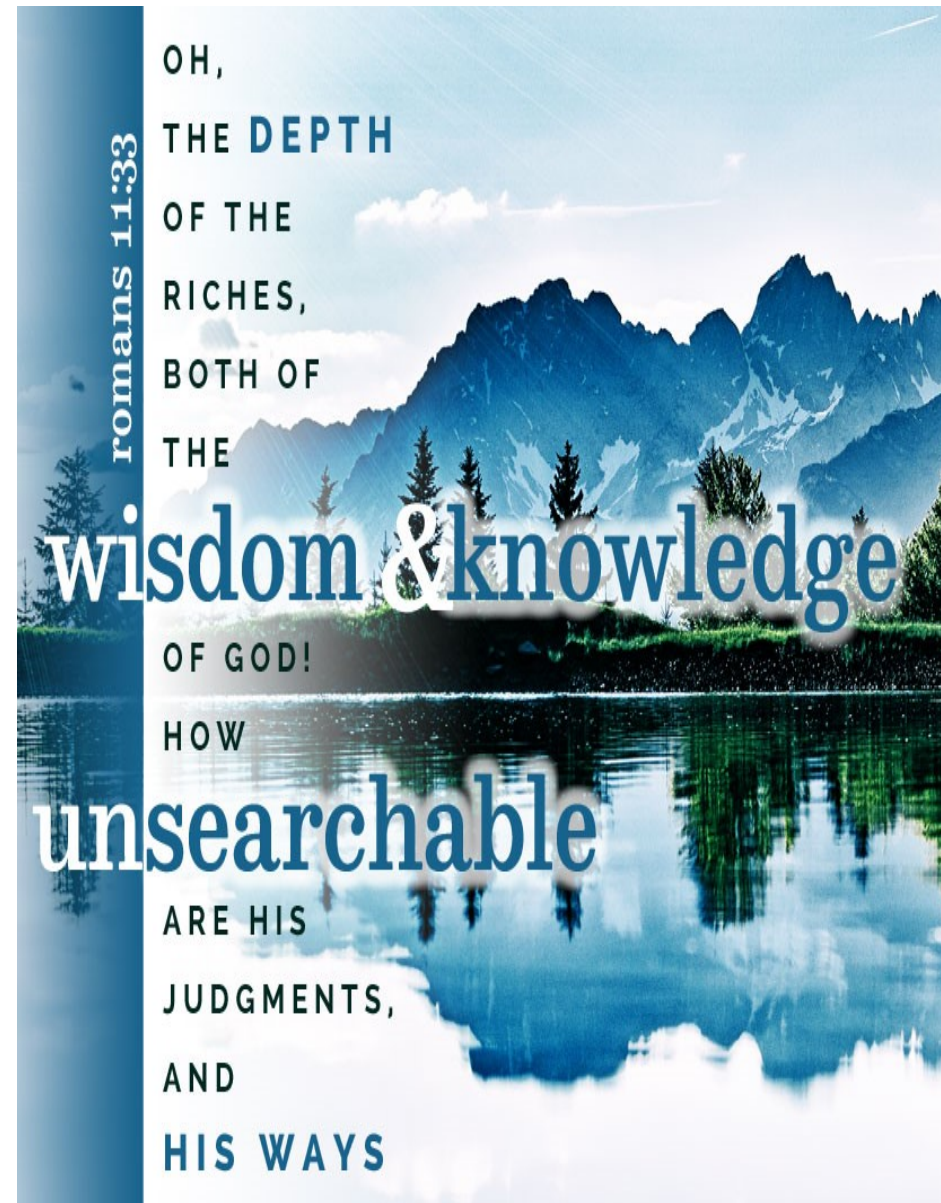


LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church



**THE LORD'S DAY
JANUARY 8TH, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday January 8th

- ◆ Sunday Worship in-person at 10:30 am
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHmpJ1nLZqm401yA>

Tuesday January 10th

- ◆ The Connection at 11:30 am in the Friendship Room. Bring your own lunch. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday January 11th

- ◆ Bible Study at 10:45 am
- ◆ Family Prayer Hour at 7:30 pm on Zoom.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152672120?pwd=SWQ3RVFucEFRS21SWWNCWUpyc2tjdz09>
To Join in by Phone Dial: 647-558-0588
Meeting ID: 881 5267 2120 Passcode: 754557

Thursday January 12th

- ◆ Dinner and Bible Study, 6:30 pm.

Saturday January 14th

- ◆ Blythwood Out of the Cold, 1:30 pm—4 pm at Seeds of Hope.

BRBC CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

January 2023

* Blythwood Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	2	3 Deacon's Board Meeting 12:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
8 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am The Lord's Supper Benevolent Offering Rev. David Thomas	9	10 The Connections 11:30 am	11 Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom Bible Study 10:45 am <i>* Isabelle Glover</i>	12 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm	13	14 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
15 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	16	17	18 Bible Study 10:45 am	19 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm <i>* Cameron Smith</i>	20	21 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
22 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	23 <i>* Wayne Snell</i>	24 <i>* Las Wilby</i>	25 Bible Study 10:45 am	26 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm <i>* Adolfo De Santis</i>	27	28 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
29 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	30	31 <i>* Sibel Benson</i>				

BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ◆ The church accepts donations by online e-transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address treasurer@blythwood.org
- ◆ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website www.blythwood.org
- ◆ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form office@blythwood.org
- ◆ You may also mail your envelope directly to Vilma Barredo, our Church Treasurer, at her home. If you require Vilma's address please refer to your church directory or contact our office manager, Jennifer Frank.

LIFE AT BLYTHWOOD



From Left to Right : Blythwood OOTC volunteers Bob and Brenda Howard and Jim Boyle handing out hot meals at Seeds of Hope, Saturday December 31st.

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WELCOME

TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Today is Epiphany Sunday. It refers to the "showing forth or appearance" of the Savior to the wise men who were Gentiles. The message is that Christ is for every person - Jew or Gentile - and that is a cause for us to rejoice. Welcome to Blythwood as we celebrate the coming of the Saviour for the whole world.

Today we celebrate **The Lord's Table**. All who are seeking to respond to God through faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the spiritual nourishment offered in the bread and the cup. The Benevolent Offering received today will go to Horizons for Youth.

PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

Please remember the members of our Blythwood Family who are living in care: Norma Bowers and Jim Kemp.

BLYTHWOOD FAMILY PRAYER HOUR

Please join Pastor David for Family Prayer Hour on Zoom
Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152672120?pwd=SWQ3RVFucEFRS21SWWNCWUyyc2tjdz09>
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A PRAYER FROM JAPAN

Eternal God,
We say good morning to you.
Hallowed be your name.
Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we praise your glory.
Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers.
Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness
which prevailed over the night.
Deliver us from all captivity.
Give us wings of freedom like the birds in the sky,
to begin a new journey.
Restore justice and freedom, as a mighty stream
running continuously as day follows day.
We thank you for the gift of this morning,
and a new day to work with you.
*(From Baptist World Alliance, Masao Takenaka,
first president of the Asian Christian Art Association, Japan.)*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25 Adolfo De Santis
Jesus, keep me near the Cross

GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood Pastor David Thomas

Call to Praise (from Romans 11)
Leader: For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor? Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?
All: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; SAGINA)

Greeting
He Reigns
(Peter Furler and Steve Taylor ©2003)
Your Mercy
(Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier and Jonathan Smith ©2016)

Commissioning of Deacons 2023

WORD

Scripture: Romans 11:33-12:5
Sermon: "Transforming and Conforming"

RESPONSE

Musical Reflection
What wondrous Love is this

Prayer of God's People

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; O WALY WALY)

The Lord's Table

SENDING

Take My Life and Let It Be
(Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879; HENDON)

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude: *Jesus shall reign*



 **READ OUR SERMONS ONLINE**
www.blythwood.org/index.php/sermons
SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with Jennifer Lau, Executive Director, CBM.

Hello, thank you for your ongoing prayers for the staff and partners of CBM who are serving around the world. We are so thankful to the prayer warriors who undergird our work. We could not accomplish what we are able to without you, so please accept our deepest thanks. Today, I want to ask you to pray for three things related to the upcoming year.

PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray:

- Our global church partners are so incredibly resilient. It is hard for us here in Canada to even imagine what it is like to be the Church in the circumstances that they must face each day. In the face of disasters both natural and human made, and extreme human need, they continue faithfully being the hands and feet of Christ, sharing and living out the gospel in the most challenging circumstances imaginable. Please pray for local churches around the globe. Give thanks for how they are ministering to their communities in the most difficult circumstances, often with few resources.
- CBM is actively in conversation with new partners, in countries where we feel God is opening up opportunities to come alongside the ministry of local churches on the ground. We were thrilled to begin a new ministry in Togo this year. There are several more on the horizon. Please pray for our new partners. As well, pray for CBM, as we navigate and discern where God is leading us in this next season.
- The arrival of winter brings increased hardship for people in cold weather countries who must now accommodate the arrival frigid temperatures, including homeless people here in Canada. This is also true for refugees or displaced people in other places, including Ukraine, where there is unreliable electricity due to the war. Please pray for the dedicated men and women on the front lines of churches and other ministries serving people around the world through this winter. May God continue to protect the vulnerable and give us generous hearts to help wherever we can. Thank you again for your prayers.

Jennifer Lau began her tenure as Executive Director in November 2020. She has served with CBM since 2002, primarily focusing on providing the marketing strategy and direction for all of CBM's endeavours in Canada. Prior to her appointment, she served as the Associate Executive Director and was responsible for overseeing the organization's operations. Jennifer created CBM's magazine, Mosaic, and served as its Managing Editor. In her time at CBM, Jennifer has traveled across Canada and to many countries around the world, seeking to connect Canadian Baptists to the people CBM serves globally. Jennifer is married to Chun and they have two children.