

WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



An update from our Clerk

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter! I hope you are having a blessed week.

Recently, we have decided to phase out of our weekly bulletin for something a bit more fun.

Each week there will be a column featuring a rotation of folks from our church family.

You will also find a link to the previous weeks service.

And all of the weekly announcements can still be found here.

Thank-you for reading!

Sincerely,

Bethany Wheaton | Clerk

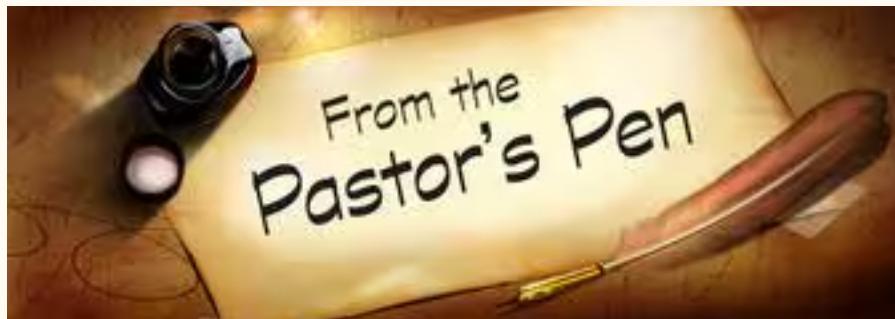
Do you have a song in your heart?

PASTOR STEPHEN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

I would love to start a small praise team here at Canning Baptist Church. I am looking for those who sing and/or play an instrument? If you are interested, come talk to me.

Also – if you have a song you would like to share, please let me know. Music is such a gift from God, let us use our gifts to bring glory to Him.





A Tired Christmas

As my comrades call to stand fast and forge on, I make sail for the dawn till the darkness has gone.

– *The Longest Johns*

I spent a long time trying to figure out what to write for the first newsletter. Maybe something quippy, or really deep to try and get it jump-started. Something to really show my writing skills, and how I have important things to say. But as I reflect on the Christmas season, especially as a pastor, one of the forefront things that comes to mind is the word "tiring".

And I think this is true for a lot of us, a lot happens over Christmas, it can be so easy to lose the forest for the trees. I often struggle this time of year to get into the Christmas spirit, because of how much energy that can drain. I am at heart, an introvert (which surprises a lot of people), and it can often put me into a slump. And from those in similar circumstances, those feeling burnt-out, tired, literally-nothing-is-going-right, I often hear one question; "How do I keep going?"

To best encapsulate this frame of mind, (and respond to the question), I often think of the painting "Christ in the Wilderness" by Ivan Kramskoi. ([A Link to the Painting](#)) Ivan depicts Christ sometime during His 40 day fast in the wilderness. I am sure we have all felt the way that Jesus does in this painting. Alone, dejected, hungry, and tired. And as we sit on that rock, stewing in our gloom, the easiest thing in the world is to stay there. I'm sure that Jesus Himself asks the same question that we do here, "How do I keep going?", in fact we see this directly in Luke 22:39-44.

But the beauty in this painting lies in what happens later. Jesus gets up, and continues. In the Luke passage, Jesus begs to be released, but then gets up, and does His duty. At risk of sounding cliche, are we to do anything less? When we get kicked down by life or by people, all we want to do is stay there on the ground when we are tired, but where did that fighting spirit within us go?

Sometimes I have to re-awaken that sleeper inside of me. That lion that roared when I first met Christ, that energy when I first become a pastor, that glee as I see people grow and learn. I have to find that spark again, and sometimes it is powerfully hard to find. But like the painting, I have to get off the rock, and take that next step – even when I don't always feel like it. You wont find that spark staying where you are – you have to reach for it.

It can be really easy to not get into Christmas, especially with everything going on in today's world. The easiest thing in the world after all is to stop doing things, and crawl into our comfy space and ignore everything. But if we do that, we aren't helping the problem any. So get up off the rock, take those first few steps, and find where God is calling you this season. Find that spark again, even if you have to work for it.

Decorating Our Sanctuary for Christmas

A few of us got together recently to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas 2025. We also had a time of fellowship with sweets & hot chocolate afterwards. And though only a few came out, we had a great time together.



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Past Services

Below is a link to our recent service which was held at Canning Baptist Church on November 30th 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Heather Louise Anderson

Our church family has suffered a great loss. Volunteer and friend, our sister, Heather passed away on November 11th at the Valley Regional Hospital. Please keep Heather's family, especially her dad Ron and sister Tracy-Marie in prayer.



Our Latest Project

GOD IS GOOD!

This has been a huge undertaking, and a lot of people have helped out! It's amazing to see how far things have come, and we've got the church ready for the beginning of our homeschooling co-op! (Shoutout to Justine James!)

The downstairs being functional really sets a new chapter for Canning Baptist Church and we couldn't be happier.

There is still more to do, but the bones are there and the space is now open! Thank you so much to everyone who helped physically, financially and most importantly, spiritually. This effort has been funded privately, and through grants, including one through the Rotary Club Wolfville - Mud Creek.



Upcoming Events & Announcements

- "Faith and Fact" meets Monday nights at 6PM.
- · Homeschool Group meets Tuesdays from 1-3PM.
- ·The Men's Group meets Tuesdays at 7pm at the "Barndominium" (Ask Jonathan for directions)
- ·Chair Exercise with Robin meets here on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 PM
- Prayer Meeting is Thursday nights at 6PM.
- ·Homeschool Co-Op meets here Fridays from 1-3PM.
- ·Winter is coming and this can mean extra challenges for many folks. If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the food pantry located just outside the church.
- ·We are excited once again to bless those who are having a difficult time this season. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for those able to donate ingredients to the Christmas baskets. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



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