

LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church



THE LORD'S DAY
JANUARY 15TH, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday January 15th

- ◆ Sunday Worship in-person at 10:30 am
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

Wednesday January 18th

- ◆ Bible Study at 10:45 am

Thursday January 19th

- ◆ Dinner and Bible Study, 6:30 pm.

Saturday January 21st

- ◆ 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 Bible Study 10:45 am Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom * Isabelle Glover	12 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm	13 * Wayne Snell	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 * Cameron Smith	20	21 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
22 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	23	24 * Las Whilby	25 Bible Study 10:45 am	26 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm * Adolfo De Santis	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 * Sibel Benson				

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.

WINTER'S WARMTH

O God, you give the winter's cold,
as well as summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in your love enfold,
and keep us through life's wintry days.

Samuel Longfellow 1819-1892

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WELCOME TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to all who have come to praise our Creator on this second Sunday after the Epiphany. As we gather before our Lord, we extend the warmest of welcomes to everyone. May you find encouragement and spiritual refreshment. May you leave with your burdens lightened or removed. Welcome to Blythwood!

THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent
Christmas
Epiphany
Lent
Easter
Pentecost

We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of **Epiphany**, a season celebrating the revelation of the Saviour, the light of the world. Throughout the season we focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his transfiguration. The epiphany of **Epiphany** is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah. **Epiphany** calls us to live God's mission, announcing the good news of Christ's arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world. (from Seeking God's Face by Philip Reinders).

A COPTIC PRAYER

O King of peace, give us your peace,
establish for us your peace, and forgive us our sins.
Bless us all, purify our hearts.
Heal the sickness, of our souls and our bodies.
We worship you, O Christ,
with your good Father,
and the Holy Spirit,
for you have come to save us.
Have mercy on us.

*(Baptist World Alliance—poem source unknown
Copt is from the indigenous to North Africa
who have primarily inhabited the area of modern Egypt)*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25 Adolfo De Santis
The Love of Jesus Medley

GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood Pastor David Thomas

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

All: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Samuel T. Francis, 1834-1925; EBENEZER)

Greeting

How Great Is Our God

(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash ©2004)

Revelation Song

(Jennie Lee Riddle ©2004)

WORD

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Sermon: "The Love Genuine"

RESPONSE

Musical Reflection

O the deep, deep Love of Jesus

Love One Another

(Tommy Walker ©2020)

Prayer of God's People

SENDING

Breathe On Me Breath of God

(Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889; TRENTHAM S.M.)

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude

Near to the heart of God Medley



SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>



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PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

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

BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with CBM's Director of Canadian Partnerships, Adrian Gardner.

Hello friends, I am Adrian Gardner, Director of Canadian Partnerships with CBM. As we begin this new year, I am thankful for the faithful support of each of you as you uphold CBM's ministry, staff, and partners in prayer. The author of Hebrews reminds us that as followers of Christ, we can draw near to the throne of grace with confidence and find mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. We so appreciate your prayers and recognize the importance of this support.

For this week's CBM prayerline I would like to encourage each of us to pray for local churches and their leaders. Recently, through my study of the Book of Ruth, I have been reminded that one of the primary means by which God is at work in the world is through the faithful and extravagant obedience of his people. The story of Ruth is a story of Divine-Human cooperation, as every prayer of blessing is answered through human agency. As the church, we have the incredible privilege and responsibility of joining God in His redemptive Kingdom building work.

It is for this reason that CBM works around the world through local churches, and it is for this reason that I remind us to pray for these congregations. Please pray for the church in Canada that God will give local congregations a heart and vision for ministry in their own local context and to the ends of the earth. May we see many people follow Jesus in new abundant life. Please also pray for the churches we work with around the world. May God empower them to persevere in their challenging contexts. Finally, pray for pastors and church leaders that they may be both spirit-led and spirit empowered in their ministry.

Thank you for praying and for joining God in his work in the world. May God bless you.

PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray:

- Pray for local churches in Canada that God will give them a heart and vision for mission, in their own local context and to the ends of the earth.
- Pray for the local churches CBM partners with around the world that they will persevere in doing good in challenging contexts.

Pray for pastors and church leaders that they will be Spirit-led and Spirit-empowered for the ministry to which they are called.