

January 5, 2025

Searching for the One

Matthew 2:1-15

Pastor Dan Schroth

Thank you for joining us. We launch our new series entitled "Empowered: The Journey of Living in the Spirit", with an Epiphany sermon. We will discover how the same Spirit that guided the Three Wise Men continues to guide us today to glorify the Lord Jesus.

1. The Visit of the Wise Men

2. The Shadow over the Story

3. The Heart of the Gospel

4. Thy Kingdom Come

Do we educate ourselves about the struggles of the oppressed?

Do we raise our voices in solidarity with them?

Do we support organizations promoting biblical justice and peacemaking?

Do we pray for justice, peace, and reconciliation?

Will we call out, "Thy Kingdom Come"?

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

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Name _____

Address _____

City/Prov _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- First time visitor
- Returning visitor
- Interested in volunteering
- Would like a pastor to call
- Would like to know more about being a Christian
- I have a prayer request

Please take this card to the Welcome Centre or fill it out online at mckernanbaptist.ca/contact

By filling out this card, you give permission to McKernan Baptist Church to contact you.

Welcome to McKernan Baptist Church!

We are delighted that we have this opportunity to join together with you in heartfelt worship. We aspire to be people that fulfil our calling as sisters and brothers in the Family of God as we love God and love one another. We are not perfect here; but Jesus is. By His grace, we are His church. You are welcome here.



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TOGETHER

9:00AM
11:00AM
Sunday Service Times

McKernan
BAPTIST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

TODAY, NEW YEAR WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT, 6:30pm (Hospitality)

TUESDAY, TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes Jan 15

WEDNESDAY, YOUTH MIDWEEK PROGRAM resumes Jan 8

WEDNESDAY, BAPTISM CLASSES, 7pm (Boardroom)

4 Wednesdays in January

WEDNESDAY, ABOUND (Chapel), Jan 29-Feb 26

Join this 5-week study led by Michael Martens, on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic, "Life Together." Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/abound for details.

THURSDAY BOARD GAMES NIGHT, 6pm (Hospitality)

FRIDAY, DAYBREAK resumes Jan 10

FRIDAY, YA STUDY SPACE resumes Jan 10

FRIDAY YOUTH SMALL GROUP NIGHT, 7pm (Downstairs)

FRIDAY, UKRAINIAN BIBLE STUDY, 7pm (Chapel)

Ukrainian worship service with English translation available. All are welcome.

MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE WEEK: John and Juanita Feniak (Wycliffe Bible Translators). Read more in our online [Outreach magazine](#), p12.

Did you know there are over 7,300 languages in the world? 54% of those are without a single Bible verse translated, and 37% only have portions of the Bible translated. Wycliffe is working to end "Bible Poverty" and bring the Word of God to those who do not yet have it in a language they best understand.

John connects with donors across Western Canada to share about field projects and the amazing stories of what God is doing in the lives of those we serve around the world. Having worked on the field (Thailand & Myanmar) for 10 years, he and Juanita share from experience, and they also love to learn from the donors how God is at work in their lives, and how that intersects with the work of Wycliffe.

Juanita works directly with many of our 300+ Wycliffe Canada missionaries, helping them to be supported and successful in their roles, especially as they go through transitions in their work and family life.

Isaiah 55:11 says, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." This scripture is true, it is happening around the world, and we are blessed to have a part in this. And thank you to all at McKernan Baptist Church for your part in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the nations!

Please pray:

- For translation and language work to continue unhindered
- For remaining language groups to receive God's Word in their language
- For our health, workload balance, & keeping in step with the Spirit

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, WOMEN'S MINISTRY: ONE WORD FOR THE NEW YEAR, 10am, (Chapel)

Is there one word that might guide your journey with God in the year ahead? Join us for a guided time of Scripture reading, prayer, reflection, and vision casting for 2025. Let's lean in together to listen to the Holy Spirit and seek his wisdom for our lives. Light refreshments will be served. Please register online at, mckernanbaptist.ca/wm1word/.

JAN 12, PASTOR TERRY'S ORDINATION/CELEBRATION (Hospitality)

Join us for Pastor Terry's Ordination during the service with a celebration to follow after each service. And please stop by the table beside the Welcome Centre to write or drop off cards of appreciation.

JAN 23, PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT, EVP Centre (9455 45 Ave NW), 9-11am

If you're 55+ join us for a Pickleball round robin (\$16.80/player).

Register online, mckernanbaptist.ca/pickle/ (deadline, Jan 20). Contact, jimschneider@shaw.ca/.

JAN 10-12, YA RETREAT (Camp Caroline)

JAN 19, CHILD & PARENT DEDICATION SEMINAR, 10:30am (Classroom 8)

Info for first-time parents. Any questions, contact jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/.

JAN 20, MEN'S MINISTRY: DEFINITELY NOT SALAD, 6:30pm (Hospitality)

Definitely Not Salad (DNS) Night is back! Join other men from McKernan to eat, build friendships and encourage one another. Cost is \$10 at the event (cash or card). Register online, mckernanbaptist.ca/DNS/.

Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/giving for online giving options.

General Operating Budget 2024-2025 \$2,096,700

Budget to end of December\$1,048,350

Received as of Dec 31 (prelim) \$949,968

Needed by December 31 (\$ 98,382)

Missions Budget 2024-2025 \$249,500

Budget to end of December \$124,750

Received as of Dec 31 (prelim) \$129,504

Needed by December 31

Thank you for your continued generosity and support toward the ministry of McKernan Baptist Church. As we approach the end of the calendar year, we also reach the midpoint of our fiscal year. Please consider contributing to our goal of paying our ministry partners (Mission Budget) the full 50% commitment we have with them. Our next payment is December 31. We would also like to be positioned well for the upcoming ministries by reaching the 50% budget received by December 31.

PRAYER ITEMS

- For the search team as they seek to fill the Children's Ministry pastoral role
- For the Kahila family as they await clearance to come to Canada
- For our Ministry Partner of the Week, John and Juanita Feniak (Wycliffe)

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF

Walter Newmann

Funeral on Monday, January 6

Viewing at 10am, Service at 11am, lunch to follow

CONGRATULATIONS

To Colin and Amy Madsen on the birth of Nicholas Carman, born December 23, sibling to Samantha, Christopher, and Abigail.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SOUND/TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Pastor Dave, (Dave@mckernanbaptist.ca) or Snow (tech@mckernanbaptist.ca)

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Please stop by the Welcome Centre after the service to learn more about our church, receive a gift, and fill out a Connection Card so that we can help you get connected.

CONNECT WITH US

YOUTH (Gr 7-12)

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YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 18-29)

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