

THE FUTURE IS NOW



Psalm 100:5

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love
continues forever, and his faithfulness
continues to each generation.



History

The Woodstock Baptist church was first established on August 22, 1834, under the leadership of evangelist Elder Samuel Hartt. The first meetings took place in a carpenter's shop downtown, until the first meeting house was established in 1858. The meeting house was destroyed by a fire in 1881, but on August 2nd, 1885, a new structure was completed. That structure still stands today, and still serves as the foundation of our church. On February 10th, 1880, the Tabernacle Baptist Church (later known as the Albert Street Baptist Church) was formed under the leadership of Rev. George Seely. The Albert Street Church remained active until 1905, when the two churches joined, and formed the United Baptist Church. After the churches officially amalgamated in 1905, the Albert Street building was sold, and in 1908 the new church building was constructed to accommodate the combined congregations.

Since then, our church has undergone many renovations. A large expansion was added in 1959 with a focus on Christian Education. A restoration of the original stained glass windows was completed in 1993. In 1999, an elevator was added, and the facility was renovated with a focus on creating an accessible environment. In 2001, the parsonage was removed, and a parking lot was added. More recently, our audio-visual equipment was updated, giving our church the ability to live stream our worship service. As our church moves in to the 21st century, these blessings allow us to continue to follow the Lord's command to share the good news with all nations.

A Message from the Pastors



Leonard Cousins
Senior Pastor

In the past 5 years, the Church family has looked at the possibility of moving our meeting place and center of ministry. We concluded that we needed to look forward and considered the best way to meet the needs of future generations and community; therefore we decided to build a facility on a new site. I am excited about all the possibilities, even as I am sure our fellow believers in the past were when our present structure was built.

This is a new day and "The Future is Now". I want to be involved in what God is doing and will do! God has given us the vision. Our response will cause us to provide the resources as He has blessed us. All of us have to seek the Lord and give, as He has blessed us. He will continue to meet our needs and more. We need to step up! We don't want to miss out on a wonderful opportunity to be a part of something that will impact future generations for Jesus Christ.



Craig Woodcock
Associate Pastor

God placed a burden—a vision in the hearts of the founding members of Woodstock Baptist many years ago. The vision God placed in their hearts was what could and needed to happen. They sought the face of God and trusted Him for what they believed He was calling them to do. They responded to God's leading. They believed "now" was their time, and did not delay.

God has been at work in the hearts and lives of people at Woodstock Baptist ever since and once again God's people believe that now is the time to act. I am extremely excited for the decision that was made to build a new facility. We believe a new facility, easily accessible to all people will be a tool God can and will use to serve our community and that God will continue to use Woodstock Baptist to reach people for Himself.

God's people have trusted, worked and sacrificed as a body of believers and have witnessed amazing things happen! Now is the time for this to continue through us!



Woodstock Baptist Today:

Woodstock Baptist's Mission is to: "Love God. Love People." It is our desire to encourage people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and to help people grow in their spiritual life.

A Love for God

We want our passion for God to come out of a deep, loving relationship with Him that is vibrant, joyful and empowered by God.

(Matthew. 22:37-38).

A Love for People

We want our love for people to flow from our love for God. Our desire is for our faith in God to be visible in what we do for Him. Out of our deep rooted love for Him and willing heart, our aim is to actively serve with joy, engaging our family, our community, and our world.

(Matthew 22:39).

We Are:

Multi-generational: Our church family is made up of many generations of worshippers, and our church is a place where people of all ages are welcome.

Multi-cultural: Our church is ethnically diverse. We believe the word of God should be shared with everyone.

Multi-site: Our ministry extends beyond the walls of our church. Because we are devoted to sharing the good news, we currently broadcast our service live by the internet, to the world at www.woodstockbaptist.ca

Family Centered: Our ministry seeks to partner with parents by supporting them in their parenting, focusing on loving God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Community Centered: Our love of God goes beyond the confines of the church walls, we take special care in building community relations—bringing real encouragement and hope to those in need **(Colossians 3:12; Isaiah 58:6,7).**



Our Vision:

Believing our best days are still ahead, we have a vision to be a thriving, healthy church.

We have three key priorities:

We want to help people begin and grow in their spiritual life.

We value a friendly atmosphere which begins with engaging Sunday Worship, supported by Small Group Ministry, and prayer.

We are focused on strengthening local, national, and global missions such as Harvest House, Sanctuary House, Volunteer Family Services, Shiktehawk Bible Camp, the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada, Canadian Baptist Ministries, and their agencies.

Our Mission:

Grow Together:

We want to create an inviting, safe, friendly atmosphere, where worshippers can be encouraged to grow together.

Grow Deeper:

We believe that disciples are made one relationship at a time, through truth and training. We all have the potential to become disciples of Christ.

Grow Broader:

We believe that the best way to reach our neighbors is to be involved in their lives. We put our faith into action by being the hands and feet of Jesus, we meet their physical and spiritual needs.

Building Plan:

Woodstock Baptist is a caring, and friendly church where community is valued and changed lives matter. It is a safe place for people to find and follow Jesus and grow in a faith community. Our growing sense of community is a value we will continue to encourage and strengthen.

The Building project, which is estimated at approximately \$4.6 million dollars, focuses on the construction of a new facility with a multipurpose auditorium.



The Plan:

- A large, accessible, one level, multi-purpose facility, with a warm foyer, additional parking and have plenty of usable green space to host church and community events.
- A location that enables us to continue to minister and provide services to Woodstock and surrounding communities.
- An inviting children's space for teaching God's Word that is safe and secure.
- A large 500 seat auditorium with a spacious stage that includes modern sound and lighting to enhance our worship experience through music, song, teaching and drama.

The Challenge:

Together we are asking each person who calls Woodstock Baptist 'my church' to do three things:

Pray and re-surrender: "God everything I have comes from you and belongs to you."

Listen as He speaks: "God, what would you have me to do with the resources you've provided?"

Obey: "God, yes — I will follow your leading".

Now is the Time: Let's Move!

This journey of faith will require great sacrifice and resolve causing us to move out of our comfort zones. As we are faithful, we will grow together as a church seeking to fulfill our God given mission to LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE. With God's help your commitment will enable us to impact our community. We cannot wait to see what God does for us, in us and through us.

The Future is Now: Let's Move!





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Now is the time to impact and support our community today for a better tomorrow!

Generosity chart - The Future is Now Campaign:

| Donors | 5 Year Gift | Weekly | Monthly | Totals |
|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Anchor Gift | | | | 1 000 000 |
| 2 | 250 000 | 960 | 4165 | 500 000 |
| 3 | 150 000 | 575 | 2500 | 450 000 |
| 6 | 100 000 | 385 | 1665 | 600 000 |
| 10 | 50 000 | 190 | 835 | 500 000 |
| 16 | 25 000 | 95 | 415 | 400 000 |
| 30 | 10 000 | 40 | 165 | 300 000 |
| 73 | 5 000 | 20 | 85 | 390 000 |
| 30 | 2500 | 10 | 40 | 70 000 |
| Fundraising | | | | 160 000 |
| Bequests | | | | 230 000 |
| Total | | | | 4 600 000 |



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