

Oasis Soul Café: Spiritual Mentors

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I am the pastor of Victoria Road United Baptist Church, of the African United Baptist Association, since June 2008. And I have been in ministry since 1987. Recently I was chosen as the candidate for the new **CABC** position, Director of Spiritual Formation and Clergy Care.

I believe God's call on my life is to help others to find greater freedom to follow Jesus. I am passionate about the Kingdom of God, nurturing my own spiritual growth and that of others. I am dedicated to the development & empowerment of spiritual leaders, and I have a desire to create healthy Christian communities where people are set free & equipped to follow Jesus, even in the midst of difficulty & suffering.

I have been a resource person and seminar leader for many years and I have ministered in various areas including:

Aaron Ministries, ministry to Christian leaders (2007-08), missions with **Canadian Baptist Ministries** (2000- 07), Christian counselling (1991-2001), Pastoral support (1995-2000), and Missionary teacher in Brazil (1987-89).

I have been involved in spiritual formation and spiritual mentoring since around 2003. **My desire is the love God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with my whole life and to lead others to do the same. I am excited about Soul Café.**

Rev. Dr. Bob Berry

After 12 years in pastoral ministry in three places in Atlantic Canada I was appointed to the staff of the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board,(now Canadian Baptist Ministries). That has been a remarkable privilege and honor for me. Consequently, a very large part of my story happened in many parts of the world where I learned so much about God's incredibly great power at work in his Church and his people.

During my time with CBM I was the Interim and Founding Pastor of the North Burlington Baptist Church in Ontario, which is a thriving congregation today. Since my retirement from CBM I have served as interim or transitional pastor of several Baptist Churches in the greater Saint John area.

My Passions: What makes life for me worthwhile, interesting, exciting and challenging?

1. **My first passion is for my Lord Jesus Christ.** He has made a profound change in my life from the time I asked for his forgiveness and gift of salvation at age 14 to this day. I want to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ wherever he plants me.
2. **My second passion is for the amazing family** God has given me beginning with my wife Grace whose life and love for her Lord continues to inspire me. She was my soul mate, partner in ministry, super mom, educator, leader and speaker in churches, conferences, and on top of that a great cook. The four sons God gave us – two pastors, one clinical psychologist, one son with the Lord, three amazing daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren all who love the Lord, and three great grandchildren who enrich my life immeasurably.
3. **A third passion I have is for people. I have learned so much from the people God has put in my life so I want to help others in whatever way I can to be or to become passionate followers of Christ.**

Rev. Tracey R. Grosse

Senior Pastor of Cobequid Road United Baptist Church, Lower Sackville, NS.

Ordained 1996, blessed with over 16 years in Pastoral Ministry. I am a graduate of Acadia Divinity College (1992- pastoral theology) & Mount Saint Vincent University (1986- BA in sociology and psychology).

I have been a Spiritual mentor to Ministry Candidates, Spiritual leaders, women and youth.

Why am I interested in Spiritual mentoring? This is my short answer: First, **we all need to be heard, affirmed, encouraged, and challenged to grow deeper in our relationship with God.** Second, **it was through the help and support of a spiritual mentor that I experienced the transformational power of God in a life altering way, and I want others to personally experience that same power (that same freedom) in their own lives and ministry.** Third, **there is great, great joy in knowing Jesus and sharing Him with others.**

As a Spiritual mentor, I seek to be an example for Christ in everything I do – 1 Corinthians 11:1.

As a Spiritual mentor, I believe God is at work in the life of the Believer and He is working out His purpose even now - Romans 8:28.

Favorite saying: "To God Be The Glory! ***I would be honored to walk with you.***

Shawn Kehoe

I am Shawn Kehoe, Darlene's husband, Connor and Megan's Dad. I am the pastor of Five Points Baptist Church.

I am the padre for the Salisbury Fire Dept. and have had a keen interest in counseling and advocating since I began training for ministry. I was a counselor for Bayside camp and have seen the value of fellowship through the years.

Relational support or fellowship is a gift of the Holy Spirit that we all need to partake in. This is a vital part of our Oasis gathering, and I am looking forward to what God will do among us.

Marlene Knowles

Marlene Knowles (ordained in 1998), BPE (UNB '72), BEd (Mt. St. Vincent '88) MDiv, MTh (ADC '97, '06) presently enrolled in DMin program at ADC.

My work for the MTh was primarily through the NS Hospital, Dartmouth, with placements in Geriatrics, Acute Care, and with the homeless on the streets of Halifax.

I have pastored in four churches in Nova Scotia; Bayers Road Baptist (youth); Windsor Baptist (Assistant Pastor with Youth/ interim senior); South End Baptist (Senior Pastor); Windsor Baptist (Pastor of visitation); Sackville United Baptist (interim pastor).

My strengths are in pastoral care and counselling. I have journeyed with people of all walks of life in their journey towards spiritual wholeness.

I am the mom of two married children, with five grandchildren (and more on the way).