

Sabbath, September 9, 2017

**Musical Prelude**  
(10:45-10:55)

**Worship Service**  
(10:55 - 12:15)

**Announcements, Welcome, Call to Worship**  
Kevin Blake

**The Church at Praise**  
Don Morgan

**Opening Hymn**  
#73 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Scripture Reading**  
Samuel Penney  
*Jeremiah 18:1-6*

**Offering**  
Yvette Blake  
*World Budget*

**Pastoral Prayer**  
Kevin Blake  
*#671 As We Come to You in Prayer*

**Children's Feature**  
Carmen Rowse

**Special Music**  
Ryan Blake

**Sermon**  
Alice Brown  
*"Have You Been to the Potter's House?"*

**Hymn of Commitment**  
#330 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

**Benediction**

**Sermon**  
Phillip Milmine

**Platform Chair**  
Margaret Moore

**Praise Team**  
Gospel7  
Stephanie Anthony

**Greeter**  
Helen Hodder

**Special Music**  
Sebastian Lind

**Deacons**  
Jason Cole  
Kevin Blake  
Jeremias Martin  
Jerry Lazarov

**Children's Story**  
Tina Taylor

**Sab. School Super.**  
Margaret Moore

## Understanding God's Will

'Teach me to do Your will.'  
Psalm 143:10, NIV

As you look back on your life, the thing that will bring you the greatest joy is knowing you've done the will of God. But in order for that to happen, you must really want to do God's will. Jesus said, "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself" (John 7:17 NASB). Note the words "willing to do His will." More than completing your education, or getting married, or getting your house paid off, or anything else in life, you must want to do God's will. Chuck Swindoll writes: "There have been times when I said I wanted to do His will but I really didn't. That's a tough thing to confess, but looking back with 20/20 hindsight, I realise that at times I resisted His will. And I've learned that serious consequences follow selfish resistance." Paul writes, "Doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does" (Ephesians 6:6-8, NIV). Note the phrase "doing the will of God from your heart." That's about as deep as it gets. More than pleasing people, more than acquiring creature comforts and status, more than staying safe, your greatest desire should be to please God. The psalmist prayed, "I desire to do Your will, my God, Your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8, NIV). Your prayer should be, "In all I do this day, Lord, my desire is to please You and do Your will."

Source: The UCB Word for Today

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**Service Times:**  
Sabbath School: Saturday 9:25 am  
Worship Service: Saturday 10:55 am  
Bible Study: Wednesday 7:15 pm  
  
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## Sabbath School Program

**Song Service: 9:25 - 9:40 a.m.**

**Adult Lesson Discussion - 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.**

**Children's Divisions: 9:25 - 10:40 a.m.**

Superintendent: Alice Brown

Song Service: Alice Brown with Joshua Veber

### Adult Quarterly

#### **The Gospel In Galatians**

*Freedom in Christ*

#### Class #1

Back Sanctuary Alice Brown

#### Class #2

Parents' Room Jason Cole

Beginners: Carmen Rowse  
Kindergarten: Angie Hodder  
Primary: Jenny Purcell  
Juniors: Celeste Corkum  
Teen: Trudy Morgan-Cole

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Valentin Lazarov, Ray Fagan, Cecila Locke, Florence Pennell, Louise Stansbury, Margaret Brown, Bridget Oakley, Terry & Bonnie Alexander, Dixie Parsley, Mary White, Lorraine Noftal, Margaret Tucker, Richard Tucker, Pastor John Brushett.

**Prayer Thought:** "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24, NIV).

**WELCOME:** We welcome all our visitors as well as our regular members. If you are visiting for the first time, or if you are returning to worship, we pray that you will be blessed and find the love of Jesus here today.

#### **CHURCH SOCIAL - BELL ISLAND MINE AND MUSEUM TOUR:**

The Social Committee is planning a tour to the Bell Island Mine and Museum this Sunday, Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am (weather permitting). This will be a great opportunity to visit an interesting place in the region and have fun as a family. The cost for the Mine and Museum tickets will be sponsored by the Social Committee. Those with limited mobility can choose to tour the Museum only; the underground tour is optional. If you are interested in joining the tour, please contact Sheralyn Pearcey at church today, or reply to the Facebook post in the St. John's SDA Church group. For those attending, remember temperatures are cold in the mine despite the weather outside; dress warmly!

**PATHFINDERS and ADVENTURERS:** It's that time of year again for the Pathfinders and Adventurers to start up! We will be having a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering with the club this Sunday, Sept 10th from 2:00-3:00 pm. We will be accepting new member registration from 3:00-4:00pm. Our club cannot run with just a few staff, so please consider donating your time!!

**SCHEDULE PREPARATION:** Yes, it is that time again. Margaret will be working on the schedules for October, November and December this weekend. If you could let her know which Sabbaths you will be available, it would be very helpful. We are always looking for new people to present Special Music and the Children's Feature. Please email her at [eroomme@gmail.com](mailto:eroomme@gmail.com) with your scheduling preferences.

**SUNDAY SOUP SUPPERS:** The Fall schedule for our soup kitchen program is now posted in the foyer. Please add your name if you can help either cook or serve a meal anytime this fall. We also welcome donations of money (just mark "Soup Kitchen" on your tithe envelope) or non-perishable food bank items. Individual grocery items such as tins of soup or tuna, jars of peanut butter, boxed pasta dinners, etc., are greatly appreciated as take-home items by our guests. Please prayerfully consider how you can help this outreach ministry!

**GOSPEL OUTREACH:** Thank you all for your support of Gospel Outreach and your prayers. By now everyone should be aware that you can support Gospel Outreach on the church website. Remember that when you give to GO, you put the worker's name, Mulgeta Wedeab, in the space provided. As we all know, this is an important ministry to help finish the work of preaching the gospel to the whole world.

**CHURCH EXPENSE:** With the payment of our annual insurance bill, a repair bill and our several regular monthly bills, our church expense fund is now in the red for over \$5000 dollars. Thank you for whatever you are able to do to support this fund, as we will soon be facing heavy heating bills and snow clearing! All other funds are in good standing.

**NEW PASTOR UPDATE:** Pastor Fournier's house has not yet sold. We will wait to see how it all unfolds. Our Church Board has arranged for speakers through September as needed.

**RENEWED 2017: HOPES, DREAMS AND PLANS:** This weekend of spiritual emphasis will take place on September 15, 16 and 17 at Woody Acres. Pastor Victor and Pamela Reyes-Prieto and Amy Chafe will be the presenters. Everyone is invited to come apart and spend time with Jesus through His Word to experience physical and spiritual rest on this special weekend. For more information, please see the insert in your bulletin this week. For accommodation and other details, please call Amy Chafe (709-683-2292).

**COUPLES' RETREAT:** Sponsored by the NL Family Ministries Department, this retreat will take place at Camp Woody Acres on October 13-15, from 7pm Friday evening until noon Sunday. Cost for the weekend will include all materials, meals and accommodations at \$125/couple. Please RSVP by September 29<sup>th</sup> at [info@nlsdafm.org](mailto:info@nlsdafm.org). This event is open to church members and non-members; please invite married friends, family and neighbours. Couples will receive a \$25 discount if they bring another married couple with them. We look forward to an intimate weekend getaway focusing on strengthening our marriages from a Biblical perspective. Topics include What Destroys Marriages; His/Her Most Important Emotional Needs; How Changes Happen, and Healing a Hurting Marriage. No matter how many years we have been married, we can always learn ways to strengthen our marriages and make them the best they can be! (Note: Please remember to bring your own pillows).

**SHARE HIM SOUTH AFRICA 2018:** Would you like to be part of a young adult mission group going to South Africa in summer 2018? Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more information. If you would like to know more, contact Pastor Jason Williams in Conception Bay South ([jason.williams@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:jason.williams@nf.sympatico.ca)).

**SUNSET THIS WEEK: 7:25 PM**

**SUNSET NEXT WEEK: 7:11 PM**

- Sun., Sept. 10 Bell Island Mine Tour, 10:00 am
- Sun., Sept. 10 Adventurers/Pathfinders meeting, 2:00 pm
- Mon., Sept. 11 Church Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 13 Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm
- September 15-17 Renewed 2017 weekend, Woody Acres
- Sun., Sept. 17 Soup Kitchen, 5:00 pm
- Wed., Sept. 20 Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sun., Sept. 24 Adventurers/Pathfinders meeting, 2:00 pm
- Wed., Sept. 27 Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sabbath, Sept. 30 Potluck after Worship Service
- Sun., Oct. 1 Soup Kitchen, 5:00 p.m.
- October 13-15 Couples' Retreat, Woody Acres