

Billtown Baptist Children & Youth



NEWSLETTER

Spring has arrived—even if it doesn't quite look like it outside yet! Still, there's plenty to look forward to. I'm excited about all the wonderful events and activities happening at the church in this season. There are opportunities for fellowship, learning, and fun for all ages. Be sure to check out what's coming up on the last page. More dates will be added as they're confirmed, so keep an eye on your email. If you'd like to be included on the children and youth events list, just let me know. We also had an incredible Christmas season, full of joy and community—highlighted by our annual birthday party for Jesus (with cake, of course!). Our *Road Trip Christmas* concert was a big success, with the children and youth sharing their talents beautifully and reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

This winter has been full of meaningful moments, laughter, and opportunities to grow together as a church family. From outdoor adventures to serving others, it has been such a gift to see our children, youth, and families connecting and building community. We kicked things off in January with a memorable afternoon of S'mores, Sledding, and Christmas Trees with the animals. After the service on Epiphany Sunday, many gathered outdoors to enjoy the fresh air, feed Christmas trees to the goats, and warm up around the fire with hot chocolate and s'mores. For those brave enough to embrace the snow, sledding added even more excitement to the day. It was a beautiful picture of simple joy and fellowship. Our swimming nights at the Waterville Youth Facility have also been a highlight. These evenings provided a fun and relaxed space for children, youth, and families to invite friends and enjoy time together. Laughter echoed through the pool as relationships deepened and new connections were made.

In February, we continued our tradition of Billtown Gives Back – Winter Edition. This special time reminded us of the importance of loving our neighbours in tangible ways. Together, we made Valentins and origami and dropped these off to Shannex in Kentville for their residents. The appreciation we received was heartfelt, and it was a powerful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. The afternoon was filled with games and fellowship, strengthening our sense of community within the church. Talking about giving back — thank you to the congregation who, either through cooking, eating, or both,

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supported the youth in their first fundraiser to go to One Con in June. We were able to raise \$550 through everyone's efforts.

March Break brought a very full and meaningful day together. During our full-day March Break camp, we spent time watching a new animated movie about David, sharing meals, and enjoying a variety of activities. The group worked together to prepare lunch, including making extra soup that was later delivered to people in our church and community who are going through difficult times, and biscuits for strawberry shortcake. The day also included games, band practice, and creating special Palm Sunday and Easter surprises. It was a day filled with creativity, teamwork, and care for others. Once again, the soup was received with open arms and a blessed heart, warming not only bodies but spirits, and reminding us all of the simple, powerful gift of sharing love through a humble meal.

Throughout these months, one thing has stood out clearly: this group is not just about activities—it's about building a community where young people feel seen, valued, and encouraged to live out their faith in real and practical ways. Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and helped make these moments possible. We are excited for what's still to come and look forward to continuing this journey together. If you would like to stay connected or be added to the email list for upcoming events, please reach out anytime.

Easter Sunday is just around the corner—a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus! On Easter Sunday at 10 a.m., our children and youth will take part in the service celebration, including the music ministry. We'd love to see you whenever you're able to join us. One of my kids asked me the other day if we're making resurrection cookies again this year, and the answer is a definite yes! On Easter Monday, we'll walk through the Easter story together while baking resurrection rolls and cookies, followed by an Easter egg hunt. It brings me so much joy to share God's story with the kids in such hands-on, meaningful ways.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports our programs—whether by donating supplies, leading activities, encouraging us during events, bringing your children or youth, or keeping us in your prayers. Your involvement truly makes a difference! If you're an adult interested in connecting with our youth beyond Sunday services, we would love to have you join us—there are always ways to get involved. And to our children and youth—invite your friends! We love welcoming new faces and sharing these experiences together.

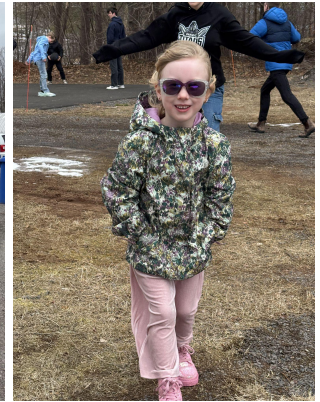
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING SPRING DATES: (There may be more dates added as the time comes.)

March 29th: Palm Sunday Family Service @ 10 am: Come to church for our family service where we will worship together and reenact the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, along with other stories and activities throughout the service.

April 2nd: Last Supper Service & Meal @ 5pm: Join us for a last supper service followed by a meal at the church on Maundy Thursday, starting at 5 pm.

April 3rd: Good Friday Service & Breakfast. The church will be hosting a breakfast on Good Friday starting at 8 am, followed by our Good Friday service at 9:30.

April 5th: Easter Resurrection Sunday:

6:30 am: Sunrise service at the church outside (dress for the outside and bring a lawn chair if you have one). We will share fish and bread over a fire.

10 am: Resurrection Celebration Service

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April 6th: Easter Children & Youth Morning @ 10 am (Billtown Church): We will learn hands-on about the Easter Story, including Easter Resurrection Cookies, ending with an Easter egg hunt and other fun activities.

May 2nd: Mother's Day Tea (Fundraiser for One Con): Come support the youth who are heading to One Con for their Mother's Day Tea Fundraiser. Details on time to follow closer to.

May: (Date and time determined closer to): Stay tuned for a date of planting seeds at the Northville Heritage Farm Centre in their newly built raised beds for our youth group, where we will be growing vegetables for local community members and Foodbanks.

May/June: Gym Night: Stay tuned for the date of a gym night!

May/June: Youth Worship Night: One Sunday evening in May or June, we will be hosting a youth worship night with Kentville Baptist, Pereaux Baptist, and Bethany Baptist Church. Date and details to follow.

June 5/6th: One Con: For those whom I have spoken with, we will be travelling to Moncton on June 5th, returning on June 6th for One Con, a regional youth rally.

June 20th: Bowling: at Avon Valley Lanes in Windsor (time to be determined closer to the date). Meet at the church to travel to Avon Valley Lanes in Windsor for an hour of bowling fun, followed by a pizza party!

June 27th/28th: Family Weekend!

June 27th: Family Fun Day: Tentatively save this afternoon for an outdoor Family Fun Day for the community!

June 28th: Sunday School Closing & Picnic @10 at Billtown Baptist Church. The children and youth will be leading the entire service, followed by our annual picnic of games and food for everyone to enjoy. Come on out and see all their hard work!!

June 28th: Movie Night: With no school the next day, come enjoy a family-friendly movie at the church. More details and time to follow.

July: VBS— July 20-24

Should you need to contact me for more information or registration, my cell is (902) 670-0573, and my email is angela@billtownbaptist.com. I look forward to seeing you during any of the above events!

Blessings,

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