

March 16, 2025

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

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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](http://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*.

### A Hard-Fought Joy

Psalm 16:8-11 & John 15:9-11

Notes:

#### 2 Practices to Connect with the Joy of the Lord:

Renewal of our minds:

- Confession/acknowledgement of our inner thought life
- Responding with scriptural truth
- Surrendering
- Receiving

#### Gratitude Memories Exercise

from *The Other Half of Church* by Jim Wilder and Michel Hendricks

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a memory in your life for which you are grateful. It could be a significant event or as simple as a sunset.
2. Go back into this memory and relive for a minute. What are you feeling?
3. Ask Jesus where he was in this memory. Do have a sense of his presence?
4. Ask the Holy Spirit why he brought this memory to mind. Ask what he wants you to see or know in this memory.
5. Give this memory a name. A two-word title is perfect.

#### 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 16 .... Pastor Melissa

Mar 23 .... Pastor Nathanael

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9:00AM  
11:00AM  
Sunday Service Times

McKernan  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## THIS WEEK

**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/](mailto: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 join us for our book study on Tyler Staton's *The Familiar Stranger*. Visit [mckernanbaptist.ca/abound](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/abound) for details.

**THURSDAY, BOARD GAMES NIGHT**, 6pm (Hospitality)

**FRIDAY, DAYBREAK**, 9:30-11:30am (Downstairs)  
Informal drop-in for parents with preschoolers. For info, email Pastor Jerilyn, [jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/](mailto: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.

**FRIDAY, RT 56, JUMP FOR JOY**, 7:15 - 9pm  
Signed waivers are required for each U18 jumper, which can be found online, [launchpad.centeredgeonline.com/waivers/](http://launchpad.centeredgeonline.com/waivers/) or on-site. Please arrive 15 minutes before your start time. Please RSVP to [jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/](mailto:jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/).

**SATURDAY, 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](http://roundroomministries.com/events). Cost is **\$20**.

**MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE WEEK:** Aaron Albu (Athletes In Action)  
Read more in our online [Outreach magazine](#), p8.

Aaron currently serves with Athletes in Action as a sports chaplain with several universities in the Edmonton area. He leads chapel messages, Bible studies, and mentorship programs for student athletes on these teams along with serving as chaplain with the Edmonton Huskies and a chaplain assistant with the Edmonton Elks.

Aaron would love prayer for God to continue opening doors for his chaplaincy work in the world of amateur and professional sports in Edmonton, as well as more campus staff to join his local team in providing spiritual mentorship and care to young athletes in our city.

If you have a desire to get connected or volunteer with a sports ministry team, Aaron would love to meet you. You can reach him at [aaron.albu@p2c.com/](mailto:aaron.albu@p2c.com/).

Thank you, McKernan Baptist Church!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 23, HYMN SING**, 6pm, Central Baptist (Connor's Hill site)

**MAR 23, COMMONS NIGHT** (Hospitality), 6:30pm  
Join us for an evening of extended worship and prayer. Everyone is welcome!

**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/](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/pickle/). Contact, [jimschneider@shaw.ca/](mailto:jimschneider@shaw.ca/).

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

**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 BRUNCH**, 9:30am  
Join us as we listen to testimonies from women in our community about God's work in their lives. A light brunch will be provided. Please register online, [mckernanbaptist.ca/WMbrunch](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/WMbrunch), to save a seat at this inspiring event!  
**Registration deadline is April 2.**

**APR 23, BAPTISM CLASSES**, 7:00pm (Board Room)  
Scheduled dates are Wednesday evenings: April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 28.

**APR 25, STEVE GREEN CONCERT**, St. Albert Catholic Parish, 7:30pm. Cost is **\$25**  
Details online, [stevebell.com/events/](http://stevebell.com/events/).

**JULY 7-11, VBS: SCUBA** (Watch for details)  
Diving deep in God's Word.

**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](http://bit.ly/lent-devo).

Visit [mckernanbaptist.ca/giving](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/giving) for online giving options.

<b>General Operating Budget 2024-2025</b>	.....	\$2,096,700
Amount needed each month	.....	\$174,725
Received as of March 13	.....	\$31,438
Balance to end of March	.....	(\$143,287)
<b>Missions Budget 2024-2025</b>	.....	\$250,700
Amount needed by March 31	.....	\$188,025
Received as of March 13	.....	\$161,885
Balance to end of March	.....	\$(26,140)

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 the healing journey of our Senior Pastor, Lyle
- Those returning from the Women's Retreat
- For world events as things begin to change (Kahila family etc.)
- For our Ministry Partner of the Week, Aaron Albu (AIA)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PASTOR

Contact Pastor Dan,  
[Dan@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:Dan@mckernanbaptist.ca)

### SOUND/TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Pastor Dave,  
([Dave@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:Dave@mckernanbaptist.ca)) or  
Snow ([tech@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto: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)  
Instagram ..... [@mbcmoby](#)

**YOUNG ADULTS** (Ages 18-29)  
Instagram ..... [@mckernan.ya](#)

### McKERNAN GROUPS

Pastor Mike ([mike@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:mike@mckernanbaptist.ca))  
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