

Billtown Baptist Children & Youth



NEWSLETTER

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship!

We've had an encouraging and joy-filled kick-off to our fall children and youth activities. Our Back to School Ice Cream Social was a great afternoon that brought together some of the church family with the community. The energy was great, the conversations were rich, and it was a blessing to see many people connecting. Thank you for your generous donations, your help, and your enthusiasm—it truly made the event special.

Our first children and youth night of the season was held in my backyard, and it couldn't have been a better start. We gathered around a cozy bonfire—starting with a propane fire until the burn ban lifted at 7 p.m.—and roasted marshmallows and hot dogs. There were games, laughter, and time for meaningful conversations as the kids and teens settled into the evening. A heartfelt thank you to the Rafuse family for lending their fire pit and helping make the night possible.

Challenge, the youth rally hosted by New Minas Baptist Church, proved to be, yet again, a fantastic experience for our group. Five youth and three adult chaperones spent Friday night and all of Saturday immersed in worship—praying together, singing, building friendships, and engaging in meaningful service to the community. The atmosphere was uplifting, and it was wonderful to see our youth so engaged and encouraged. Our bright pink Billtown Baptist shirts were a huge hit and were well-seen throughout the crowd. I'm already excited to help organize next year's trip. Events like this create such powerful moments of worship and growth for our young people, and it's a privilege to be part of it.



Pictures from Challenge 2025

This was the first time we held a Youth Worship Night at our church with youth from various churches, including our church, Perea Baptist, Bethany Memorial Baptist, and Kentville Baptist Churches. It was a wonderful evening filled with worship through prayer, music, and devotions with a time to share in fellowship afterwards. We had around 30 people in attendance and are looking forward to planning one in the spring.

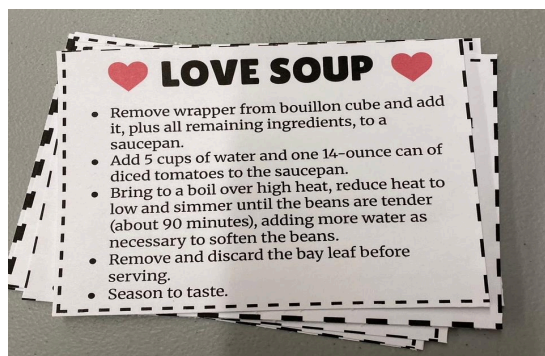


Some of the Youth from our Youth Group at the Youth Worship Night

We had a great games, pizza, and ice cream night, another huge hit this fall. The youth did an incredible job under Meagan Boersma's leadership at the Hanging of the Greens performing Manger Throne, including actions with white gloves and black lights. The inspiring and breathtaking performance was visually stunning, highlighting the beauty of movement, light, and color. The combination of the glowing gloves, the contrast of darkness, and the music created an immersive experience that lingered long after the final lights faded. It captivated the audience, leaving them with a sense of wonder and awe, a powerful, artistic experience in worshipping God.

We also shared some Christmas cheer leading up to the Joy Sunday in Advent in December making love soup jars, with painted ornaments and making Christmas cards, a perfect blend of fun and festive spirit, and

a creative and thoughtful idea to spread joy and make meaningful connections within the community. They will be distributed to local community members over the next few weeks to spread God's love. I'd say we've had some fun. It's moments like these that truly embody the spirit of giving and spreading God's love. We've created some lovely memories together!



Pictures from our Community Outreach Christmas Give-Back: Making Love Soup Jars

It was last year almost exactly that our basketball court was refurbished, which has been used extensively since then. It's been a wonderful edition to our space. We were also just awarded a \$500 grant from the Valley Credit Union to go towards the purchase of a drum kit for our youth band. Thank you to Mark Pound for putting in the effort of applying for the grant and to the Valley Credit Union for this great addition.

We continue to witness the many ways God is at work in and through our children and youth, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. I'm excited for all the activities and moments of growth we'll share together in the months ahead. Thank you for everything you do to help these programs thrive—whether by providing supplies, stepping in to help lead or support an event, bringing your children and teens to participate, or faithfully praying for our ministry.

I especially want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible leaders who show up week after week to invest in our young people. Your dedication, time, and energy make a lasting impact on the lives of the children and youth in our church and community. Whether you're guiding discussions, planning activities, or simply being a steady, encouraging presence, you are shaping the next generation in powerful ways. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and love. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and I truly couldn't do this without you!

There is one Christmas Eve service at 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. There will be no Sunday School on December 28th (however please feel free to come along as there will be a church service and activities in the gathering space for those children and youth in attendance, along with singing lots of Christmas carols!). Sunday School will start back up on January 4th.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING WINTER DATES:

(There may be more dates added as the time comes. If you would like to be added to the email list to hear of any upcoming events please email Angela: angela@billtownbaptist.com). Please take note of the various locations.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service. Join us at 4:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Service to celebrate Jesus' birth.

January 4th: S'mores, Sledding and Christmas Trees with the Goats @ Melody's following the church service. Anyone who would like to go to Melody's after the church service on January 4th is welcome to come and mingle with the animals as Christmas trees are fed to the goats. There will be ingredients for s'mores outside on their fireplace, if there is snow there will be an opportunity for sledding on her hill, and hot chocolate will help warm everyone up with being outside. Don't forget to bring warm clothes for hanging outside to church that day as well as your sleds!

January 10th: Swimming @ 5-6 pm. The Waterville Youth Facility has been booked from 5-6 pm for children, youth, and their families to enjoy (lifeguard provided). Please feel free to invite friends. There is a maximum capacity of the pool so I ask that if you, friends, and your family would like to attend please email me with numbers by January 4th (I will send out a reminder email before this).

January 18th: Outdoor skating @ 2:30 pm. Weather permitting we will meet at a location TBD for outdoor skating, hot chocolate, and cookies following church in the morning.

February (Date to be determined): Billtown Gives Back Winter Edition @ 1:30 pm. Come to church for the afternoon as we gather together to express our love to some local people for Valentine's Day, it will be followed up by games, and fellowship.

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March 6th: Movie night & Supper @ 5 pm. Come out to Billtown Baptist Church for supper while we watch a family-friendly movie together (including popcorn!). I'm hoping we can stream the new animated movie David that is out in theatres this month.

March 16th: Surprise Afternoon @1:30pm. It's the Monday of March Break. Come hang out for the afternoon at church for some fun together. More details to follow as the time gets closer (and what we do is dependent on the weather).

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 Sunday Services and any other events as the opportunity allows! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Blessings,
Angela Pound
Pastor, Billtown Baptist Church