

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear members and friends of First Baptist!

Last Sunday we talked about “unSTUCK”. This process was designed by Kevin Vincent, one of the staff with the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada, to help churches develop a vision plan for the next 5 to 8 years. To get an overview of “unSTUCK”, go to Kevin’s February blog post at <http://www.kevin-vincent.ca/2018/02/08/is-your-church-stuck-this-might-help/>.

A small working group of 8 to 10 people will be formed to move this process forward. This team needs to be as widely representative of our congregation as possible – different ages, genders, backgrounds and life experiences. How might you get involved? Here are four steps I invite us all to take:

1. *Pray* for God’s direction to be clear as we seek His vision for the future.
2. *Consider* joining the team, with the understanding that, depending on the response, we may have more people interested than can be immediately included in the small group.
3. *Engage* in the process when your input is requested. And when the working group concludes its work and submits its recommended vision plan.
4. *Support* a bold step forward for Jesus’ sake.

If anyone is interested in finding out more or would like to get involved, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@bellaliant.net or 902-628-2111) or Barry Cudmore (barrycudmore@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-672-2063).

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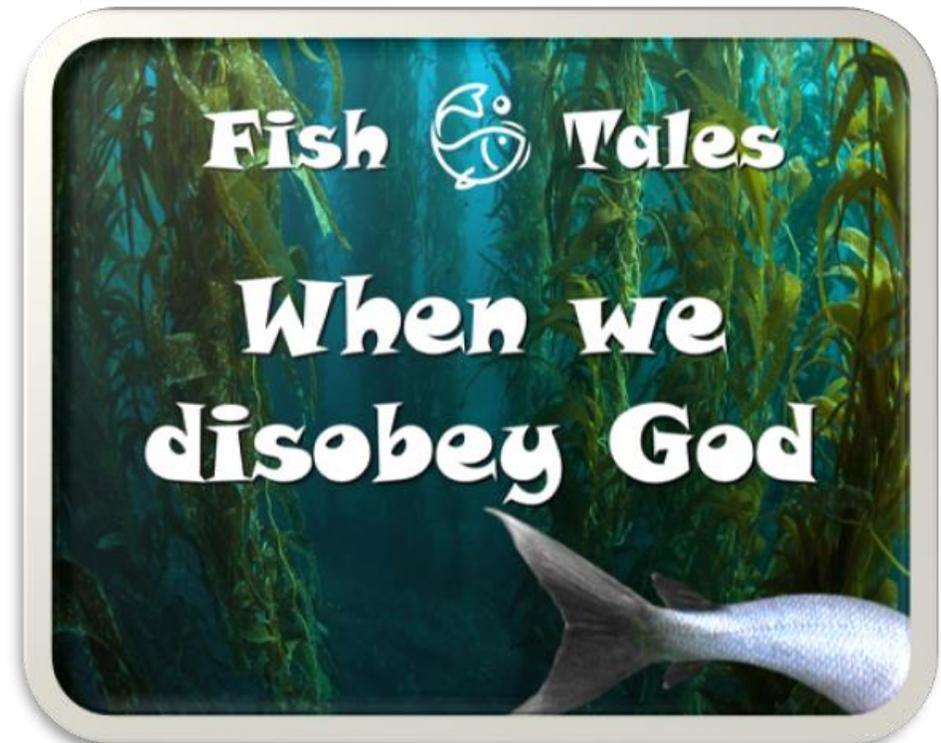
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Childrens Ministry at First Baptist Church



OUR MISSION

*Sharing the hope of Jesus
with the world he loves.*



*The word of the LORD came
to Jonah son of Amittai
But Jonah ran away from the LORD.*

Jonah 1:1,3 New International Version

April 15, 2018

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Baptist Church

If you are visiting today, we are delighted to have you with us.

If you need any help at all, please ask one of the hosts at the door or in the foyer.

There is also information at the Welcome Centre.

Children are invited to sit with their parents until

they are dismissed from the service for the Children's Programs downstairs.

Sunday morning programs for children include Nursery (ages 0-2)

and Pre School & Junior Church (ages 3- grade 6).

Our Sunday services include the 9:30 "Morning Well" and 11:00 "Classic Worship".

At 10:30 everyone is invited to "Halftime" downstairs in the Café,

*Prayer with a pastor or deacon is offered in the chapel
(area to the left of the sanctuary) following the service.*

Series: "Fish Tales"

"When We Disobey God"

Jonah 1

Week at a Glance

<u>Monday, April 16th</u>	9:00 a.m. – Food Pantry (Pam K., Fran P.)
<u>Tuesday, April 17th</u>	9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting 1:30 p.m. – Bible Study Group (White Flag)
<u>Wednesday, April 18th</u>	7:00 p.m. – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. – SRY
<u>Thursday, April 19th</u>	7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. – Moms' Drop In 1:00 p.m. – Next 90 (Ministry staff) 6:15 p.m. – Alpha Small group (at the Neilys') 6:30 p.m. – KICK
<u>Friday, April 20th</u>	7:00 p.m. – "The Living Room" (at Andrew & Laura Bennett's)
<u>Sunday, April 22nd</u>	9:30 a.m. – Morning Well 10:30 a.m. – Halftime 11:00 a.m. – Classic Worship 11:00 a.m. – Cantonese Small Group 6:30 p.m. – "White Flag" Video Bible study group

A **Baptism/Discipleship class** is planned for children in grades 5-6 interested in Baptism. Contact Pam for more information (amixofsix@gmail.com).

New Small Group Opportunities:

White Flag is a three part series presented by Andy Stanley. Perhaps you can identify with the following thoughts: Did you ever run away from home? Maybe you got to the end of the block before turning around and going back. It all seems silly in retrospect, but at the time you had plans. You'd show 'em what was what. But your plans always fell apart, didn't they? You were so focused on what you were running from, not what you were running to, that you found yourself faced with the question, "Now what?" You had to raise the white flag and give up.

In this Bible study series, Andy Stanley walks us through the story of one of the world's most famous runners—Jonah. From trying to outrun God to wrestling with grace and discipline, we'll explore the lessons we can all learn when it comes to surrendering.

White Flag will be the topic for the new Sunday night small group beginning on April 15th, and for the Tuesday afternoon small group beginning April 17th.

There is also a new **Alpha group** starting on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. at Don & Kathy Neily's home (53 Parkside Dr.). Please tell anyone you know who might be interested in joining this discussion group. Call Kathy for more information.

In late May, Kathy & Don Neily will be leading a **medical Mission trip to Guatemala**. They will be accompanied by Don & Sandra Pendleton, Dave & Sharon MacKenzie, and five other Islanders. Thank you to everyone who has given items for this trip. If you are still interested in helping, the team would still like 14 baby blankets, 12 newborn sleepers, baby booties, and newborn diapers. Please place items in the basket in the church foyer by May 1st.

Camp Seggie needs more staff accommodation for this summer. They are looking for a trailer or RV to use for the summer. If you have one to offer, please contact Bob at bob@campseggie.ca or 902-314-5646. *Thank you!*

Spring has come! – and with that comes the promise of summer flowers. The "Bells of Grace" handbell choir is selling tickets for **hanging baskets** (wave petunias) from VanKampen's. Regular price of these baskets is \$30 + tax. You can save the tax, and support the choir by purchasing tickets for \$30 tax included! Tickets are now available from the church office or from Handbell Choir members. Baskets will be ready for pick up from Van Kampen's from May 21st to June 30th.