

Billtown Baptist Children & Youth



Rooted in Christ: Fall Ministry Highlights & Growing Together in Community

It has been another wonderful and faith-filled season for the children and youth at Billtown Baptist Church! We are deeply thankful to our incredible God who guides us, walks with us, and blesses us with a supportive congregation—both within the church and in the wider community.

As we move into fall, we begin the familiar rhythm of school, extracurriculars, youth group, and Sunday School. Summer was a joyful and meaningful time, highlighted by an amazing team effort during our Vacation Bible School (VBS). Children, youth, and adults came together to make VBS a huge success as we explored the north, friendship with God, and shared the love of Jesus. We welcomed 16 participants, ages 5 to 16, including 6 youth leaders who stepped up to lead groups, stations, and support in the kitchen, with great enthusiasm and growing leadership. We also had 11 adult volunteers supporting us in various essential roles.

VBS could not have happened without the heartfelt support of our church community. Whether you led a group, helped with decorations, donated supplies, prayed for us, or supported us in any way—we are sincerely grateful. It is a privilege to partner with you in nurturing the next generation to know and follow Jesus.

This spring, our children and youth also had the unique opportunity to give back to the wider community by helping to plant a Community Garden, in partnership with the Northville Farm Heritage Centre. With their support and guidance, our young people rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty. This project helped cultivate not only vegetables, but also valuable lessons in service, responsibility, and God's provision. The garden is a living example of faith in action, and we're so proud of their work and heart for others. Thank you so much to the Northville Farm Heritage Centre for all their support with this project, and

in particular, Vernon Mills, for his tending of the garden. Many people within the community have been able to share in the garden.

As Sunday School begins again this fall, we want to remind you that each child and youth has their own church mailbox. We encourage you to leave them notes, cards, or small surprises—it brings such joy to their hearts knowing someone is thinking of them!

Here's what to look forward to in Sunday School this fall:

- **Combined Classes:** Twice a month classes will be combined allowing the older youth to take on a leadership role in the classroom. This will be for craft Sunday as well as practice for musical worship.
- **Older Youth Classroom:** Once a month youth will be following the Alpha Youth program and on some Communion Sundays, youth will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles within the church service, should they desire.
- **Younger Classroom:** Those youth in elementary and early middle school will have the opportunity, a couple of times a month, to learn about the Kids Care program through CBM, including their missions throughout the world, and following the series, SuperBook, found on RightNow Media.

A big thank you to our dedicated Sunday School teachers who prepare, plan, and organize every week—you are such a blessing!

Looking ahead to fall, we're excited for some special events:

- **Children & Youth Christmas Concert:** December 14th
- **Third Annual Sunday School Christmas Party for Jesus & Secret Santa:** December 21st

This fall, I will be reviewing our Children & Youth Ministries Registration Forms on file at the church and will reach out directly if any updates or information are needed.

We're also planning some exciting events this fall—both during and outside of Sunday School—so stay tuned and mark your calendars! As we continue building connections with other local churches, we're praying for more opportunities for collaboration in our ministries. Watch for details to come.

Thank you again for your continued love, prayers, and support. It's a joy to walk alongside you as we help our children and youth grow in their faith and friendship with God.

Should you need to contact me for more information or registration my cell is (902) 670-0573 and my email is angela@billtownbaptist.com. If you are receiving this newsletter by paper and would instead like it by email, send a message to the email address.

I look forward to seeing you during Sunday Services and any other events as opportunity allows! Blessings,
Angela Pound, Pastor of Billtown Baptist Church



Some of our 2025 True North VBS Crew



Garden in collaboration
with Northville Farm
Heritage Centre



IMPORTANT UPCOMING FALL DATES: (Some of the dates may be subject to change or may be dependent on weather).

September 7th: Sunday School Opening @ 10 am

September 13th: Back to School Ice Cream Social @ 2-4 pm. Join us at the church for ice cream cones or sundaes to mark the end of summer and back to school.

September 28th: Open Gym Night (in partnership with Pereaux Baptist Church and Bethany Baptist Church youth groups @ 6:30-8 pm. Join us at Glooscap Elementary School for open gym night with other youth groups, for grades 6-12. **This date is tentative, depending on the availability of the gym.**

October: Fall Yard Clean-up. Date and details to follow, depending on availability of youth and adults and weather to help clean-up yard(s) of those within the community.

October 17th: Bonfire @ 6:00. Join us for a bonfire of hotdogs, smores, songs, skits, and games at Pastor Angela's home (weather permitting).

October 24th-25th: Challenge 2025 (grades 6-12) at the New Minas Baptist Church. More details to come but registration is open so please speak to Pastor Angela if you would like to attend.

November: Youth Worship Night. One Sunday evening in November we will be hosting a youth worship night with Pereaux Baptist and Bethany Baptist Church. Date and details to follow.

November 22nd: Pizza, Ice Cream and Games Night @ 4:30 pm. Bring games to share along with pizza and ice cream provided for supper. While registration is not required it is helpful to know how much to prepare.

November 29th: Hanging of the Greens @ 7:00 pm (a service to decorate the church, everyone is invited). For those attending they will have an opportunity to participate in the service.

December 13th: Youth Christmas Give Back @ 1:30 pm - we will be creating and assembling Christmas crafts and treats to deliver to Billtown community members.

December 14th: Sunday School Christmas Concert @ 10 am - Youth will be performing their Christmas Production during the Sunday Service at 10 am. Everyone is welcome!!

December 21st: Birthday Party for Jesus/Secret Santa @ 10 am - children will have the opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birthday with a party during SS.

December 21st: Potluck - there will be a potluck following the service.