

BEBC NEWS—SEPTEMBER 2, 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.”

Repairs at Church This Week

Well, it is almost all done! I hope you will enjoy seeing and using the new carpet and tile upstairs and downstairs. However, the outer entry foyer is still not complete. In fact, you will very quickly notice that it is in a very unfinished state.

Because of how the original tile was cracked in a nearly straight line from one end of the room to the other, we knew there was a major underlying problem. Now that the tile has been removed, we are able to fully assess the issue and work on a long-term solution. Unfortunately, the proper solution will require additional time and work before new tile can go down.

Please watch your step as you enter the building on Sunday. **See photos on page 4-6.**

Three primary areas were or are being addressed.

- **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)

“Pardon our dust; but remodel we must!”

Church Fall Picnic—September 10

The Church Picnic is scheduled for next Saturday, **September 10**. We will begin at 12:00pm (noon) with a **delicious outdoor lunch** in the courtyard behind the church. 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 should still be great.

We will have lots of **fun activities** planned. We are planning to hold another Corn Hole tournament this year. Does anyone have a Bocci Ball set? What is your favorite outdoor game? Please bring it and let's gather a group to play.

Please remember to **SIGN UP** for the church picnic (1) to attend; and (2) if you are willing to help as a volunteer (set up, clean up, cooking, serving, games). If you will be unable to sign up in person on Sunday, please contact our church secretary, Patty Cordio. You can call the church (978.345.4522) and leave a voice message, or you can send Patty an email (pattywags83@gmail.com). We need to make proper plans to ensure we have plenty of food for the event.





Bill Anderson Is with the Lord!

December 17, 1938 - August 29, 2022

Funeral Arrangements—Tuesday, September 6:

- 10-11am Viewing at church
- 11:00am Funeral service at church
- 1:00pm Committal service at Veterans Cemetery in Winchendon
- 2:00pm Fellowship luncheon at church

Ministry Support Opportunities:

If you would be willing to help prepare some food, or if you can help with serving at the fellowship luncheon, please contact Becky Galvin for details. Thank you. She can be reached at beckycrocker@hotmail.com or 978.424.5804.

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 that 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. 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.

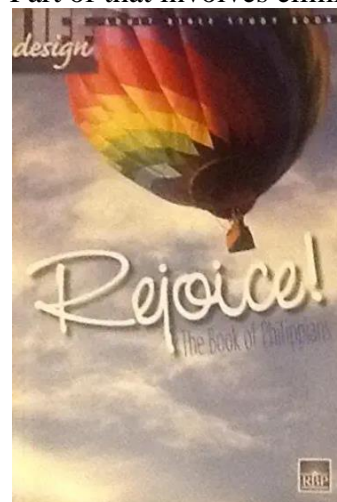
Let’s not seek to be and do the **least we must**, but the **most we can!** We will all be blessed and God will be honored!



New Adult Sunday School Series, Starting on 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



STANDING ON THE FOUNDATION
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Bible Reading Schedules

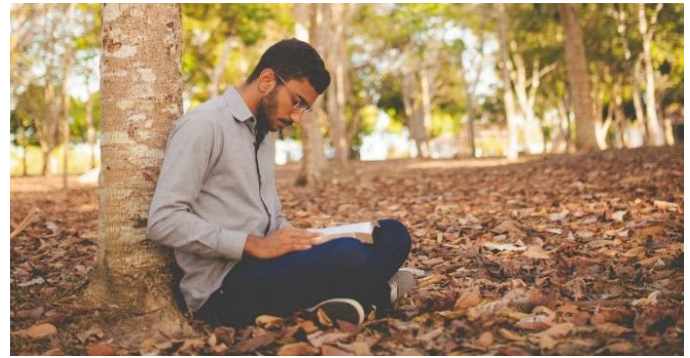
Here is the summary of reading chapters for **September 4-10 (Sun-Sat)**.

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament	Isaiah 9-22
OT Poetry	Proverbs 5-9
New Testament	Phil 2-4; Col 1-2

Chronological Order

Ezekiel 24-43



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

A summary of past verses is shown here. The scripture memory verses for the month of **JULY** are further down the page.

I. Living the New Life in Christ

A. Christ is at the heart of new life!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Galatians 2:20

B. Obedience to Christ from the Heart

Romans 12:1 John 14:21

C. The Word of God must control our mind and heart.

2 Timothy 3:16 Joshua 1:8

D. Prayer is reaching out to God with our mind and heart.

John 15:7 Philippians 4:6-7

E. All of God's people should have a heart for Fellowship

Matthew 18:20 Hebrews 10:24-25

F. All of God's people should have a heart for Witnessing.

Matthew 4:19 Romans 1:16

II. Proclaiming the Good News of Christ

A. Sin Affects Everyone

Romans 3:23 Isaiah 53:6

B. Sin Has a Serious Penalty

Romans 6:23 Hebrews 9:27

C. Christ Paid the Penalty

Romans 5:8 1 Peter 3:18

D. Salvation Is Not by Works

Ephesians 2:8-9 Titus 3:4-7

E. You Must Trust Christ

John 1:11-12 Romans 10:9-10, 13

F. Assurance of Salvation

1 John 5:13 John 5:24



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III. 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

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

IV. 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

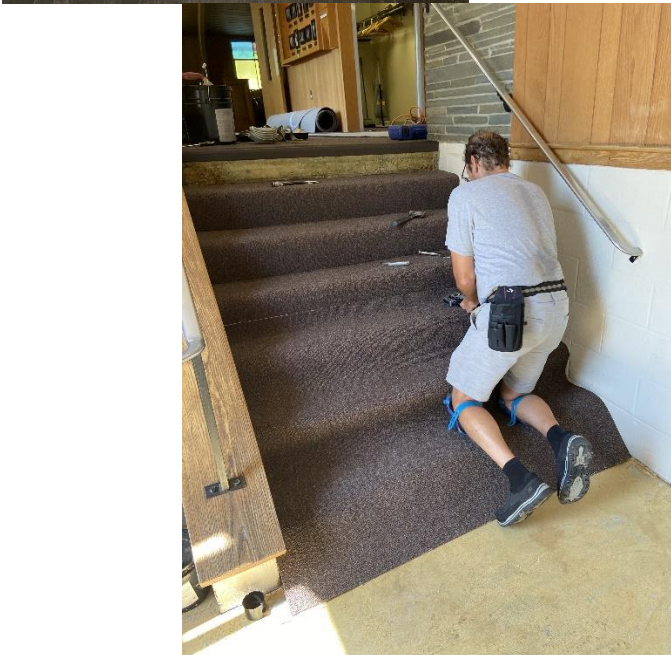
Luke 9:23

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.*

Remodeling at Church (Photos)

IN-PROCESS:





Finished Product:





The Coming Week: A Preview

- Sep 4 Regular Sunday services (SS, AM, PM)
- Sep 5 Labor Day—church office closed
- Sep 6 Bill Anderson (viewing, funeral, burial, luncheon)
- Sep 6 Pray & Go! community canvassing (6:30-8:00pm)
- Sep 7 Mid-week service (7:00pm)
- Sep 10 Church Picnic (Sat 12:00pm)

**CHURCH
CALENDAR**



Looking Ahead:

- Sep 10 Church Picnic (Saturday 12:00pm)
- Sep 11 Fall Kick-Off Sunday
- Sep 18 New SS series: REJOICE! (Philippians)
- Sep 23-24 Ladies Fall Retreat [TWNE]
- Sep 29 Senior Adult Outing [TWNE]
- Oct 15 New England Foundations Conference

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

- Aug 30 Sherrie Ball
- Aug 31 Vanmai Louphkhome
- Sept 4 Ann Marie Smith
- Sept 6 Anastajah Ramos
- Sep 7 Rose Wiggins

Anniversaries this week & next:

None

BEBC Changes to YouTube Efforts

Starting on September 18, we will no longer 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.

However, we will continue to broadcast and record our services for **Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening**. On Wednesday evening we will continue to broadcast only the opening song and Bible lesson). Be aware, though, that we will make adjustments as needed to the format for PM and WED services. That will help us to better support the ministry objectives of worship, instruction, and fellowship. We will periodically include “blackout time” (music will be played online) while we have private time as a congregation for prayer, testimonies, etc.



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 (8/28)—Pastor Wiggins presented the third lesson in a mini-series on [“Bible History: God’s Story.”](#) In [part 3](#) we looked at the key events, people, and places in the early history of the New Testament. We focused on the [Gospels—the life and ministry of Jesus Christ](#).

This Sunday (9/4) we will look at the spread of the gospel and the establishing of NT local churches (Acts and the Epistles).

Morning Service (8/28)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series on Colossians. We looked at [Colossians 3:22-24](#). [“How to Have God’s Perspective on Hard Things in Life, Like Work.”](#)

Colossians 3:22-24

²² Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Evening Service (8/28)—Pastor Wiggins brought a second lesson in a new series on [“Sanctification.” In lesson 2](#) we were reminded what sanctification is not, and began 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 purposes.

This Sunday (9/4) we will finish looking at that topic, and then move on to study present or progressive sanctification. That is our current experiential growth in practical and personal spiritual development to be holy like our God, shaped increasingly into the image of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but **ye are sanctified**, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Acts 20:32

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among **all them which are sanctified**.

Midweek Service (8/31)—Pastor Wiggins brought a challenge from [Psalm 119](#). We began a new series on Images of God’s Word. In this first lesson, we began looking at [“God’s Word: TREASURE for My Heart.”](#)

Psalm 119:14, 127

¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in **all riches**.
¹²⁷ Therefore I love thy commandments above **gold**; yea, above **fine gold**.



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