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*Building Up the Body of Christ,
Reaching Out with the Love of Christ.*

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Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00 am
Traditional Service of
Holy Communion

11:00 am
The Service of the Word

The Message:



Monday, January 26
1:00 pm Altar Guild

Wednesday, January 28
9:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Time Out for Women
4:00 pm Food for Life

Thursday, January 29
7:00 pm Youth Impact Ministry

Saturday, January 31
10:00 am Choir Practice
11:30 am Leadership Training



(1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

Pastor Greg McMullin

4:30 pm Saturday Supper Ministry

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Sunday, February 1

**9:00 am Traditional Service
of Holy Communion**

**11:00 am Family Friendly
Service of Worship**

Kids Church & Youth Session

**6:30 pm Sunday LIFE Group:
*Gospel of John***



Pastor's Perspective

Moving Together, Moving Forward!

I recently met up with a fellow sailor in the Navy Reserve who has transitioned to the army. In the navy world, we jokingly describe such a move as “going over to the dark side.” However, my friend is up for it. He awaits his training as an Infantry Officer. He said that he looks forward to the rigorous training – having his body pushed to its limits: maneuvering through harsh landscapes, firing high-powered weapons, eating rudimentary rations, pushing through day after day with hardly any sleep – all of this while leading a platoon. He then noted his key aspiration for the training – to be competent enough in his leadership that his soldiers not end up mistakenly firing on each other.

I believe there is a sense in which this great danger for any platoon, exists for any church. It is the danger of being on the move in ministry, being busy with many noble activities, but without clear direction, when communication breaks down and goals and objectives become murky. The result is inevitable: one ministry unintentionally firing on one another, working against each other.

As soldiers of the Lord, in order to effectively fight the good fight of faith, we need not only to be leveraged against the enemy - the world-

culture, our own flesh and the luring power of the tempter, but be forward-moving by being laser-focussed as a church on our vision, mission, and values.

Hence, the need for cohesive leadership in our multitude of ministries and the on-going training and refocussing of our ministry team leaders.

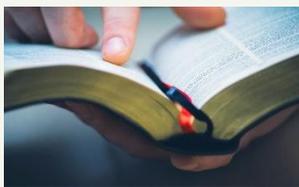
Last Saturday, a good number of our ministry team leaders and potential leaders were present at our 2026 Ministry Leadership TRG Part 1 session. On Saturday, January 31st from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, I am asking that all our team leaders and any others who simply want to learn more about our vision and direction here at SMSB join us for Part 2 of our training and visioning together.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-26, let us pray that we would truly move *together* in our passion for the Lord Jesus so that we can move *forward* in God's exciting Kingdom work, being a part of a growing, thriving Church, to His glory, honour and praise!

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10 ESV

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Greg+



Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 25

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
St. Matthew 4: 12-23



**Monthly Men's Breakfast
This Saturday (January 24)
8:00 am - 9:00 am**

Mark your calendar & come join us for a hot breakfast and great fellowship!

Men who are able to be part of the kitchen team are asked to contact Brad Webb or notify the church office.



**Annual Reports 2025
(either handwritten or electronic) from our
various ministries would be greatly appreciated
by this Friday (January 30) in order
to be included in the 2025 Annual Report booklet.**



**Annual Gathering
Tuesday, February 10
6:40 pm ~ Praise & Thanksgiving
7:00 pm ~ Annual Gathering**

All church members are encouraged to attend.

Vestry

Because our Vestry constitutes the core leadership of our congregation, there are five key requirements for Vestry members in our parish:

1. *Profess personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;*
2. *Be an active participant in Bible Study;*
3. *Be involved in at least one other ministry in the life of our congregation other than serving on vestry;*
4. *Tithe income to the local church for the work of the Gospel;*
5. *Embrace the vision of our church through the Church Leadership Training Course.*

If we can discern with you a possible call of the Lord to serve in this ministry, please contact Pastor Greg .



A Growing church requires both razor sharp focus on its vision and continuous evaluation and adjustments. That's what the *Church Leadership Training Course* is all about.

For all who are currently serving in our church's leadership: Vestry members, Layreaders, Team Ministry Leaders and for those who are potentially discerning a call to step into leadership, we need you to join us for the course.

It is a prerequisite for anyone discerning a call to serve on our church's Vestry (governing board).

**The second module of the Leadership Training
will take place on:
Saturday, January 31st
from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

at the Church Hall

Any questions, please speak to Pastor Greg.

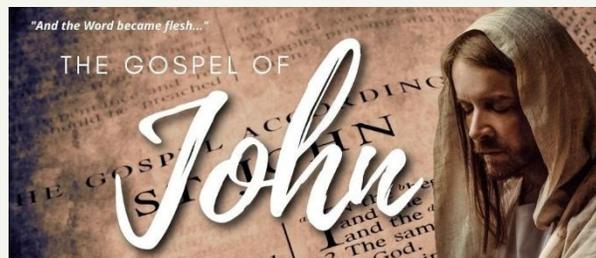


There's Still Time to Join a Life Group!

If you've been thinking about joining a Life Group, but haven't yet, it's not too late! We hope you do! Please contact the Leader or Host if you have any questions, or if a particular topic piques your interest and to get address information.

Please note that *Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* begins Monday, Jan. 26, and *The Book of Hebrews* begins Thursday, Jan. 29.

The Gospel of John ~ Sunday Evenings



We all long for a deep, substantial, meaningful life. But how do we fill the hole in our hearts? How can we quench our thirst for something deeper, more lasting, more meaningful? The Gospel of John invites us to take a fresh look at Jesus – the Word made flesh. It welcomes us to renew our faith on the One who assures us is the Way to true life. Join in on this 8-week series on *The Gospel of John*.

Date & Time: Sunday evening ~ 6:45 pm – 8 pm

Leader: Rev'd Greg (645-7517)

Location: SMSB Youth Impact Room (downstairs)

The Gospel of John – Monday Evenings

In addition to Sunday evenings, Rev'd Greg will also be leading this study at his Monday evening Life Group.

Date & Time: Mondays -- 6:45 – 7 pm (social time),
ending by 8:30 pm

Leader: Rev'd Greg (645-7517)

Location: Hosted by Rev. Greg and Vanessa in their home.

Everyday Revolutionary: How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World Monday Evenings



Tired of being a pawn in the culture war? Feeling squeezed between political and theological extremes? How do we live faithfully when we don't feel at home in this increasingly secular culture? Pastor and Bible teacher J. D. Greear calls us to reimagine our Christian witness in today's world. In this practical and encouraging 6-session series, discover biblical insights for witnessing well in our polarized, post-Christian world.

Date & Time: Mondays -- 6:45-7 pm (social time),
ending by 8:30 pm

Leader: Joanne Fitzpatrick (657-7808)

Location: Online via Zoom (*contact Joanne for connection details.*)

The Book of Jude – Time Out for Women Wednesday Mornings



The book of Jude deals with the urgent need to expose the infiltration of false teachers within Christian communities. Jude also lovingly encouraged

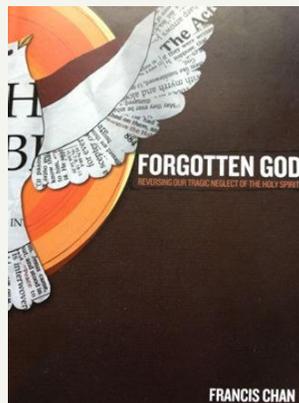
believers in Jesus Christ to stand firm and fight for the truth of the gospel. Jesus' half-brother steers believers to remember the truth and love we have received by grace, and invites us to contend well for the faith. Jude's concise but potent epistle empowers us to remain aware of the deceptive inward workings of ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing. Get ready to dig into this 5-session series with Verse By Verse Ministry International's Jude group study.

Date & Time: Wednesdays – 10:30 am – 12 noon

Leader: Kathy Urquhart (651-3069)

Location: SMSB, downstairs meeting room

Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit
Monday Evenings



In this dynamic companion to the book *Forgotten God*, breakthrough author Francis Chan reminds us of the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This 7-session study offers a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. It is designed to initiate and facilitate discussion, interaction and practical application of the message of *Forgotten God*.

Date & Time: Mondays (starting Jan 26) ~ 6:45–7 pm (social time),
ending by 8:30 pm

Co-leaders: Bob Cormier (639-3394) &
Amanda Yoston (849-3690) if you'd like to come and see.

Location: SMSB, downstairs Library

The Book of Hebrews Thursday Evenings



The book of Hebrews was written to people in crisis. They were persecuted, tempted by the rampant sin around them, and doubting their faith in Jesus. It was not so different than what many of us go through today. Join Dr. Derwin Gray in this 8-session series as he walks through Hebrews, teaching us how to live for Jesus in every season of life. Hebrews shows us that Jesus is better than anything the world can offer. We simply need to answer, “Am I willing to trust him above everything else?”

Date & Time: Thursdays (starting Jan. 29) -- 6:45–7 pm (social time),
ending by 8:30 pm

Leader: Rev. Ann Fairweather (849-0387)

Location: Hosted by Lynne Corey at her home (696-3039)



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Jamaican Relief

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Get Connected!

RightNow Media is a wonderful resource for Bible study, LIFE Group study and home entertainment, freely provided by our Church. If you're not already connected, please contact the church office to get set up - 506-696-1347 or email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com.

"Building Community Together"
The SMSB Mission Centre



If giving by offering envelope, please indicate "Mission Centre" on the 'Other' line of the envelope. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office (506-696-1347).

For more information on the SMSB Mission Centre, please visit our website at: <http://smsbmissioncentre.com> or visit the Facebook page: SMSB Mission Centre.

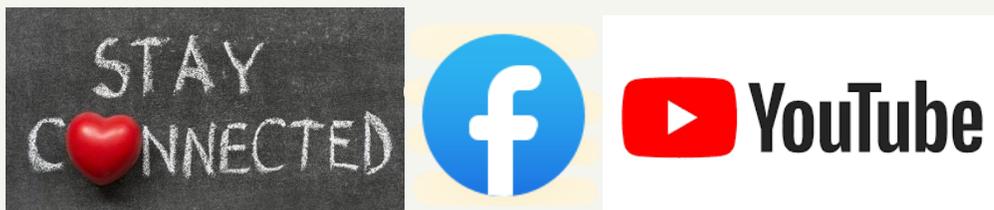


How Do We Give When We're Not in Church?

There are options.

1. E-Offering (to begin or modify). Choose weekly or monthly giving. The amount or frequency can change with a quick message or phone call to our Church Secretary, who will provide you with options on how to start this method of giving.
 2. Interac E-Transfer - via email: donation.smsbchurch@gmail.com. Please check that the etransfer is being directed to "*The Corporation of Anglican Parish of Coldbrook St Mary.*" Please make a note when you send your etransfer if you wish to have your donation sent to a specific fund.
 3. Pay Pal via our Church Website - An easy, safe and secure method of giving is available through our church website via *Pay Pal*. Log into the website: www.smsbchurch.com. Go to the bottom of the home page, to the link 'Donate' and follow the instructions for Pay Pal.
 4. Hand deliver or surface mail your offering to the Church Office, 646 Westmorland Road, Saint John NB E2J 2H4. Mail will be picked up each day.
 5. Point of Sale - Donations may be made on Sundays prior to each service. Also, the church office will be open Monday to Friday (9 am-1 pm) for anyone who wishes to make a donation during the week.
- We want to do everything we can to make consistent giving as easy as possible. Contact the Office (506) 696-1347 if you have a question.

Thank you so much for your tithes and offerings.



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Weekly E-News

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