



Digby Baptist Newsletter - September 2020

Beloved Baptists,

As I write to you, the winds and water of Teddy are pelting across our landscape. By the time of the weekend, and you receive this letter, the sun could be beaming brilliantly again.

So it is with this different time in our lives, across our nation, around our world. Life is a storm, but it will not always be so. Our low populated area has played it safe, and kept safe. The trouble of this pandemic is unpredictable, as well as the time-frame. What will our habits need to be next fall? Who can say?

I have never claimed to be a prophet, and even my weather forecasting attempts fail! I do remain confident in my Master, Christ Jesus. I find, more and more, He reveals God, He reveals the way for me and for us, He reveals me - who I truly am - and renews all that is deep inside.

So I am thankful. Not only for who God is, but for the safety and ease I still enjoy with all of you here in the Digby area. We will celebrate Thanksgiving, likely with some differences, but we still celebrate the fruits of the harvest season. Some of us gather for worship together, some connect online or with printed plans for the service, some simply must be prayerful and studious on your own. I pray and hope that each of you will be blessed in ways that overflow in your gratitude. I know some of you are so thankful right now. I know some of you are overwhelmed now, and some are feeling low or even alone now. Many of you remember my recent sermon when I expressed some of my own discouragements. In all our circumstances, let us pray for and support one another.

“Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise.” May these words from James chapter five be a theme for our autumn that we may draw near to God and bless one another, and be a blessing to our wider world.

In the name of Jesus,

Jeff White
Pastor

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elcome to the Twenty Second edition of Digby Baptist's Newsletter!

A place for you to get more information on the events and occurrences that surround Digby Baptist. The next edition of our Newsletter comes out in winter 2020.

Sermon & Worship Schedule

Oct. 4	Exodus 12 & 13	
Oct. 11	Exodus 32:1-14	Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct. 18	1 Samuel 1& 2	
Oct. 25	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada
Nov. 1	1 Kings 17:1-16	Atlantic Baptist Women
Nov. 8	Jonah 1, 3, 4	
Nov. 15	Isaiah 6:1-8	
Nov. 22	Jeremiah 36 & 31	
Nov. 29	Daniel 6:6-27	1 st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 6	Joel 2	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 13	Isaiah 61	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 20	Luke 1:26-45	4 th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 24	Luke 2:1-20	Christmas Eve
Dec. 27	Luke 2:21-38	First Sunday in Christmas

Sunday Morning Attendance

For those who are curious about statistics

July 2019		August 2019		September 2019	
7 th	71	4 th	61	1 st	51
14 th	71	11 th	83	8 th	27
21 st	49	18 th	56	15 th	61
28 th	58	25 th	50	22 nd	N/A
				29 th	N/A
Avg.	62	Avg.	62	Avg.	46

July 2020		August 2020		September 2020	
5 th	0	2 nd	32	6 th	35
12 th	39	9 th	24	13 th	43
19 th	31	16 th	33	20 th	35
26 th	26	23 rd	26		
Avg.	32	Avg.	29	Avg.	38

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Hello, Members and Friends,

I composed this extra letter to remind you of some communication possibilities we have in Digby Baptist Church this year. With far less in person meeting up, our interactions and sharing take special attention.

As you may know, video of parts of each **Sunday Service** are provided on our Church website, www.digbybaptistchurch.ca (not to be confused with our Facebook page.) The sermon gets recorded live on Sunday mornings, and posted soon after noon hour. You can also read through the sermon on the website, if you prefer. The Sunday **bulletin** is also posted there each week, on the day it goes to print (usually Friday). As always, you can request that you get the bulletin emailed to you directly, instead of going to the website. Contact Shelley Lewis digbybaptist@gmail.com

The Bulletin and sermon get emailed to **Tideview Terrace** staff, and a few of our folks who live there get a print out of these, early each week.

These quarterly **Newsletters** can be emailed to you also. You know me! As much as I like to publish things on paper, I like to save paper also - so you could just get the Newsletter emailed, and stop getting in on paper. Just let Shelley Lewis know in the office what you'd like.

Some people, who do not have computer access, and are not attending, get the paper bulletin and a **printout of the sermon** manuscript delivered to them on Sunday, by me or a neighbour. If you are not attending, and cannot access the online resources, do request to me, Jeff, that you get a paper delivery.

People ask about making **offerings**. We do receive them Sunday mornings in the box, as people enter and exit. Others of you drop off envelopes by entering the Hall when the building happens to be unlocked. This is usually when I am here in my Study, Sunday through Thursday mornings. Also, very soon we expect to be able to receive **e-transfers** for offerings! If you are like me and put your offerings in just once a month, you might like to switch to e-transfers.

Other news is published in this Fall Newsletter. It will also be put on our Website, and you can read many of our past Newsletters there.

Pastor Jeff White

Covid 19 Re-Opening Plan (September edition)

Appropriate physical distancing of 6 feet (2m) is to be practiced by all as we enter, stay in and leave the Church building. Family units and bubble units should travel and sit together at church.

A few things to keep in mind:

- There will be a limit of fifty (50) people in the sanctuary at one time.
- Entrants to the Church must enter through the main doors on Mount Street.
- Everyone must use hand sanitizer upon entering, which will be provided at the door.
- Masks are Mandatory.
- Greeters will take note of everyone's name and contact information.
- Offerings can be placed in the receptacle as you enter.
- Bulletins are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.
- Every third (3rd) pew will be used to maintain physical distancing.
- Please talk to one another from your place in the pews; do not linger in the entryways, halls, aisles, or parking lot.
- There will not be Sunday school at this time. Kits will be provided for use in the pews.
- Washrooms will remain closed. They are available for emergency use only, to be used at your own risk.

Please do not attend if you are showing any symptoms associated with COVID-19. These may include new or worsening: fever, cough, sore throat, headache, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sneezing, nasal congestion or runny nose, hoarse voice, diarrhea, unusual fatigue, loss of sense of smell or taste, lesions on the feet, toes or fingers without clear cause. (Diagnosed chronic conditions are exempt). Also, if you have travelled outside of Atlantic Canada in the last 14 days or been in contact with a suspected case, we ask that you stay home.

For those not yet comfortable returning to the church building some of the service will still be available online. It will be posted Sunday afternoon.