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The McKernan Child Development Centre (MCDC) and the McKernan Kids ministry have joined together to create and share a single children's library. Sign up for a family library card in the main foyer and sign out anything throughout the week at our children's self-serve library station in the basement foyer.

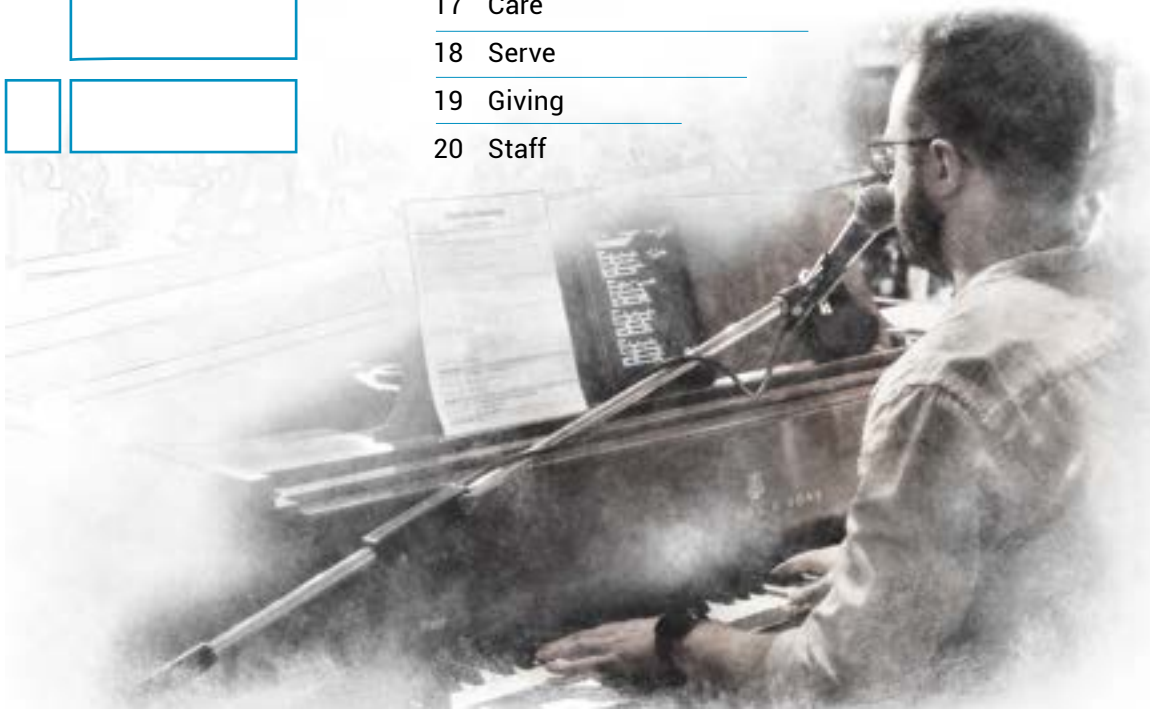
[Visit our church library online](#) to "check out" which resources we have and then stop by the library in-person to sign them out. Search by author, title, subject, or keyword.

**Coming Soon:** View our Pastor's Picks for books and podcasts that have enriched their walk with Jesus. Visit our library in-person to view the Pastor's Picks section or [view online](#).



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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little more.

Here at McKernan Baptist Church, what draws us to one another like a healthy family is common faith. Our faith has been given to us by the one God that is immeasurably creative in the displaying of His love for us in countless ways, most amazingly through Jesus Christ.

We love Jesus and are guided by Him to see Edmonton, Canada and the furthest regions of this tiny planet come to behold His power, beauty and love. We desire to serve all people as we lovingly journey alongside one another, rooted in the stability of God's Holy Word.

Life can become a real challenge. Together we want to ease one another's burdens, stand up for those that are oppressed, and praise the kindness of God through every season. We are not perfect here; but Jesus is. By His grace, we are His church. You are welcome here.

Throughout this magazine, you will discover many opportunities for us to journey together. Please take your time and discern wisely where to be involved, but please do be involved. There is a wide assortment of opportunities, all of them with the desire to assist in discovering the beauty of Jesus as He lovingly meets us where we are and invites us to follow Him. Our desire is not just having people come to church; we would love for us all to meet Jesus deeply. Only He did what no one else could do, so that we could experience freedom not possible in any other way.

This semester, our theme is Dwelling in Freedom. Our primary verse is found in Galatians 5:1, "For freedom Christ has set us free...". The freedom that Jesus provides for us does not isolate us, rather it draws us to God and to one another. It's not the type of freedom that is most concerned about self-preservation and protecting only our own rights. Rather, it is a freedom to experience the fullness of life with Jesus and enjoying those He has us journey alongside. This frees us to serve others humbly and joyfully with the goodness of all that Jesus pours through us.

Join us as we together, are Dwelling in Freedom.



WELCOME!

We're a church that has, at its core, a desire to be in right relationship, first with God, then with one another and with our neighbours. Our prayer is that everyone experiences authentic Christ-centred community when they visit.

| SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

Our two Sunday worship services (9am; 11am) accommodate a time for children (Nursery to Gr. 6).

We typically celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month (available to all believers in Christ). If you're unable to attend the service due to illness or hospitalization and wish to have communion brought to you, please contact the church office.

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| NEWCOMER MEET 'N' GREET

September 17, in the Chapel after each service (10:45am & 12:30pm).

Are you new to the church in the last few months, weeks, or maybe this is your first Sunday? Here you'll be able to meet some of the pastors, leaders, and other newcomers and discover the opportunities and community at McKernan.

| WELCOME CENTRE

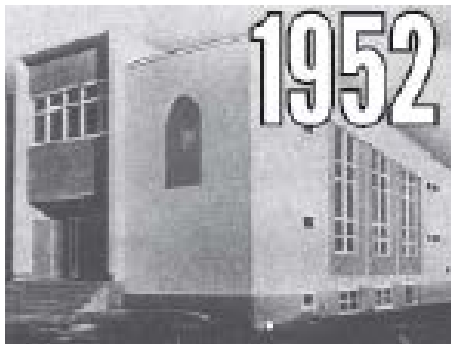
Located centrally in the lobby on the main floor, this is a great place to meet helpful individuals who will be able to direct you to where you are wanting to go or answer questions you may have. If you're new to McKernan, fill out a Connection Card and get a newcomers' gift!

| MORE ABOUT US

We invite you to learn more about us - our mission, core priorities, our belief statement, and our association with the [North American Baptist \(NAB\) Conference](#) of churches.

[About Us](#) • [Belief Statement](#) • [Staff](#)





1952

# HISTORY

In 1951 a small group of believers began meeting for worship in the chapel of the Christian Training Institute (CTI), now known as Taylor College and Seminary. By the end of that year the story of God's people known as McKernan Baptist Church was born.

Through 72 years of ministry, the story of the body grew...

- As God worked through faithful teaching, Bible study, prayer and outreach
- By impacting the community through a wide variety of programs for children and youth, including a daycare
- With a focus on students from CTI, the University of Alberta, Grant MacEwan and other post-secondary institutions
- By having a heart for world missions that has included support for missionaries, short-term mission projects and the hosting of an International Student Ministry

Today we enjoy our new facility and all the ways it is allowing us to fulfil our mission to be a community growing together in right relationships with God, with one another and with our neighbours.



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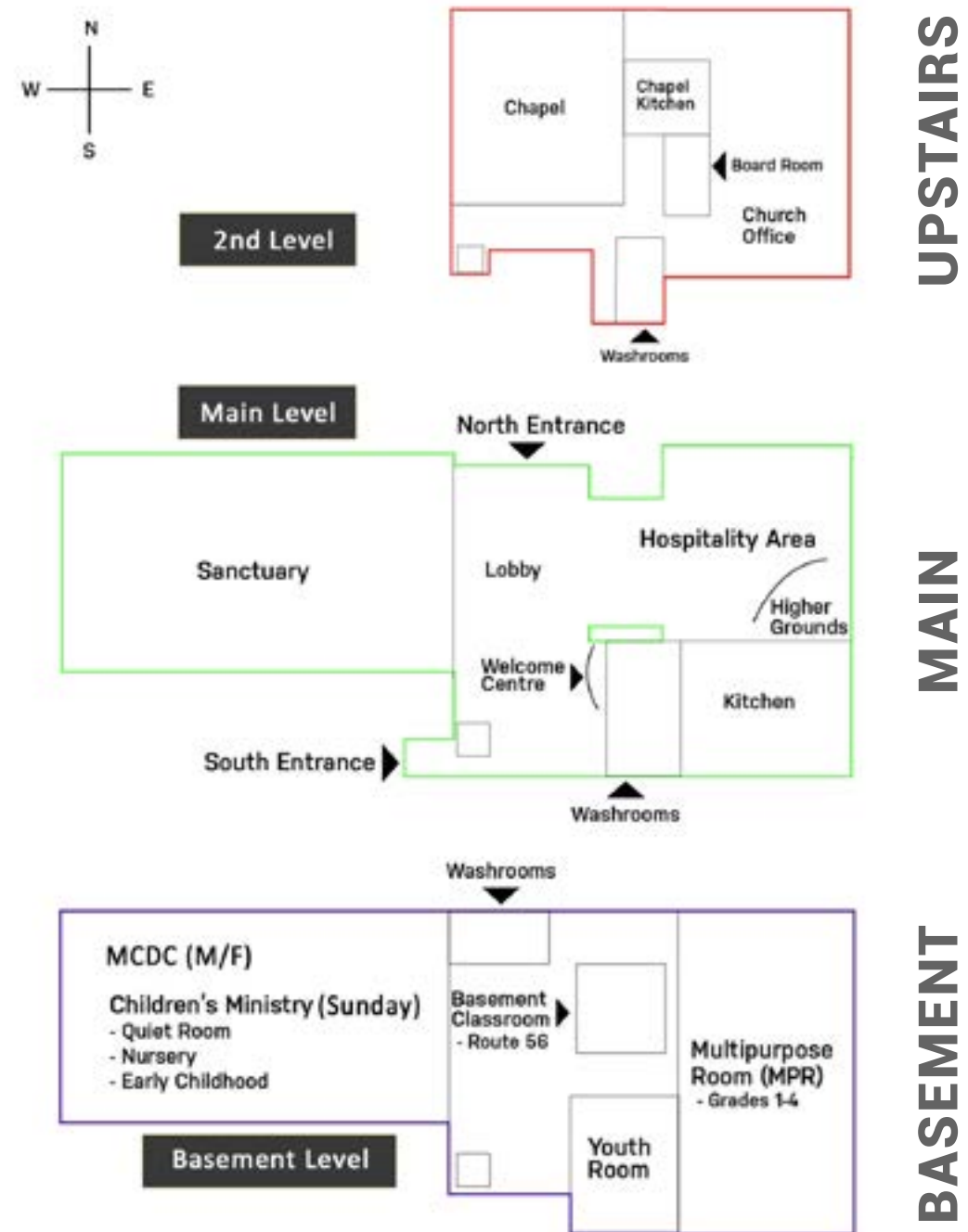


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1997

2022





## NURSERY (0 - 24 mos)

Our Sunday Nursery is a safe and clean environment with ample space for your babies to play, explore, crawl and interact with other children their age. We also have a Quiet Room for nursing mothers during the 9am & 11am services.

## 2-YEAR-OLDS

This class is in an age appropriate classroom with bathroom facilities. It is a great place to move, play, sing, and learn simple Bible principals.

## 3-4 YEAR-OLDS

This is by far the happiest and most energetic group! They begin their time with free play, then they have a Bible story, a snack and do a craft to reinforce the learning. They are encouraged to learn and share with their parents a monthly key Bible truth and verse.

## ELEMENTARY (K - Gr 4)

Each Sunday begins with a large group time of worship, prayer and experiencing God's Word. After this, they divide into age groups to discuss their lesson further while participating in games, crafts and activities.

## ROUTE 56 (Gr 5 & 6)

On Sunday mornings this age group experiences worship time with their families in the main service and then goes downstairs for their Bible lesson, discussions, games and activities. On the first Sunday of every month, they will spend the full service with their families. Every third Friday of the month we provide a monthly activity called "Route 56" to develop stronger relationships and connections.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry lays a biblical foundation for lifelong faith, giving children opportunities to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is for the children to grow in character and reach out to those who do not know Christ through a lifestyle of service.

We will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonder He has done. - Ps 78:4b

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Community Turkey Hunt

Oct 7, Saturday

#### Babysitting Night

Nov 4; Feb 23

#### Angel Breakfast

Dec 2, Saturday

### DAY BREAK

Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

This is a drop-in, get-together time to visit with other parents and let the kids play.

Visit [mckernanbaptist.ca/CMvolunteer](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/CMvolunteer) to serve in this ministry.

## CHILD DEDICATION

Child dedication is an important tradition at McKernan and we welcome the opportunity to join parents, families and friends in celebrating this special event. It is important that parents desiring to dedicate their child understand what child dedication means. Our next *Child and Parent Dedication Seminar* is **Nov 19** and **Jan 14**, 10:30 am (Classroom 8), so watch the program for details.



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

We operate as a nonprofit childcare centre offering full-time care to 45 children ages 0-5 years (Mon-Fri, 7:30 - 5:30p). It's a privilege to operate as a ministry of McKernan Baptist Church knowing that with your support, we are better able to share God's love in a practical way to families in Edmonton.

## OUR VISION

Our goal is to share God's love in a practical way to all families while showcasing a team of professionals that excels in the field of Early Learning and childcare. As a team, it is our desire to share the importance of our profession to our community and appreciate the opportunity to learn along with the children in our care. We envision a program that showcases quality in these ways:

### 1. Staff Team Educators

We hire exceptionally trained educators and value ongoing professional development.

We aim to be a resource to families (both enrolled as well as families wanting info about parenting or early childhood).

### 2. Environment / Play Space

Our choice of play materials and aesthetics promotes child-directed, open ended play and a welcoming space for children to thrive. Natural elements, ample space per child, and an emotionally safe space is intentionally supported by our team.

### 3. Planning & Programs

Inspired by Magda Gerber's Educaring® Approach, our priority is building relationships and offering respectful care. We support children to learn at their own pace and embrace their individuality, focusing on who they are and what they are already capable of, to inspire growth opportunities when they are ready.

## OUR MISSION

Children, families, and educators learning and growing together.





WOMEN

At McKernan, we have a vibrant group of women that love to celebrate, disciple, and connect with one another both within and outside of our community. Throughout the year we host special events and Bible studies. We would love for you to join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 14 ... [Book Club](#)  
"Don't Look Back"  
(Christine Cain)  
... 10am - noon
- Oct 21 ... [Gals & Games](#), 6:30pm
- Dec 7 ... [A Cozy Christmas](#), 7pm

WHITE CROSS

Come prepare bandages and dressings for our hospitals in Cameroon - no sewing required. Bring a bag lunch. Newcomers always welcome!

White Cross meets the last Monday of every month, 9:30am - 2:00pm, from September through May, in the Hospitality area.

Sep 25 • Oct 30 • Nov 27 • Jan 29 • Feb 26 • Mar 25 • Apr 29 • May 27



Sign up for quarterly updates with the [Women's Ministry](#) newsletter, [mckernanbaptist.ca/women](#).



MEN

Men's Ministry exists to provide a safe place for men 18+ to gather for fun, friendship, encouragement, discipleship, and an avenue to give back to the people and world around us. Join us this semester as we offer the following opportunities to gather as men.

DISCIPLESHIP

This fall we are encouraging all men to jump into the Wednesday night teaching time at church. The evening starts with supper at 6:30pm and the study starts at 7:00pm. Starting on September 20 is the "Making Sense of God" study ([mckernanbaptist.ca/makingsenseofgod](#)), followed by "Generous Justice" (Nov 1). One of the best gifts we can give to the people around us is to be a growing person.



FRIENDSHIP & ENCOURAGEMENT  
Definitely Not Salad Night

Join us as we gather as men to eat, build friendships, and encourage one another. Each month we will gather to try food that your doctor might not agree with – ok, maybe not quite that drastic, but join us as we explore different culinary treats in the Hospitality area.

Sep 18 .... 6:30pm      Oct 23 .... 6:30pm  
Nov 20 .... 6:30pm      Dec 11 .... 6:30pm



Sign up for event information with the [Men's Ministry](#) newsletter, [mckernanbaptist.ca/signup](#).



# YOUTH

We believe that the Junior High and Senior High years are a crucial time for teenagers to discover more about themselves and the God who made them.

Our Youth Ministry exists to help move students along the path from having heard about Jesus, to knowing Jesus personally, to sharing Jesus with the world around them. We accomplish this through relationships, community, and fun!

Our hope is that this will be a place where they will feel known, loved, and connected. And as much as we love teenagers, we also love coming alongside parents as they navigate their student's teenage years.

## MID WEEK

This is our Wednesday night worship, teaching, and small group time. It is for all students in grades 7-12, and it is the place where we hope students will get to discover their faith on their own and make it real, understandable, and practical in their lives.

Wednesdays, from 7-9:00 PM, Multipurpose Room (basement).



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## MOBY FRIDAY

Twice a month we have fun Friday events. These range from events for the entire youth group, to small group-specific hangouts.

Visit [mckernanbaptist.ca/youth](https://mckernanbaptist.ca/youth) to download the 2023-24 calendar of events.



[youngadults@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:youngadults@mckernanbaptist.ca)

IG @mckernan.ya

# YOUNG ADULTS

We are a group of adults, **ages 18-29**, from different walks of life who come together for the unified purpose of discovering who God is, who we are, and how He has called each of us to live. Come join us for an opportunity to grow deeper in your relationship with God and with others!

## WHEN DO WE MEET?

Our Young Adults ministry officially launches during Homecoming weekend on **Sep 9**, from 1-3:pm. Subsequent weeks alternate between **Social Nights** and **Study Nights**, from 7-9pm weekly. Our **LOGOS** ministry for the Fall semester is where we will search for truth by approaching topics apologetically through discovery learning, deepening our love for God, and each other.

**Boardgame Nights** are **every other Thursday** at the church, starting **Oct 5**.

**Volleyball/Sports Nights** are **every other Friday** at the Saville Center, starting **Oct 14**.

**Study Space** is **every Friday** from **1-4pm** starting in September.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Nathanael or his ministry assistant, Shone Williams ([youngadults@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:youngadults@mckernanbaptist.ca)).

## THE CROSSING

The Crossing is a group for young adults from **ages 30-35**. This group exists to help create community and belonging for people in this stage of life. It is open to both married couples and singles. The Crossing does one event per month and there will be opportunities to join other churches for their events.

[thecrossing@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:thecrossing@mckernanbaptist.ca)  
[facebook.com/CrossingMBC](https://facebook.com/CrossingMBC)

Contact Pastor Nathanael to sign up for event updates.

## YA DATES

- Sep 9** .... Homecoming
- Oct 7** .... Thanksgiving Event
- Dec 16** .... Christmas Event
- Jan 6-9** .... YA Retreat

## CROSSING DATES

- Sep 23** .... Walk & Coffee
- Oct 7** .... Thanksgiving Event
- Nov 18** .... Breakfast & Prayer
- Dec 16** .... Christmas Event
- January** .... TBD



## YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart Ministry provides older adults (55+) with an opportunity to fellowship, sing together, and support one another. Here are a few events to mark in your calendar. Watch the church program for more details and new events.



### | HYMN SING

Hymn sing is a monthly event where we gather to sing hymns and enjoy a time of fellowship with friends from other churches in the community. We usually meet on the 4th Sunday of each month at one of the churches in Edmonton and surrounding area.

Details for the November Hymn Sing will be announced in the church program as they become available. All are welcome and invited to attend.

#### HYMN SING DATES

- Sep 24 ... Ellerslie Baptist, 6pm
- Oct 22 ... Zion Baptist, 6pm
- Nov 26 ... TBA

### | TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

With the Tuesday morning Bible study, we have set out to tap into the strength and joy we can give to each other by providing time and space every Tuesday from 10:am to noon for a Bible study and fellowship. No registration required, all are welcome.

Through this fall our Tuesday mornings will be focusing in on the Beatitudes. Together we will turn our attention to those who Jesus says are blessed. For this study, we will be going through a study from RightNow Media.

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What does it mean to be blessed? And, more importantly, how do we become someone who is blessed? The kind of life God is calling us to may not look the way we imagined, but it will be better than we could have hoped. In this 8-session series, pastor Matt Chandler takes us through the Beatitudes and shows us what it means to live in the kingdom of God. Through Jesus’ teaching, learn what the blessed life really looks like.

- RightNow Media

## MCKERNAN GROUPS

There is a beauty in gathering on Sunday morning to worship as brothers and sisters in Christ, but it's not always as easy to engage in deeper authentic community. McKernan Groups is an amazing way to connect with a smaller group of people and build wonderful relationships while studying the Word of God.

When groups meet, they can minister to one another and encourage spiritual and personal growth while they all strive towards following Jesus well. The relationships that you build can help you stay accountable and are relationships that you can trust to help you in your walk with Christ.

### Do You Want To Be Part Of A Group?

**FIRST**, pray and consider if you are able to make the comitment to join a group. In order for a group to effectively join together, they must share time and experiences, and we have found that a minimum of three hours every two weeks is necessary.

**SECOND**, fill out a Groups intake card on our website or at the Welcome Centre on Sunday, and receive an invitation to a McKernan group and try it out.

### | THINK SMALLER

Previously, the catch phrase for McKernan Groups was, “Think Small.” We are going for a variation on that theme with the idea, “Think Smaller.” Don't worry, we're not moving away from the importance of small groups at McKernan in any way. Whew! We do want you to consider another option in our McKernan Groups repertoire. That being . . . Smaller Groups.

For some these days, it's hard to find the time to coordinate schedules of 6-10 people meeting on a regular basis. With this in mind, we are launching triads into our small group ministry. A triad is a group of 2-4 people who will meet and function just as any small group would. If you are interested in getting into a group here at McKernan, visit our website or talk to Pastor Mike or Noah Okken.



**LOVE** We want to provide an environment where people can grow in their love for God and their practical love and concern for one another.

**LEARN** We want to provide opportunities for people to learn about God's truth from the Bible in ways that are relevant to their everyday lives.

**SERVE** We want to provide meaningful avenues for people to serve, recognizing that God has given us all unique personalities, abilities, gifts, passions, schedules and resources.

**REACH** We want to provide people with a sense of meaningful purpose by encouraging a lifestyle that impacts their peers and their world with the love and truth of Christ.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

At McKernan we have a passionate desire to influence a community of people to be involved in an environment that stirs up an appetite for holy things, a deep community that has an intense longing for God, stronger than all other passions and distractions, a spiritual togetherness which truly connects and causes there to be a movement toward Jesus Christ and one another.

Spiritual Leadership Development is crucial as we continue to follow the leading of Jesus. The Focus 3 (Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?) courses have played a significant role in helping us do that and are shaping the McKernan Baptist Church culture as we lean into the future. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Pastor Dan for more info.



### THE VANTAGEPOINT3 PATHWAY

An uncommon, faith-deepening and life-aligning pathway of processes

The Journey

A Way of Life

Walking with Others



EQUIPPING

The Equipping Ministry comes alongside the other excellent ministries offered here at McKernan to provide an opportunity for us all to truly experience and love Jesus Christ. We never come to love someone by limiting our experience to affirming several of their character traits or actions. We truly love as we journey through life together in a culture provided, sustained, and guided by Jesus Christ.

ABOUT BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday evening, we launch with an amazing meal together and then listen, discuss and activate into our culture as followers of Jesus.

Rev. Tim Keller was a pioneering pastor that courageously lived out his calling by running into some of the most difficult challenges of life with his winsome, kind, and convincing character. His

28 books addressed every aspect of life from birth to death, sin to forgiveness, and deep thought to social activism. If you have been around McKernan Baptist Church, no doubt you know that Pastor Lyle continues to be wonderfully influenced by Keller.

In memory of Tim Keller, this Fall we will be offering evening studies on two of Keller's finest works.

Making Sense of God

Wednesday, Sept.20 - Oct. 25  
Supper\* (6:30pm, Hospitality Area)  
Course (7-8:30pm, Chapel)

Purchase of the book is required.

Tim Keller's reflective and stimulating book invites skeptics to consider that Christianity is more relevant now than ever before. Christianity provides us with unsurpassed resources to meet our greatest needs. This study is for the strong believer alongside of those that are resistant to the message of Jesus.

Register online (/makingsenseofgod).

\* You are welcome to contribute to offset the cost of the meal

Generous Justice

Wednesday, Nov.1 – Dec.6, 2023  
Supper\* (6:30pm, Hospitality Area)  
Course (7-8:30pm, Chapel)

Purchase of the book is required.

Into our tense culture that either blames Christianity for many of the evils of the world or believes that Christianity should not be involved in any justice movements, Tim Keller brings a humble and pleasant voice of grace. Biblical Justice is a crucial calling as we follow Jesus. Keller effectively dispels myths, and provides compelling motivation for followers of Jesus to be active in making this world a better place for all.

Watch the website for registration details.

\* You are welcome to contribute to offset the cost of the meal

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings at McKernan beginning on September 13, we have a group of men and women (all ages) that come together for Bible study, prayer, and community, to grow in THE AWE OF GOD! You're welcome to join us in the Hospitality area, 9:30 - 11:30am.

UKRAINIAN BIBLE STUDY

The providential growth of the Ukrainian Bible Study movement throughout Ukraine and the countless regions that the mass migration has forced since the Russian invasion is incredible. God has blessed McKernan Baptist Church with gifted and dynamic Ukrainian leaders. You're welcome to join with us as we join in fellowship, worship, and the study of God's Word, Fridays, 7-9pm (Chapel).

Contact sasha@mckernanbaptist.ca for more info.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

McKernan Baptist Church believes deeply that God is at work in the world and He invites us to join Him in what He is already doing. We believe that everyone has a part to play in God's unfolding mission and this happens on an individual and community level.

We encourage individuals, small groups and ministry sectors to discern how God is leading them to be missional with their lives and ministries. As a church, we support numerous organizations and people through an annual missions budget, and we also promote ongoing prayer for short term and long term missions.

McKernan also has a number of local outreach ministries.

McKernan English Language Learning (MELL)

Canada is experiencing the greatest immigration of newcomers than at any time in our nation's history. As a result, newcomers find it challenging to locate enough spaces in English Language Learning classes. We offer an excellent beginner-level, ten-week class.

[mckernanbaptist.ca/mell](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/mell)

Refugee Assistance Ministry (RAM)

There are currently more than 80 million displaced people around the globe, and of those, 30-34 million are children. This means that one in every 97 people in the world is now forcibly displaced.

In the spring of 2022, we discerned that God was calling us into action. Since then, we have learned a lot about the complexity of this crucial ministry as we have assisted many refugees into Canada.

The need is great as God continues to call us to come alongside of the oppressed.

[mckernanbaptist.ca/ram](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/ram)

If you would like to find out more about the missionaries that McKernan supports, please visit [mckernanbaptist.ca/missions](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/missions) and read the most recent McKernan Missions magazine (hard copies are at the Welcome Centre).

Computer Refurbishing Ministry (CRM)

There is a terrible irony in our landfills being filled with tech equipment that could enhance the lives of those that are living in the margins.

The CRM accepts donations of used computers/computer equipment. The donation is assessed, securely wiped and potentially refurbished so that it can be donated to an individual or non-profit organization that is in need.

[mckernanbaptist.ca/CRM](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/CRM)

If you have a heart for worship and would like to find out more, contact Pastor Dave.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

McKernan Worship Ministries is a thriving community of people who are passionate about God and love to serve the church through their creative and musical gifts! We love to come together to join in with the worship that is happening through all eternity to lift up the name of Jesus.



Deepen Conference  
(Activism and the Inner Life)  
Feb.9-10, 2024

Historically, evangelical Christians have valued these four distinctive and crucial points:

- Biblicism** .... A deep reverence for the Bible and its unsurpassed authority
- Crucicentrism** .... An unwavering resolve that Jesus' death and resurrection provides forgiveness for sins and a new life.
- Conversionism** .... It is not enough to acknowledge Jesus's work on the cross. This value emphasizes that every person that humbly comes to Jesus and trusts Jesus to provide a life of holiness will receive His grace.
- Activism** .... As ones that have received the mercy and grace of Jesus, we go into the world with a message of love that reveals that we are followers of Jesus.

While each of these distinguishing values is being challenged, some would say that the value of activism has slipped the farthest in the evangelical church. In this Conference we will welcome Wayne Stapleton (NAB - VP of Cross-Cultural Engagement & Emerging Leader Engagement) to guide us in how Jesus is calling the church to step out of her self-preservation comfort zone and into a world that so desperately needs to be influenced by the love of those followers of Jesus that have open serving hands rather than clenched fists.

Registration opens in December 2023.

## CARE MINISTRIES

MBC offers many opportunities to find belonging, personal growth, and community. If you have a heart to become involved in a community of like-minded believers and want to serve in different capacities, prayerfully consider serving with one of the following ministries.

### | HEALING PRAYER

Do you long for greater freedom and peace? Do you feel stuck, whether in outward circumstances or inner thought patterns? Are you struggling and wonder how God is present with you?

This ministry seeks God's healing for the whole person – heart, spirit, soul and body – through the person and work of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry appointments are scheduled meetings between a person seeking prayer and a trained team of 2-3 members. We explore an individual's story and pray as the Holy Spirit leads. It is confidential, free and a valuable step for anyone to take in their spiritual journey.

Request prayer by visiting [mckernanbaptist.ca/HealingPrayer](http://mckernanbaptist.ca/HealingPrayer) or contact Pastor Melissa.

### | BAPTISM CLASS

**Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8**

Are you wondering what baptism is and why we practise it at McKernan? Have you been thinking about being baptized? Come to our classes that will provide biblical foundation for baptism.

Here, we will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you have pertaining to faith and baptism. This course is 4 weeks long. Classes will be on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the board room. [Register online](#). Contact Pastor Mike.

### | GRIEF & CARE WORKSHOP

Loss is a universal experience, whether it's the loss of a role, a relationship or a loved one. During this 5-week series, we will seek the guidance of the Good Shepherd as we reflect on life's valleys of grief and mourning.

You are invited to join with Nick and Andrea Mitchell as they lead us through these five weeks where we can journey together to explore how we encounter grief and loss as well as ways we can grow through these challenging times.

The workshop will be held Sunday mornings at 11:AM on **October 29, November 5, 12, 19, and 26** in the McKernan Chapel classrooms. [Register online](#).

Our **Blue Christmas Service**, (Nov 30, 7PM), will also be encouraged for participants in the workshop.

### | MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**September 27, 7:00pm**

Becoming a member of the local church is an important step in the life of a Christian. This class will provide you with important information about McKernan Baptist, our history, our core values, what we believe and the membership process.

Registration details will be available online closer to the date.

### | STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one care ministry that we offer at McKernan. Stephen Ministry congregations like ours equip and empower lay caregivers, providing confidential, high-quality, Christ-centred care to care receivers.

Care receivers are people—congregation members and others in our community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Contact Pastor Mike if you would like more information about this important ministry.

### | PRAYER REQUESTS

Through prayer we talk with God, praise Him, and seek His leading in all we venture to do in the name of Jesus. If you have a prayer request for us, please submit it on a Connecting Card at the Welcome Centre or email Pastor Mike.

## SERVING

We're excited that you are interested in helping at McKernan! Please take a few minutes to explore the different opportunities below and then let us know where you're interested in helping, via [our online form](#).

### | SOUND TECHNICIAN

[tech@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:tech@mckernanbaptist.ca)

Our sound techs work as a team to produce our musical worship and broadcast the sermon on Sunday morning, both in person and online. No experience is required, just curiosity and a willingness to learn. New volunteers can be expected to be paired-up with a mentor sound tech, who will teach and equip you to eventually run sound by yourself.

### | PROJECTION TEAM

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The projection team uses ProPresenter to display the lyrics and sermon slides on the projectors and on the livestream video feed. This position also has the ability to be done outside of the booth from an iPad, for individuals who are mobility restricted but still want to serve in a tech capacity.

### | STREAMING TEAM

[tech@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:tech@mckernanbaptist.ca)

The streaming tech team is responsible for capturing the service visually. On a Sunday morning, streaming volunteers operate cameras using a joystick control and mix video feeds on a video mixer.

### | SUNDAY SCHOOL

[jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca)

Serving in the Children's Ministry is a great way to bring your personal walk with Christ to life! Realize the true potential of your gifts and talents by coming alongside the families. We are welcoming many smiling faces to our team and we hope you will be one of them!

If you're interested in helping with Children's Ministry, please use the [CM Volunteer form](#).

### | FACILITIES TEAM

[joe@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:joe@mckernanbaptist.ca)

The Facilities team is an important part of keeping our facility well maintained and looking its best. We work mostly behind the scenes to provide a warm, inviting space where ministry can happen. While we sometimes require trade specific volunteers, this serving ministry is open to all skill levels and everyone is welcome.

### | GREETERS

[karen@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:karen@mckernanbaptist.ca)

Greeters help make our church a warm and inviting place to visit. One of the ways we do this is by having people at the entrance doors welcoming those who arrive on a Sunday morning. Being a greeter gives you an opportunity to help people feel like it matters that they have come.

### | USHERS

[karen@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:karen@mckernanbaptist.ca)

Ushers are usually one of the next connecting points people have with McKernan on a Sunday. As people move from the entrance to the Sanctuary, our ushers offer a program and assist in finding a place to sit.

### | WELCOME CENTRE

[karen@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:karen@mckernanbaptist.ca)

The Welcome Centre is our "One Stop" location for information on all things McKernan. We have information for those who are looking for answers to questions about ministries or where something might be located. The Welcome Centre is a great place for a person who likes to meet people and answer questions. Don't worry, we don't expect you to know EVERYTHING!

### | DECORATING

[joe@mckernanbaptist.ca](mailto:joe@mckernanbaptist.ca)

As seasons change and various holidays happen, we need some help creating a beautiful space in the church with decor. If this is something that you love to help with or you have a keen eye for interior design, we could sure use your help!

GIVING

Thank you for generously giving toward what God is doing here at McKernan Baptist Church. We are committed to using your tithes and offerings in a way that honours the Lord.

Where Does My Giving Go?

At McKernan Baptist we provide the opportunity for you to direct your donations as God leads you.

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

These funds support the ministries, staff and facility costs.

MISSIONS FUND

These funds are allocated for local and global missionaries that McKernan Baptist supports.

BUILDING FUND

These funds go toward our ongoing facility upkeep.

NOT DESIGNATED

Funds that have no designation are used in both the General Operating Fund and Missions Fund.

2023 - 2024  
Missions Budget  
\$244,304

2023 - 2024  
General Operating Budget  
\$2,082,857

WAYS TO GIVE

ON A SUNDAY

OFFERING PLATE

Each Sunday during the worship service, the offering plate is passed so that we have the opportunity to physically give back to the Lord our tithe and offering.

DEBIT MACHINE

A giving station is located at the Welcome Centre and is available during our Sunday services. You can also give at the church office Mon–Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

ANYTIME

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

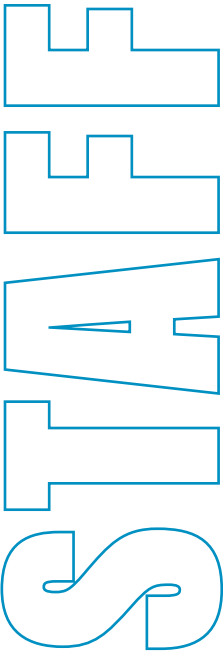
This is a pre-authorized debit agreement from your bank account and McKernan Baptist Church. If you would like to set this up or adjust it, please pick up a form at the Welcome Centre or download one from our church website.

INTERAC E-TRANSFER

To give using Interac e-transfer, please use the email address, give@mckernanbaptist.ca, to send your donation to McKernan.

ONLINE GIVING

Whether it is a one-time gift, or you would like to schedule a recurring donation, you can give online using our website.



MINISTRY STAFF

- Senior Lead Team Pastor ..... Lyle Buyer
- Lead Team Pastor ..... Terry Okken
- Lead Team Pastor ..... Dan Schroth
- Child Development Centre Director ..... Angie Clark
- Children's Ministry Pastor ..... Jerilyn Bayer
- Children's Ministry Associate ..... Annette Faszer
- Congregational Life Pastor ..... Mike Bartusek
- Congregational Life Pastor (PT) ..... Melissa Chaffee
- Congregational Life Ministry Associate ..... Karen Alksne
- Young Adults Pastor ..... Nathanael Trinh
- Youth and Worship Ministries Pastor ..... Dave Schneider
- Youth Ministry Associate ..... Erin Gibbard

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

- Office Administrator ..... Naomi Voss
- Facilities Manager ..... Joe Richards
- Audio / Visual ..... Vacant
- Administrative Assistant ..... Vicky Bailey
- Bookkeeper ..... Liuda Lushchyk
- Custodial Staff ..... Adit Gamble; Anne King (weekends)
- ..... Stan Goodnough (Daycare)
- Hospitality Coordinator ..... Irene Dickau
- Digital Communications ..... Katrina Grey
- Evening Hosts ..... Noah Okken; Ethan Okken

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

- Young Adults ..... Shone Williams
- McKernan Groups ..... Noah Okken
- Missions ..... Sasha Lushchyk
- Worship ..... Daniel Zander
- Early Childhood ..... Sarah Toews & Clarissa Choy
- Nursery ..... Abigail Schroth
- Elementary ..... Amelia Behnke; Tia Pavo
- Age 2 Class ..... Adelynn Kroeker
- Ages 3 & 4 Class ..... Clarissa Choy
- Route 56 ..... Blythe Knapczyk
- Float ..... Domina Laurent

CHURCH BOARD

- Chair ..... JD Kliewer
- Treasurer ..... Hal Rierson
- Secretary ..... Mike Ross
- Gerhard Hiob ..... Beth Cheung
- Randy Voss ..... Seth Jansen
- Uwem Okome ..... Trevor Toews
- Mary Jetha

# 28-WEEK JOURNEY

SUNDAY EVENINGS

BEGINS

September 17, 2022

6:pm - 8:30pm

ENDS

May 12, 2023

REGISTER ONLINE

[mckernanbaptist.ca/freedom](https://mckernanbaptist.ca/freedom)



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