

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

March 9, 2025

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- 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.

Thank you for joining us as we launch our Lent sermon series, entitled, *Experiencing God in the Unexpected.*

Don't Waste Your Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

1. Getting to the wilderness

We are driven by the Spirit into the wilderness by:

- A major life transition
- Trauma or personal crisis
- Moral struggle

Si Smith's video shown in sermon, youtube.com/watch?v=O5bfXGNMY9c

2. In the wilderness, we encounter a deep lesson on authentic lament.

Lament is a form of praise

Lament guides us in tenderness with God

Attachment Theories

- Secure Attachment
- Anxious-avoidant attachment
- Anxious ambivalent attachment

3. Victory in the Wilderness

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time that you were in the wilderness. Were you led or driven?
2. How did your circumstances affect your relationship with God?
3. What is your experience with lament?
4. Read through a selection of laments from the Psalms (Psalm 3, 4, 13, 12, 22, 44, and Psalm 74). Use them for guidance to write your own personal lament.
5. What are your go-to verses to combat the devil's attacks?
6. How do you see the devil affecting leaders? Devote time to pray for global leaders.
7. Why is today's story especially applicable to you?

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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.

EXPERIENCING God
in the UNEXPECTED

Upcoming Sermons

Mar 9 Pastor Dan

Mar 16 Pastor Melissa

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9:00AM
11:00AM
Sunday Service Times

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BAPTIST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

TODAY, 10:24 PRAYER, 10:24-10:54am (Chapel)

Please join us as we pray for the ministry partnerships we have with people and organizations throughout the world that share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

Join other men from McKernan to eat, build friendships and encourage one another. Cost is \$10 at the event (cash or card). **Registration deadline is today, mckernanbaptist.ca/DNS/.**

TUESDAY, TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 10am (Hospitality)

WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30-11:15am (Hospitality)
Weekly study group for all ages. Join us for an 11-week book study, "WHO AM I? Dynamic Declarations of Who You Are in Christ," by Mike Shreve (\$26 on Amazon). Bring your journal, Bible, pens, and markers. Contact Jeannie, ljbuyer@shaw.ca/.

WEDNESDAY, YOUTH MIDWEEK PROGRAM, 7-9pm (Downstairs)

WEDNESDAY, MELL (Hospitality), 6:15pm supper; 7pm class
Class is fully subscribed for this term.

WEDNESDAY, ABOUND, 6:15pm supper; 7pm study (Chapel)

Please plan to join us for our next Abound book study. Tyler Staton's *The Familiar Stranger* will challenge, inform, and encourage believers from every background to become more deeply acquainted with the Person and work of the Holy Spirit - and experience his transformative, life-giving power in their lives. Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/abound for details.

FRIDAY, DAYBREAK, 9:30-11:30am (Downstairs)

Informal drop-in for parents with preschoolers. For info, email Pastor Jerilyn, jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/.

FRIDAY, YA STUDY SPACE, 1-4:30pm (Hospitality)

FRIDAY, UKRAINIAN BIBLE STUDY, 7pm (Chapel)

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

MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE WEEK: Camp Caroline

Read more in our online [Outreach magazine](#), p9.

The ministry of Camp Caroline exists to encourage first steps in a life-long journey with Jesus; next steps that follow Him faithfully; and servant-leadership that exemplifies His compassion and concern for others. campers spending their days together.

Every summer, hundreds of campers visit camp and experience Jesus in a life-transforming way. Each morning campers and counselors gather together to sing songs of praise, and camp speakers will invite them to open their Bibles to be reminded they have been made for more by God. Throughout the day, counselors lead campers on adventures all around camp for an incredible experience.

Please pray for spiritual impact from counselors and campers spending their days together. Knowing how profoundly a faith relationship with Jesus affects our lives, we pray that every camper and every counselor will take either a first step or a next step toward him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 20, BOARD GAMES NIGHT, 6pm (Hospitality)

Mar 21, Rt 56, Watch for details

Mar 22, SONGWRITING RETREAT DAY, 9am-2pm

Whether you have loads of experience or you're just curious about songwriting for the church, you are welcome here! Join with other worshippers for a day of reflecting on the Psalms and writing our worship together. Structure will be paired with creative freedom to allow each person to feel comfortable in this experience. Lunch is provided. Register at roundroomministries.com/events. Cost is \$20.

MAR 23, COMMONS NIGHT (Hospitality), 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of extended worship and prayer. Everyone is welcome!

MAR 23-APR 13, CHOIR PRACTICE (Chapel), 11am-12:30pm

Easter is an occasion to lift our voices in joyful worship. For the opportunity to do this in a group setting, join the church choir! Ages 14+ are welcome, regardless of choral experience. Commitment is 4 weeks of practice starting on March 23 with performance on Easter Sunday (April 20) during both services.

MAR 27, PICKLEBALL (55+), EVP Centre (9455 45 Ave NW), 9-11am

Join us for a Pickleball round robin (\$16.80). **Registration deadline is Mar 24, mckernanbaptist.ca/pickle/.** Contact, jimschneider@shaw.ca/.

MAR 30, TOONIE LUNCH (after the 2nd service, Hospitality area)

MAR 30, HYMN SING, Location TBD

MAR 31, WHITE CROSS, 9:30am - 2pm (Hospitality)

Join us in preparing bandages and dressings for our hospitals in Cameroon. No sewing required. Please bring a bagged lunch. Newcomers welcome!

APR 5, WOMEN'S MINISTRY: MADE IN HIS IMAGE POTLUCK BRUNCH, 9:30am

APR 23, BAPTISM CLASSES, 7:00pm (Board Room)

Scheduled dates are Wednesday evenings: April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 28.

JULY 7-11, VBS (Watch for details)

LENT DEVOTIONALS. If you would like to receive a daily Lent devotional written by our congregation, titled "Experiencing God in the Unexpected," please register online at, bit.ly/lent-devo.

Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/giving for online giving options.

General Operating Budget 2024-2025	.....	\$2,096,700
Amount needed each month	.....	\$174,725
Received as of February 27	.....	\$108,139
Balance to end of February	.....	(\$66,586)
Missions Budget 2024-2025	.....	\$250,700
Amount needed by March 31	.....	\$188,025
Received as of February 27	.....	\$154,460
Balance to end of March	.....	\$(33,565)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our mission and ministry! In-person giving is available. You can deposit your gift in the offering plate or use the debit machine at the Welcome Centre. You may also do e-transfers or pre-authorized debit from your bank.

PRAYER ITEMS

- For our search for a new Children's Pastor
- For our High School Students on the ABA Sr. High Retreat this weekend
- For this first Sunday of Lent, as we walk through this season
- For our Senior Pastor Lyle as he continues his journey towards healing
- For the anxieties and concerns around world events
- For our Ministry Partner of the Week, Camp Caroline

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PASTOR

Contact Pastor Dan, Dan@mckernanbaptist.ca

SOUND/TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

NEW HERE?

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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