

Registered 1999 - Freeport United Baptist Church - circa 1839/1860



The Freeport United Baptist Church is the largest Baptist church in the county. With a three sided upper balcony it has seating for 500. The building in the back of the main vestry was the original Baptist meeting house constructed in 1839 and was moved to its present location in 1860 when construction of the church was completed. The church is a prominent feature in the village and is a focal point for many community activities, including the special fisherman's service prior to the lobster season.

In the early days of the church, many of the Provincial Baptist Association meetings were held in this church. People would come from all over to conduct business and fellowship together. Many who attended these meetings preferred to travel to Meteghan and then take a ferry to Freeport because the Digby Neck road was a long and weary journey. The cost to cross St. Mary's Bay was fifty cents; ministers could cross for half the price. It is also interesting to note that in the early days of the Baptist movement in the province, pioneering ministers considered the Freeport Baptist Meeting House as a focal point for special Baptist gatherings.