

Upcoming Events

- > **The Summit** - Moncton, NB. January 14-15, 2019
Retreat for paid CBAC Youth, Children and Camp Leaders.
- > **Next** - Halifax, NS. April 6, 2019
Training for paid & volunteer Children's Ministry Leaders.
- > **Fresh Expression Vision Days** - Moncton/Halifax
May 7th (Highfield Baptist, Moncton); May 9th - Birch Cove Baptist, Halifax)
Learn about how Fresh Expressions is contributing to the renewing of the church.
- > **One Con** - Moncton, NB. May 31-June 1, 2019
A regional youth event in partnership with other denominations.
- > **OASIS 2019** - Moncton, NB. August 22-24, 2019
Our Atlantic Baptist's annual gathering for worship, visioning and community. It's for everyone, not just for pastors!
Guest Speaker: Bruxy Cavey - Senior Pastor, The Meeting House

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The One Conference
May 31 - June 1
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Advent: Hurry Up & Wait!

Why is waiting so hard for twenty-first century types? It drives us crazy and makes us grumpy! Waiting in the check-out line, waiting in traffic, waiting in a doctor's office. It feels like such a waste of our valuable time. **Waiting is not for the feeble!** We feel uncomfortable, we get frustrated and impatient. Indeed, it impacts our ability to control and manipulate our lives. Humph!

Simeon waited an entire lifetime for one moment, one glimpse of God's Salvation. Simeon's approach to life made it possible for him to be constantly expecting the Saviour to come. **He was a righteous and devout man.** One way to translate the word devout is, "taking hold well." Simeon had taken hold of God well and regardless of how long he had to wait he was not about to quit. Sometimes I take hold of anxiety, worry, impatience, anger and fear; this keeps me from taking hold of God well.

But, God had taken hold of Simeon. Luke writes that the Holy Spirit was upon him; one translation says that he was filled with the Holy Spirit. The great thing to remember is, in the end it is not really us "holding God well" but "God holding us well." The Message Bible says that he was; *"A man who lived in prayerful expectancy of help (Salvation) for Israel."* Luke 2:27

The message of Advent seems to be: **"Hurry up and wait!"** My Advent prayer is to live less like a frustrated, grumpy person and more like Simeon who **"lived in prayerful expectancy."** Simeon lived long enough and well enough to experience all the Holy Spirit had promised him. Join me in "prayerful expectancy" during this delightful season anticipating the gift of the Incarnate Son of God.

Thank you for your faithful support of our shared ministries and your partnership in the Gospel as we continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ together. On behalf of the President of the CBAC, Rev. Wayne Murphy, the Council and the CBAC Staff, we extend to you and your family our sincere hope that you will have a joyous Advent Season and a Merry Christmas!

- Rev. Dr. Peter Reid, CBAC Executive Minister

We've Moved!

Effective October 1st, we have finally moved from Saint John to Moncton to space we're leasing at Crandall University. Come visit us in Stultz Hall.
New mailing address:
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Where Are The Leaders Going to Come From?

Someone asked me **"Where are all the leaders going to come from?"** That's a great question.

At Oasis I made the comment that there's no such thing as a stork delivering a new crop of excited potential pastors on the steps of Acadia Divinity College every September.



The process starts with God's call on a person's life – sometimes at a young age, could be later in life as a second career or even post retirement. As believers, we're all called. God also calls some into vocational ministry. **Could this be you?**

A critical element of the call is the local church. It's here the call is affirmed and worked out. We need to be on the lookout for those that have the gifts and capacity for pastoral ministry. We need to be ready to have the **ICNU conversations**. ICNU = **I See In You** - encouraging conversations that shine light on obvious gifts for leadership and ministry. Hearing stories of pastors on the journey, we know that these ICNU conversations have a powerful impact. **Who can you have an ICNU conversation with today?**

Emerging leaders are desperately needed if we are going to reach the emerging generations. The best way to engage emerging leaders is to give them opportunities to serve in pastoral roles. Give them specific duties so they can experience the power of God in people's lives. Mentoring and debriefing are essential aspects to this process which will prepare them well for their journey. **How can your church provide opportunities for emerging leaders? Who can you be a mentor to?**

Don't underestimate the impact that you could have on a potential leader - regardless of age - and the impact that will have on the Kingdom of God.

Exploring a call to ministry? Check out yourcalling.ca. We'd also love to have a conversation with you. Contact us by phone – 506-635-1922 – or by email – yourcalling@baptist-atlantic.ca.

Rev. Dr. Garth Williams
CBAC, Associate
Executive Minister



OUR THREE PRIORITIES

65 NEW CONGREGATIONS

Multiply! Multiply! Multiply! New churches. Multi-site congregations. Re-planted churches. Fresh expressions of church are creatively being established. Pray about something new your neighbourhood needs. How many times will your church multiply in the next 8 years?

Carl O'Donnell - "I'm Told That's Planting a Church" - vimeo.com/285624709

75 EMERGING PASTOR-LEADERS

We need leaders from the emerging generation to answer the call. Let's help people discover their God-given calling and purpose. Maybe it's vocational or bi-vocational. How do we challenge our younger, emerging leaders to consider a life of ministry?

We will also need pastor-leaders from other generations for a total of 150. How do we engage more seasoned leaders to consider a new ministry vocation? What's your next step?

Resources - yourcalling.ca
#ImIn - vimeo.com/285625215
Emerging Leader - Abby Murphy - vimeo.com/285625705

300 MISSION-EDGE CHURCHES

We must discover how to live on mission at the edge of culture in our neighbourhoods, engaging neighbours effectively, living out a faith that attracts people to Jesus. Is your church displaying the markers of a mission-edge church?

Mission-Edge Churches - vimeo.com/286634910

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**Flourishing
Congregations**
The Canadian Context
and your Church



**Simpson
Lectures**
February 11-13, 2019

Dr. Joel Thiessen
Professor of Sociology
Ambrose University

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Feeling like a fish out of water as a Christian in today's world? Afraid of what the future will bring?

In six study sessions, FEARLESS, a new video guide from the MacRae Centre will lead you to discover what culture is, how faith and culture interact, and how to live courageously as a Christian in the world.

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