

Barriers To Experiencing God

Romans 8:31-39

March 30, 2025

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

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Name _____

Address _____

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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.

The Barrier of Sin

Romans 3:23

2 Corinthians 5:21

The Barrier of Fear

Proverbs 29:25

John 14:27

The Barrier of Pride

James 4:6

Proverbs 3:34

Questions

Barrier of Sin

- Jesus has overcome sin, our biggest barrier to experiencing God. Have you repented of your sin and accepted by faith, his gift of salvation?
- Are there areas in your life where the Holy Spirit is bringing to mind sin that is not dealt with?

Barrier of Fear

- Are there places in your life where you feel caught in the snare of fear?
- What would it look like for you to make steps towards trusting Jesus to release you from that fear?

Barrier of Pride

- Are there areas in your life where pride is preventing you from fully experiencing God's grace and guidance?
- What would it look like for you to humble yourself before God and others, allowing Him to transform your heart?

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 30 Pastor Mike

April 6 Pastor Melissa

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9:00AM
11:00AM
Sunday Service Times

McKernan
BAPTIST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

TODAY-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 consecutive Sundays of practice starting on March 23 with performance on Easter Sunday (April 20) during both services.

MONDAY, 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!

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 join us for our book study on Tyler Staton's *The Familiar Stranger*. Visit 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/.

MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE WEEK: Gary Short (International Student Ministries). Read more in our online [Outreach magazine](#), p23.

ISMC is a national ministry focussed on reaching international students who conduct their studies at Canadian universities and colleges. It operates in three different spheres: practical, social and spiritual.

Edmonton's practical component consists of a furniture ministry (helping students move and pick up furniture), and ESL. Each person is offered a Bible which many students accept with gratitude.

The social aspect consists of interacting with students at picnics and games nights, as well as hospitality provided by individual volunteers. Relationships with international students provide opportunities to do activities together.

The spiritual aspect is carried out through one-on-one studies as well as small group Bible studies on Friday nights at McKernan.

Please pray that the students will come out to the evening studies to investigate the Bible for themselves. Also pray that students read the Bibles that they receive from us.

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

FRIDAY, UKRAINIAN BIBLE STUDY, 7pm (Chapel)

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

SATURDAY, 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, to save a seat at this inspiring event! **Registration deadline is April 2 (Wednesday).**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

APR 24, PICKLEBALL (55+), EVP Centre (9455 45 Ave NW), 9-11am

Join us for a Pickleball round robin (\$16.80). **Registration deadline is April 21**, mckernanbaptist.ca/pickle/. Contact, jimschneider@shaw.ca/.

APR 25, STEVE BELL CONCERT, St. Albert Catholic Parish, 7:30pm. Cost is \$25

Details online, stevebell.com/events/.

APR 28, WHITE CROSS, 9:30am - 2pm (Downstairs, Multipurpose room*)

This month, we'll be working downstairs in the multi-purpose room. Join us in preparing bandages and dressings for our hospitals in Cameroon. No sewing required. Please bring a bagged lunch. Newcomers welcome!

JULY 7-11, VBS: SCUBA (Watch for details)

Diving deep in God's Word.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Austin and Grace Ericson on the birth of Elijah Austin Ericson (DOB 23 March 25), brother to Norah.

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 March 27	.....	\$76,894
Balance to end of March	.....	(\$97,831)
Missions Budget 2024-2025	.....	\$250,700
Amount needed by March 31	.....	\$188,025
Received as of March 27	.....	\$166,863
Balance to end of March	.....	\$(21,162)

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 all our volunteers and how they give of their gifts to our community
- For the continued recovery and healing for those undergoing health challenges
- For students going through the end of semester and families coming back from Spring Break
- For our Ministry Partner of the Week, Gary Short (International Student Ministries)

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)

Instagram [@mbcmoby](#)

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 18-29)

Instagram [@mckernan.ya](#)

McKERNAN GROUPS

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