

# BEBC NEWS—SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Beth Eden Baptist Church—Fitchburg, MA

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** "Beth Eden Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making, maturing and mobilizing disciples who are becoming more like Jesus Christ."



## Church Fall Picnic—September 10

The Church Picnic is scheduled for this Saturday, **September 10**. We will begin at 12:00pm (noon) with a **delicious outdoor lunch** in the courtyard behind the church. Tables and chairs will be set up. The church will provide the meat and drinks, as well as all the paper goods. If you can, please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

The weather report looks very positive for Saturday afternoon. We will have some shade tents set up on the upper field. And we will have the church van ready for shuttle service to/from the field.

We will have lots of **fun activities** planned. We are planning to hold another Corn Hole tournament this year. There will be a Bocce Ball set on site, too. Plus we will have frisbees and water balloons for the young people...and others who are still young at heart! What is your favorite outdoor game? Please bring it and let's gather a group to play.

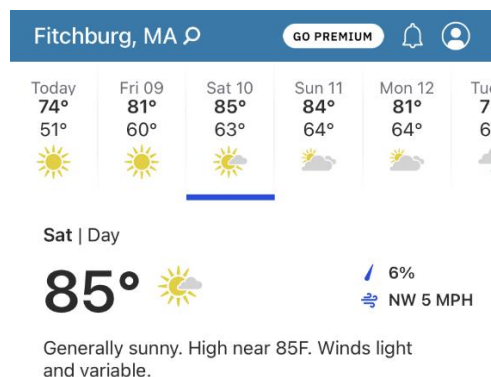
## Repairs at Church Still Ongoing

Over the past two weeks we made great progress on several building repairs. Three primary areas were or are being addressed. Photos are being displayed on the monitor in the church foyer.

- **Outer lobby**—New tile flooring (pending completion)
- **Main foyer, landing & steps**—New carpet from auditorium entrance through to the basement. We are also looking at options to complete the side rooms off the lobby. (Complete)
- **Basement hallway & kitchen**—New LVT flooring. (Complete)

We are now in the process of finalizing the repair/replacement of one of our **AC units**.

Research and planning is also underway with specialized contractors to do the repair work to the **foundation** at the front inside corner of the building.





## **In Loving Memory--Bill Anderson**

*December 17, 1938 - August 29, 2022*

Let's all continue to pray for Helen Michelin and the Anderson family following the homegoing and services for Bill Anderson.

For those who may not have been able to attend the funeral service, there is a limited number of laminated memory bookmarks available in the lobby at church.

I want to thank the Lord for all the gracious ministry support efforts this week by our church family. Praise the Lord!

We should also continue praying for the Spirit's ministry using the truth proclaimed to work in the lives of those who attended that may not know the Lord.

Fear thou not; for *I* am *with* thee: be not dismayed; for *I* am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. --Isaiah 41:10

## **Fall Kick-Off**

The end of the summer is upon us! The Labor Day holiday weekend is here! So on Sunday, **September 11** we will hold our **Fall Kick-Off**.

It is an important time for shaking off the "dust" of the summer break. It is a great opportunity to sharpen up with our habits and disciplines. And it is definitely an important time to re-tune our focus after "surviving" the last two years with all the COVID pandemic has thrown at us.

Many of our friends, relatives, neighbors, and business contacts will be getting back into their fall routines, too. Let's take advantage of that increased

routine and consistency to **invite folks to join us** for a special activity or church service.

On this Saturday, we will enjoy the **Church Picnic**. Why not bring a friend or two to enjoy the food, the games, fresh air, and meet some friends.

We will have **special music** that Sunday. And we will renew our efforts with our **Hymn of the Month**.

Over the past year or two, have you found yourself slipping away from **faithful, regular attendance at church services**? Yes, many issues can come up in life that require temporary adjustments. But let's get back to our old commitments. We will each profit from the extra opportunities for worship, instruction, and fellowship. We will receive more helpful reminders for working together to reach out to others. And we will have increased opportunity to minister encouragement and edification one to another.

As a church, we are the FAMILY of God, the BRIDE of Christ, a BODY of believers, a HOUSEHOLD of God, a TEMPLE of God, and a FLOCK of His sheep.

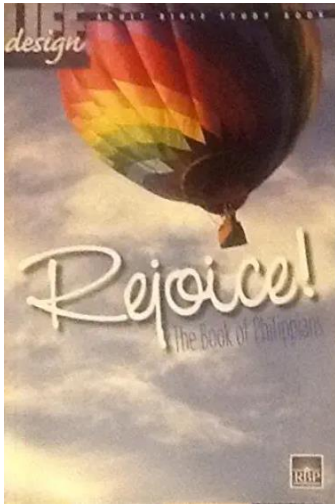
Let's not seek to be and do the **least we must**, but the **most we can!** We will all be blessed and God will be honored!



## **"REJOICE!" New Adult Sunday School Series, Starting September 18**

David Galvin will be teaching a new series in Sunday school this fall. "**Rejoice!**" will be our series theme, as we study **The Book of Philippians**. Please make a diligent effort to be there. You will be encouraged...and so will others.

Also, we are working hard to adapt our Sunday school program to provide for more interaction and participation. Part of that involves eliminating the constraints of a broadcast format. Starting on September 18, we will not be regularly broadcasting or recording adult Sunday school on YouTube. That has been a great help over the past 2-1/2 years. But we are now shifting our focus to better support onsite learning.



**Sunday school is a great opportunity to LEARN-CHANGE-GROW!**

### **Fantastic Fall Opportunities!**

We have several outstanding opportunities for fellowship and training this fall. I hope you will take advantage of attending one (or several) of these great events.

**Ladies Retreat at TWNE—September 23-24**

**Senior Adult Outing at TWNE—September 29**

**New England Foundations Conference—Oct 15**

Please join us for our  
6th Annual



NEW ENGLAND  
**FOUNDATIONS**  
CONFERENCE

STANDING ON THE FOUNDATION  
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Hymn of the month

### **Hymn of the Month (SEPTEMBER)**

Each Sunday morning this month we will be singing all three of these wonderful verses. We pray you will soon be humming the melody and meditating on the message. You might even find yourself singing it out loud during the week.

#### **VERSE 1**

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

#### **VERSE 2**

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another,  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness, my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

#### **VERSE 3**

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who carries me on eagles' wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness,  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who waits for me at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me, it will be paradise:  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.





## **"Tooth Tales"—Fall Missions Update from Dr. Jack Mitchell**

In recent editions of our newsletter, we have provided updates on the Mitchell's two Zambia trips this summer, as well as their moving from MA to NH last month. In this edition, we want to share another ministry-related update and several prayer requests.

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It's been a month now that we have been in our new home. Most of the time has been taken up with unpacking, registering our vehicles and getting new drivers licenses, etc., etc.! One consequence of moving out of state is that **I will now need to apply for a dental license from the state of New Hampshire. I would appreciate prayer that this complicated process will happen quickly as medicines and supplies will only be shipped to me at the address on my dental license.**

In my spare time, I have been **planning our next foreign ministry to the country of Mexico, scheduled for the first week of November.** Prior to that, Jennifer and I will travel to South Carolina for the missions conference at BJU in a few weeks, and then to Faith Baptist Bible College in Iowa for their conference in October.

**Here are a few additional prayer requests:**

1. For continued help settling here in Concord, NH.
2. For productive conferences at BJU and Faith Baptist Bible College
3. For wisdom in planning for the Mexico ministry in November.
4. For God's help in quickly getting a New Hampshire Dental License.

Thank you once again for your prayers!



## **Krista's Ministry Update—El Salvador (August)**

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all are doing well (3 John 1:2). It is a joy to write to you all again and share what God has been doing in Cojutepeque, El Salvador, specifically during the month of August. After returning from a brief missions trip to Nicaragua (see previous letter for more details), the church family at Emmanuel Baptist Church welcomed missionary Ed Bordell to Cojutepeque who taught a week long seminary class called "Cómo Amar a la Gente" (How to Love People). I feel confident in saying that Pastor Bordell was not only an encouragement to me personally but to many of the believers who attended the seminary course and the services at which he preached. Pastor Bordell's seminary class was the first in-person class that I've been able to take at the seminary here and I look forward to the rest of the in-person classes that I will be able to take before the end of December.



My time at the school has remained busy. It's been nice to get to know the students better and learn how I can support them best. During my time teaching physical education, I learned that many students are unfamiliar with the sport of track and field and have never participated in an organized race before. Since space is limited on the school property, myself and a couple of other staff members were able to take a group of high school students to compete in their first 1 mile road race at a small mountain nearby. As their teacher, it was sweet to see their excitement, appreciation and the way they worked hard during the competition. I was also glad for the chance to spend time with my students in a less structured environment outside of the school building and to continue building meaningful relationships.





Towards the end of the month, the women from Emmanuel Baptist Church took some intentional time aside to spend time together by taking a day trip to San Salvador (the capital of El Salvador). Between working together with a group of ladies during a scavenger hunt in the mall and spending time chatting over a meal in the park, many of us were able to get to spend time with sisters that we don't always get a chance to chat with during busy Sunday/weekday services. What a lovely time of fellowship it was!



At the very end of August, myself and a small group from the church had another fellowship (and work) opportunity as we traveled to San Miguel, El Salvador. We went there to help/support the work of a missionary family from Mexico. The family is currently back home in Mexico and a family from Cojutepeque is filling in for them while they are away. The group of us were able to add fresh paint to the building's walls, install more lights and fix part of the uneven floor.

I am very thankful to be serving with a team in El Salvador that is not only concerned about meeting physical needs but spiritual needs and bearing fruit that will endure. During our last time of church evangelism for the month of August, I teamed up with Pastor Adam's wife, Esther. We were able to meet a young girl named Glenda who was curious to know more about the Gospel and ready to accept

Christ. Esther prayed with Glenda when she made the decision to receive Christ as her personal savior. We pray that she will be able to join us at church and grow in her walk with God.



Many thanks to those who have taken the time to read this letter and who have been praying for me over these last few months. Your encouragement and support is truly appreciated. Take care and God bless.

--Krista



**"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."**

**-1 Corinthians 2:9**

**NOTE:** Krista plans to fly home for a holiday break. Lord willing, she will be back in Massachusetts November 14-28. It will be great to see her again. Please continue to pray for wisdom regarding her "next steps" in serving the Lord.

## Bible Reading Schedules

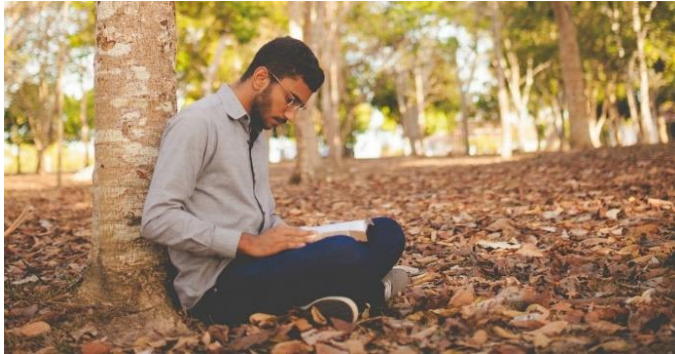
Here is the summary of reading chapters for September 11-17 (Sun-Sat).

### Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament	Isaiah 23-36
OT Poetry	Proverbs 10-14
New Testament	Col 3-4; 1 Thes 1-3

### Chronological Order

Ezekiel 44-48; Joel; Daniel 1-12



## Strong Foundations for the Christian Life

Our scripture memory and meditation effort this year focuses on five key topics:

- Living the New Life in Christ
- Proclaiming the Good News of Christ
- **Depending on Our Resources in Christ**
- Being a Faithful Disciple of Christ
- Growing in the Likeness of Christ

## JULY-AUGUST 2022

## **I. Reliance On God's Resources**

### A. His Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16      1 Corinthians 2:12

### B. His Strength

Isaiah 41:10      Philippians 4:13

### C. His Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23      Numbers 23:19

### D. His Peace

Isaiah 26:3-4      1 Peter 5:6-7

### E. His Provision

Romans 8:32      Philippians 4:19

## September 2022

August 29—Sept 4

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

## **His Help in Temptation**

September 5-11

Hebrews 2:18

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour [help] them that are tempted.

September 12-18

Psalms 119:9,11

<sup>9</sup> Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. <sup>11</sup> Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.

## II. Being Christ's Disciple

### Put Christ First

September 19-25

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

September 26-October 2

Luke 9:23

And he said to *them* all, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*







## ICYMI: Recent Ministry Resources

Here are [BEBC YouTube](#) links to recent service recordings. You will also find the links posted on the [BEBC Facebook page](#). Feel free to share these links with others via social media. And remember to “Like” posts by BEBC as often as you can.

### Week of August 28-September 3:

**Sunday School (9/4)**—Pastor Wiggins presented the fourth lesson in a mini-series on [“Bible History: God’s Story.”](#) In [part 4](#) we looked at the key events, people, and places in the [expansion of the church through missionary efforts](#) and personal witnessing. We focused on the Book of Acts and the Epistles.

This Sunday (9/11) we will look at how we received the books in our New Testament—the authors, date of writing, original recipients, etc.

**Morning Service (9/4)**—Pastor Wiggins continued the series on Colossians. We looked at [Colossians 4:2-6](#), [“An Outreach-Focused Church.”](#) The Apostle Paul requested prayer that he would be the kind of witness and proclaimer of truth that he ought to be. He also shared encouragement and counsel with the believers about their witness with the gospel.

#### Colossians 3:22-24

<sup>2</sup> Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup> withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: <sup>4</sup> that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**Evening Service (9/4)**—Pastor Wiggins brought a third lesson in a new series on [“Sanctification.”](#) In [lesson 3](#) we finished looking at the first of three stages of sanctification. In the past, we were [sanctified \(initial, positional, definitive\)](#) at the moment of salvation, made to be “saints” (or holy ones) and being set apart for God’s holy and eternal

## The Coming Week: A Preview

- Sep 11 Regular Sunday services (SS, AM, PM)
- Sep 13 Pray & Go! community canvassing (6:30-8:00pm)
- Sep 14 Mid-week service (7:00pm)
- Sep 18 REJOICE! (New adult SS series begins)



## Looking Ahead:

- Sep 18 New SS series: REJOICE! (Philippians)
- Sep 23-24 Ladies Fall Retreat [TWNE]
- Sept 29 Senior Adult Outing [TWNE]
- October Church Work-Day (more details soon)
- Oct 15 **New England Foundations Conference**
- Oct 23 **Missions Emphasis Sunday** (PM guest: Toby Stevens, our church planting partner in Cambridge, MA)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week & next:

- Sept 4 Ann Marie Smith
- Sept 6 Anastajah Ramos
- Sept 7 Rose Wiggins
- Sept 12 Matt Anderson
- Sept 13 Patty Cordio
- Sept 15 Londen Chura

### Anniversaries this week & next:

- Sep 16 Pastor Bob & Nancy Daulton

purposes. We focused on what Christ had to do for us to make that sanctification possible.

**Hebrews 10:10, 14; 13:12**

10:10 By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever **them that are sanctified**.

13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might **sanctify the people** with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

**Midweek Service (9/7)**—Pastor Wiggins brought a challenge from [Psalm 119](#). We began a new series on Images of God's Word. In this week's lesson, we finished looking at ["God's Word: TREASURE for My Heart."](#)

**Psalm 119:72, 111, 162**

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of [pieces of] gold and silver.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage [inheritance] forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.



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