

## **Leadership Team . . .**

Our church family is led by a team of Elders and Deacons. Most of our teaching, counseling, major decision-making and pastoral care is looked after by our Elders, while the Disbursement Committee functions as deacons and are responsible for most financial and building-related decisions. One of our elders, Bryan Windle, has been "commissioned" to work full-time with our church in a "pastoral" role.

## **Children and Youth . . .**

We think you'll find us to be a "family-friendly" church! Children from 3 years old through Grade 8 are taught by caring volunteers in our Sunday School and in "Lightforce", our mid-week children's club. Challenging Bible studies, contemporary worship opportunities, fun activities, and fulfilling service opportunities are provided for teens through the Central Algoma Youth Group (CAYG) that we run. Hundreds of teens from throughout Northern Ontario join together with us for one great weekend each year, at our very own Spring Folly Youth Retreat.

## **Adult Activities . . .**

All members of our church are encouraged to build deeper relationships by joining one of our ongoing Bible Studies/Small Groups. We believe that spiritual growth can be best facilitated in these small, Bible study and prayer groups. If you are longing for some deeper friendships and interested in developing your relationship with God, we highly recommend participating in one of these groups. Participation in other Bible studies, volunteer acts of service, fun events, and mission trips is highly encouraged here.

## **Sunday Services . . .**

**PRAYER** - We begin each Sunday morning with a Prayer & Share Time at 9:30am.

**BREAKING OF BREAD** - One of our church distinctives is that we invite all those who love Jesus to worship the Lord with us by sharing the Lord's Supper (Communion) each week beginning at 10 am.

**FELLOWSHIP** - Starting about 10:45 am we have a half hour of informal greeting and fellowship with cookies and refreshments downstairs.

**THE FAMILY BIBLE HOUR** - begins at 11:15am. Our style is fairly relaxed and we attempt to combine an appreciation of older hymns with upbeat, contemporary choruses and worship songs followed by preaching and teaching. It is a great opportunity to learn together from God's Word. A Nursery and enjoyable, Bible-based Sunday School classes are provided for children. Our Sunday mornings are great times of worship and celebration, spiritual growth and fellowship for the entire family!



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## **A Little History**

Island Bible Chapel (IBC) began as Bible study in the homes of local believers on St. Joseph Island from 1973-75. In 1976, the group decided to officially form a church, and in September, less than 20 people came for the first church service, held at St. Joseph Island Central School. From these humble beginnings, the Lord has worked in amazing ways. The church grew quickly, both numerically and spiritually, and in 1977 property was purchased and construction of the Island Bible Chapel began shortly thereafter. The inaugural service in the new building was held on June 1, 1980. For more than 30 years, IBC has been shining the light of Jesus on St. Joseph Island and in the Central Algoma region.

Island Bible Chapel is an independent, evangelical Christian (Brethren) church. We invite you to become part of our loving fellowship.

## **Questions or Concerns?**

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## What We Believe . . .

**The Bible** - We believe that the Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testament, is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings. It is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of man and is the final authority for Christian faith and life.

**God** - We believe in one God, the Creator of all things, infinitely perfect in all His attributes. He exists eternally in the form of three persons, namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus Christ** - We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as the sinless sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. He rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven where He currently intercedes for us at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

**The Holy Spirit** - We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit during this age is to promote the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict men of sin and to indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service. He is the "deposit" guaranteeing our life in the future kingdom. The Spirit baptizes individuals into God's family, fills believers and produces Christ-like fruit and character in committed believers. He provides spiritual gifts to all believers that enable them to effectively serve God and one another.

**Man** - We believe that man was created in the image of God, both male and female, but that Adam and Eve sinned, resulting in spiritual death and becoming subject to physical death. We believe that their sin brought sin and death to all future generations and made them subject to God's judgment.

**Salvation** - We believe that salvation from God's judgment is by faith alone in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who died for our sins and rose again from the dead. One cannot be saved by works, which instead are evidence that one has been truly saved. Those who are saved are born again and are eternally secure in Christ.

**The Church** - We believe that all people in the world who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are members of the "universal" church and became members at the moment when they believed. The regular gatherings of believers in any particular locality make up what is called the "local" church or assembly. These assemblies have the right to govern themselves independently and are ultimately accountable to Jesus Christ.

**Ordinances** - We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the local church during this present age. They are not to be viewed as a means of salvation, but are carried out in obedience to the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Return of Christ** - We believe in the personal, imminent and pre-millennial coming of Jesus Christ and that this "blessed hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

**The Eternal State** - We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, and of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting, conscious punishment.



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# Welcome

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## Our Mission

**W**orship the Triune God  
**I**ntroduce Jesus Christ to  
our world  
**N**urture our fellow  
believers

*But thanks be to God, who gives  
us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. ~1 Cor. 15:57*