

Welcome to Bridgewater Baptist Church

Taking the Long Way Home – Part VIII



Walking as Healing

Order of Worship for August 24, 2025

Gathering in Worship

Prelude	Sarah Wentzell
Welcome and Opening Prayer	Rev. Aaron Kenny
🎵 Hear My Prayer, O Lord	BBC Praise Team

Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

Children's Moment & Prayer	Rev. John Wilton
🎵 Be Thou My Vision	G #382

Encountering God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6	
Sermon: <i>Walking as Healing</i>	Rev. Aaron Kenny
Prayers of Reflection	

Going Forth in Service

🎵 How Great is Our God	BBC Praise Team
Benediction	
Postlude	Sarah Wentzell

Children's Ministry Today:

Toddler Church: Laura MacDonald Junior Church: Lori Wilton

Take a look at the back page of the bulletin for a small puzzle that relates to one of the scriptures for the sermon 😊

Join Us for the Active in Mission Project

This August, we invite you to participate in the **CBMs Active in Mission** with our local BBC project "By Land or By Sea". Over the past two years, CBM has raised over **\$155,000** to bolster food security. 50% of these funds support local initiatives, while the other 50% aids food programming around the world.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help clean our environment by walking or paddling along a trail or waterway picking up trash or litter. You can pick a date and time that works best for you, and either organize a group of friends/family or go solo for some personal reflection. Gloves and trash bags will be provided to you.

To sign up your group, visit the church foyer or contact Erica Kenny at ekenny@cbmin.org. A donation site will be set up through the CBM Active in Mission (www.activeinmission.ca/t/BBC) platform, allowing everyone to contribute towards this important project.

Let's make a difference together!

Office News!

- If you have a regularly scheduled event that took a break over the summer and will resume in the Fall, please reach out to the office so we can announce the start date and get things back on the calendar!

Upcoming Church Events

Alpha will begin September 22nd and run until December 1st. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks! If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to one of our pastors.

GriefShare begins again with Erica Kenny and Don Lantz on Monday evenings starting on September 24th in the Fellowship Room.

Registration is now open at www.griefshare.org

Recreational Pickleball resumes Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm

Katz Pajamas Ukelele Group resumes Monday, September 8th at 1:30pm

BBC Choir!

Choir practices will be starting again on Tuesday, September 9th from 7:00-8:00pm. If you love to sing and want to give the choir a try, we would love to have you join us. Please speak to Debbie if you are interested in becoming part of this wonderful ministry!

Sunday Attendance August 17, 2025

On-site: 153 Online: 80

Taking the Long Way Home

Part Eight - Walking as Healing

As Mark Buchanan reflects on the theme of healing in his book *God Walk*, he shares about Cheryl Strayed's autobiography, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*. You may recognize her narrative from the book or the popular 2014 film adaptation featuring Reese Witherspoon, which portrays Cheryl's transformative journey of over a thousand miles along the Pacific Northwest—from being lost to being found.

"... her story, in a deeply human way, is about grace and redemption and a dead heart coming to life. After Cheryl's mother died, she lost all her bearings. In her grief, she self-destructed. She had multiple affairs and destroyed a good marriage. She pushed her friends away.

She named herself "Strayed". That seemed the truest thing about her: one who cannot stick to the trail. Who keeps wandering from the chosen path, taking the wrong direction.

And then, for no clear reason, and without any experience or training, she decided to walk a thousand miles, mostly through wilderness, and persisted against the odds and sound advice.

It nearly killed her.

It made her alive.

The walking healed something deeply broken within her.

[As you walk this summer], you probably don't need to go a thousand miles. But likely, there is something broken in you. Maybe it's physical. Maybe it's emotional. Maybe it's a relationship. Maybe you've strayed.

On this walk, dare to name what it is. And dare to invite God into it, to lead you out of it: from broken to whole, from lost to found, from dead to alive. Continue, for as many walks as it takes."

The Week Ahead ... August 24 – 30, 2025

Sunday	9:15am	Coffee Fellowship (Foyer)
	10:00am	Sunday Service/Junior Church
Monday	9:00am	Shuffleboard (Gymnasium)
Wednesday	9:00am	Pickleball (Gymnasium)
Thursday	8:30am	TOPS (Chapel)
Saturday	12:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 131)

*"And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel;
for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved"
Genesis 32:30*

GENESIS CHAPTER THIRTY TWO

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