

We hope to resume a new Fall semester at the beginning of September/25 DV.

We ask that you pray for more people to take on different leadership roles in our ministry team and for stamina for those that currently help to lead. Please also remember to pray for the participants and for future participants as well.

We are very thankful to New Hope for making the church available to run the GriefShare program and for the continued support to those that are grieving as we journey from mourning to joy.

Blessings,

Bernadine Gerrits

Bernadine Gerrits - GriefShare Leader

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PRAYER MINISTRY REPORT

I am so grateful for our Prayer Ministry Team. We have 60+ people praying. We have many prayer requests and answered prayers. We appreciate when you update us on answered prayer so we can praise the Lord with you. God is good, He wants us to come to Him with our requests and our praise.

Being on an email Prayer Ministry Team at New Hope Wesleyan Church offers several benefits.

- It provides a structured way to support others through prayer, allows for more focused and deliberate prayer, and fosters a sense of community and shared purpose.
- Prayer ministry teams can help individuals deepen their faith and find comfort and encouragement in the face of difficult situations.
- Engaging in prayer ministry can deepen individual faith, build stronger relationships with God, and cultivate a greater sense of compassion for others.

If you are interested in joining us, send me an email: joannemitchell68@gmail.com

Thank you for praying,

Joanne Mitchell

Joanne Mitchell - Prayer Ministry Leader

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MEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

TOTAL HELD FOR THE YEAR

- **Eight (8).**One cancelled.One was a no go because of a busy month of various activities. No breakfast scheduled for July & August.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance varies depending on work commitments, personal reasons, weather, sickness etc. Some forgot to come, but that is ok.
- We have approximately **20 twenty** men who regularly attend our breakfast.
- Once in a while we have someone attend who doesn't belong to New Hope but comes as a guest of one of the men, and **this is encouraged**.

SPEAKERS

- We have various speakers which have included former Pastors attending New Hope Kingston.
- Pastor Scott Prime from New Hope Kentville was our guest speaker in November 2024.
- Pastor Dave Tysick from New Hope Kingston was our guest speaker in February 2025.
- Ken Mckenna from New Hope Kentville was our guest speaker.
- We have had speakers from the New Hope Kingston Congregation.

LOCATIONS

- We have had various locations which have included New Hope Kingston church, Big Scoop, Middleton, Capitol Pub Middleton, A&W Greenwood Mall, the Aylesford Lions club and on several occasions, we have been hosted by individuals at their home from the church.

COST

- **Our Guest** Speakers meal is complimentary and paid by New Hope Kingston.
- Breakfast is your own responsibility.
- The cost varies depending upon the location.
- At a home, or at the church we basically pay for the cost of the food. Usually \$10.00 to \$12.00
- At the restaurants, cost will vary depending on what you order and can be from \$15.00 to \$20.00.
- At a Club or Organization, the cost would be what is set by their Catering regulatory.
- The Aylesford club charged us \$15.00 for a full breakfast.

DATES IN 2024

- 04 May, 15 June, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 07 December 2024.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING ATTENDANCE

- **Three (3) Days** advance notice of attendance works.
- There are a few reasons we need a booking deadline as follows

- Restaurants want to know in case they have to bring in more help.
- If we have the breakfast at a home, the host needs some lead time to purchase the required amount of food.
- A club or Organization also need lead time to prepare as well.

SPECIAL NOTES

- We were **Blessed** to have Pastor Scott Prime as our **guest speaker** on November 16.
- The **June & December** Breakfasts were held at New Hope Kingston.
- It works well at the church, but the preparation & cleanup requires teamwork and has worked without a hitch.
- Our Men's **Christmas Breakfast** was well attended, and we had activities & treats held in a joyous atmosphere which included a typical Yahnke Swap.
- The September 21 Breakfast was **cancelled**.

DATES IN 2025

- 25 January, 22 February, 22 March.
- We **did not** hold a Men's Breakfast in **April** as this month was too busy.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Our Men's Breakfast for January 25 was held at the Aylesford & District Lions club and Pastor Eugene Foster was our Guest Speaker. Everyone agreed that it was a **great location**.
- Our Men's Breakfast for 22 February was held at the home of Bob & Barbara Lyle and Pastor Dave Tysick was our guest speaker.
- Pastor Dave used a format in his message that allowed for interaction by all who wanted to speak.

SHUTDOWN

- Our final breakfast will be held on **21 June**.

STARTUP

- Our Breakfasts will start up again in late **September 2025**. Date to be determined.

SCHEDULED BREAKFASTS'

- As the coordinator, I do not schedule the breakfasts for a six-month period with specific dates. I don't do this for several reasons as follows: Pending unknown New Hope Church monthly activities. Pending unknown community monthly activities. Special Holidays. And of course, the winter months can cause us to **reschedule**.

CONCLUSION

- Our next Breakfast will be at **A&W** in the Greenwood mall on the **31 May**. Guest Speaker: **Zach d'Entremont**.
- Our final Men's Breakfast will be on **21 June (location TBD)** and our guest speaker: **Pastor Jason**.
- I truly feel Blessed to be serving as the coordinator for the Men's Breakfasts for New Hope Kingston.

Sincerely with blessings,

Bob Lyle

Bob Lyle - Men's Ministry Coordinator

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

In Spring 2024, God put it on my heart to start a women's ministry at New Hope Kingston campus. After attending the Women's Breakfast in Kentville and discussing informally with several women in the church, it became clear a women's ministry was desired in Kingston. This would not be to compete with, but to complement the Kentville Women's ministry.

We had our first Women's Gathering on April 20 2024 as a stand alone event with a movie night. This was organized by myself (Karen Tucker), Debbie MacLean, Melissa Tysick and Heather Jackson.

In the fall of 2024 Debbie MacLean and I officially started the **Hope Women** ministry.

Hope Women aims to encourage the women of the Kingston New Hope community. The meetings are relatively informal but have Biblically-based teaching. This ministry aims to help women use the gifts God has given them to mentor and encourage each other (Titus 2). We try to meet the last Saturday morning of every month. Each meeting has a topic/theme, and we ask a different woman in the congregation to talk to us from a Godly and personal perspective based on that theme.

Our three areas of focus for each Hope Women gathering are:

- **Connective:** involving all the women who with social time, coffee, tea and a snack of some kind
- **Spiritual:** encouraging word from a speaker from New Hope, discussing missions within the Annapolis Valley; prayer and Biblically based teaching is weaved into each activity
- **Hands On:** a craft or activity that involves all women if possible

We have had 5 regular monthly events, two in fall 2024 (October 26, November 30) and three so far in 2025 (February 22, March 29 and April 26). The next will be May 31, 2025 with a possible end event in June, then resuming in September 2025. Attendance has been generally in the low 20s, ranging from 17 women (April 2025) to 27 women (March 2025). Unless we have an event where supplies and pricing dictate numbers, we decided not to require registration for any Hope Women gathering.

Challenges we have faced mainly concern scheduling around other events at the church (e.g. Men's Breakfast and Kentville Women's Breakfast). We acknowledge conflicts have and will occur in the future,

Overall I have received positive feedback on the monthly events. One of the highlights was the accessory exchange in November in which ladies had fun trading accessories in a White Elephant style exchange! The most enjoyable part for me has been allowing women who may not be as social or involved in other church activities to get to know each other and share in a safe, loving Christian environment. I pray for the ministry of Hope Women as we continue in 2025.

Respectfully,

Karen Tucker

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BIAB MINISTRY REPORT

It's been a **big year** for Blessings in a Backpack. New Hope Kingston gave out 77 bags of food each weekend for children facing food insecurity. This is an additional 50 bags each week going to Kingston school. Packing over 2000 bags for the school year takes many hands!

We had many volunteers from the congregation stay after church and pack, 2 huddles packed for their mission weeks, as well, some senior students in the 02 program at BRCS have helped.

Pastor Karen from New Hope Kentville has retired, and Tanya Langley enthusiastically took on running the program for the Kentville area. She's been a great partner .

I spoke with our ladies ministry this spring about the program, then they helped pack. This brought us a few more volunteers.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of hands to run this program. I would like to thank everyone who gave as part of their offering, shopped, delivered, packed, provided the bags, those who do the announcing on Sunday mornings, those who bring food to the bins at church, everyone who prayed, and also Glenda Hubley of Superstore who donated several gift cards to help support our community.

If you feel called to contribute, please contact Heather or Chris at 902-670-9294 or institches71@hotmail.com

Respectfully,

Heather Slauenwhite

Heather Slauenwhite - Blessings in a Backpack Leader
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FINANCIAL REPORT!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a CHEERFUL giver.**"

2 Corinthians 9:7

GIVING OPTIONS



IN-PERSON

(Lobby / Office - 'Offering Box')



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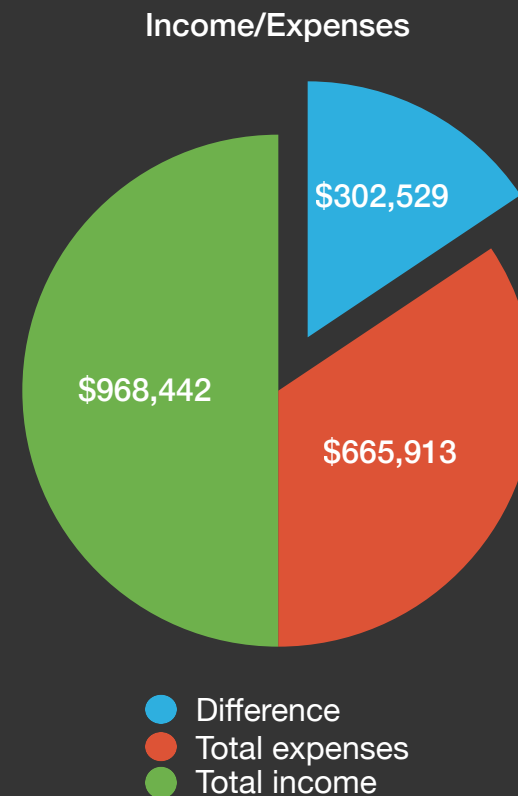
THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

2024-25 (Revenue & Expenses)

REVENUE	
Giving	\$649,962
Missions	\$49,316
Whatever It Takes	\$267,950
Other	\$1,214
TOTAL INCOME	\$968,442

EXPENSE	
Ministries	\$58,983
Missions	\$65,457
Wage Costs	\$332,646
Building Costs / Building Rental	\$75,774
Mortgage Costs	\$47,210
Banking Costs	\$8,876
Office Costs	\$21,947
United Stewardship Fund (USF)	\$55,020
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$665,913

DIFFERENCE	
Difference	\$302,529

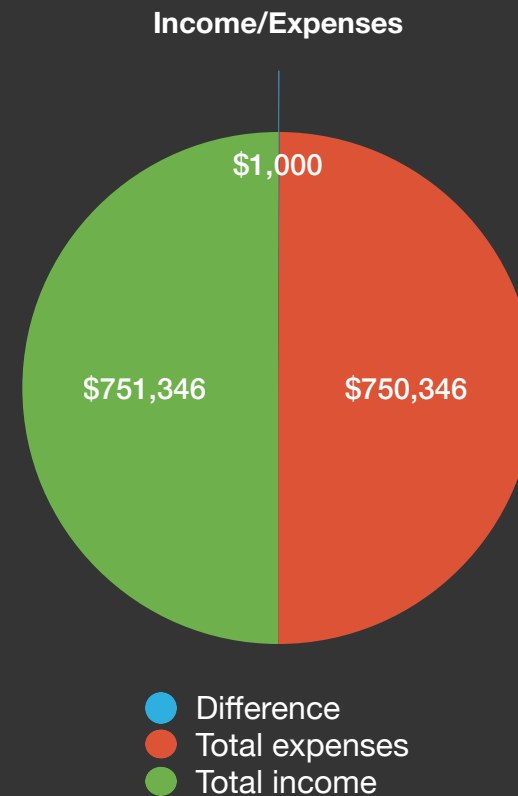


2025-26 (Church Budget)

REVENUE	
Giving	\$702,466
Missions	\$40,000
Whatever It Takes	\$7,880
Other	\$1,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$751,346

EXPENSE	
Ministries	\$50,700
Missions	\$50,000
Wage Costs	\$430,076
Building Costs / Building Rental	\$115,778
Office Costs	\$37,900
United Stewardship Fund (USF)	\$65,892
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$750,346

DIFFERENCE	
Difference	\$1,000



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