

BEBC NEWS—AUGUST 26, 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 Next Week

There will be minimal disruption for most folks. And we will not need to cancel any services. However, daytime access to some parts of the building will be limited during the construction process. Here is the **tentative schedule for repairs next week.**

- Tuesday—carpet installation
- Wednesday—tile installation
- Thursday (AM only)—tile installation [wrap-up]

Three primary areas will be addressed.

- **Outer lobby**—The slate tile has been cracked from one side of the room to the other for a long time. Several of you have even tripped over the raised tile edge. All old tiles will be removed, and a new surface will be installed.
- **Main foyer, landing & steps**—The carpet on the landing is very worn and many of the step edges have been torn and taped for years. That will all be replaced, along with the foyer area so all carpet will match.

- **Basement hallway & kitchen**—We cannot actually remove the old tiles without a great deal of expense (i.e. asbestos abatement). But we can safely install new flooring directly over the current flooring.

“Pardon our dust; but remodel we must!”

Church Fall Picnic—September 10

The Church Picnic is scheduled for 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 delicious food and fun activities planned. We are planning to hold another Corn Hole tournament this year.





Fall Kick-Off

The end of the summer is upon us! The Labor Day holiday weekend is only a week away! 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.

On that Sunday, we will begin a new **adult Sunday school series**. David Galvin will be teaching from the book of Philippians, where an overarching theme is “Rejoice!”

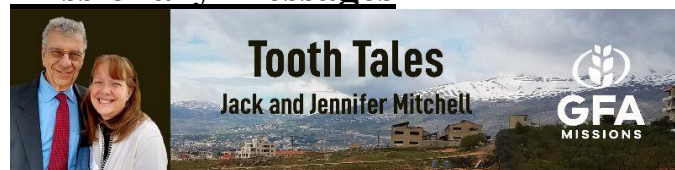
We will have **special music** that Sunday. We will renew our efforts with our **Hymn of the Month**. And we will be observing the **Lord’s Supper** that Sunday evening.

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!

Missionary Messages



July/August 2022

Dear Friends,

It has been a summer filled with surprises! In June we put a bid on a house that came up for sale on our daughter’s street in Concord NH. We had been wishing for a while that we could live closer to our grandtwins, especially as our daughter has some health challenges. We were in the final stages of preparing for our July ministry trip to Zambia (not the easiest time) and our bid was accepted! This meant we had to sell our house by the end of June as part of the deal. We had ten days to sell the house! Fortunately, our house sold quickly, and we were then packing for Zambia and packing to move at the same time!

On July 15th, we flew to Zambia with a team of 11 and held evangelistic medical/dental clinics in the village of Mbenjele for two weeks. We had another surprise as we got ready to go. Two team members had to drop out at the last minute because of health issues. Another tested positive for Covid and had to quarantine for the first part of our time in Zambia. Everyone else stayed healthy. We had a tremendous response from the Zambian people, coming to the clinic in droves! We treated over 100 patients a day and we are glad to report that over 1000 people heard the gospel in those two weeks. We had a great team that worked very hard to treat as many patients as possible, but sadly we still couldn’t see them all. Please pray that many would turn to the Lord after hearing of God’s way of salvation.

Before leaving Zambia, we had yet another great surprise. A hippo ran in front of our vehicle in the dark and we collided with him, knocking him off his feet! Fortunately, no one was hurt, including the hippo, who bounded off into the underbrush. We weren’t expecting that!

Returning home on the 31st of July, we were soon back into the task of packing. We never knew how much stuff we had! We are in our new home now and so grateful to the Lord for giving it to us! We were blessed by our children and all the friends from 2 different churches who worked so hard to move us. We could not have done this without each one of them. Please note our new mailing address below.

September looks relatively quiet except for the Bob Jones “Global Opportunities Week”, September 19-22, which we will be involved in. Last September’s “GO Week” brought us a great team of nursing students and one nurse, who made up a good part of this past May’s trip to Zambia. We hope the same thing happens this September! October will find us at Faith Baptist Bible College’s “Global Reach Week”. We were happy to have a pediatric medical assistant with us on our recent trip to Zambia, who had attended FBBC. We’ll be looking for more students, while we are there, who would like to travel with us on future trips.

We want to thank you for praying for us while we were in Zambia, and for our move, even though none of us knew that was going to happen two months ago! We have certainly needed your help in this way. God has given us needed energy and strength, for what He has directed us into this summer. We praise Him for His faithfulness!

Here are some specific prayer requests:

1. For effective follow up from the July Zambia outreach
2. For God's grace as we unpack the many boxes in our new home and that we would be an effective witness here
3. For much interest from the students at both Bob Jones University and Faith Baptist Bible College

Thank you once again for your prayers!

Sincerely in Christ,
Jack and Jennifer

New Address: 40 Lawrence St, Concord, NH 03301



100+ people exposed to the truth of the gospel each day through medical clinic outreach



Unexpected nighttime “meeting” with hippopotamus



Old house in Dracutt, MA



New house in Concord, NH

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.



Speaker: Denise Cunningham

Ladies Retreat at TWNE— September 23-24

A Ladies' Retreat at The Wilds of New England is sure to be a highlight of your year! Fellowship, fun, good food, laughter, and loving, biblical confrontation from the Word of God will encourage your heart and help you draw closer to your Lord. Our speaker will be used by God as she shares God's goodness. This retreat is for those 14 years of age and older.

This year we will be coordinating attendance by our ladies for (1) Friday evening and all day Saturday; or (2) Saturday only. The cost is \$85 and includes all meals while on site. Transportation will be coordinated and/or provided by the church.

Check-in: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday

Program begins: 7:30 p.m. Friday with supper

Program ends: 6:00 p.m. Saturday after supper



Senior Adult Outing at TWNE— September 29

Spend a day at The Wilds of New England to see God's creation in all its beauty this fall! Senior adults will have an enjoyable time of relaxation, singing, Bible study, laughing, memory sharing, and refreshment during this one-day outing just for seniors. The church will be providing transportation for the event. The cost is \$29, which also includes lunch and dinner.

Check-in: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Thursday

Program begins: 10:00 a.m. Thursday

Program ends: 6:00 p.m. Thursday after supper



Speaker: Dr. Jerry Sivnksty

Please join us for our
6th Annual



NEW ENGLAND
FOUNDATIONS
CONFERENCE

STANDING ON THE FOUNDATION
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

New England Foundations Conference—October 15

The annual NEFC event is hosted by Heritage Baptist Church in Dover, NH. It is attended by hundreds of like-minded believers from all around New England. [This year's NEFC event](#) will be held on Saturday, October 15, 8am-4pm.

The conference theme is "Standing on the Foundation of the Local Church." The speakers will be Dr. Bruce McAllister and Dr. Marshall Fant, both currently affiliated with the mission agency Gospel

Fellowship Association. In addition to the general sessions, there will be a split session for both men and women.

The cost for the entire day is only \$25 and includes lunch. Our church will be providing transportation to/from the conference.

Bible Reading Schedules

Here is the summary of reading chapters for **August 28-September 3 (Sun-Sat).**

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament	Job 37-42; Isaiah 1-8
OT Poetry	Psalms 150; Proverbs 1-4
New Testament	Ephesians 3-6; Philippians 1

Chronological Order

Ezekiel 1-23



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

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

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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

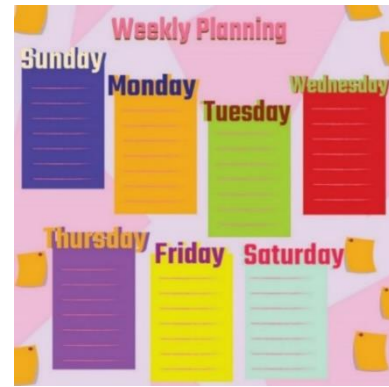
Put Christ First

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.*



The Coming Week: A Preview

- Aug 28 Regular Sunday services (SS, AM, PM)
- Aug 28 Summer Sunday Night church social (after PM)
- Aug 30 Lunch at the Lake seniors fellowship (Tue at noon)
- Aug 30 Pray & Go! community canvassing (6:30-8:00pm)
- Aug 30-Sep 1 Remodeling at Church (Tue-Thur)
- Aug 31 Mid-week service (7:00pm)

CHURCH
CALENDAR



Looking Ahead:

- Sept 10 Church Picnic (Saturday) [NEW DATE]
- Sept 11 Fall Kick-Off weekend
- Sept 23-24 Ladies Fall Retreat [TWNE]
- Sept 29 Senior Adult Outing [TWNE]
- Oct 15 New England Foundations Conference

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

- Aug 26 Steve Allaire
- Aug 28 Brianna Donker
- Aug 30 Sherrie Ball
- Sept 4 Ann Marie Smith
- Sept 6 Anastajah Ramos

Anniversaries this week & next:

None



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 21-27:

Sunday School (8/21)—Pastor Wiggins presented the second lesson in a mini-series on [“Bible History: God’s Story.”](#) In [part 2](#), we looked at the key events/people in Bible history from the period of the Judges until the end of the Old Testament record, with a brief over view of inter-testamental period (“the silent years”).

Morning Service (8/21)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series on Colossians. We looked at [Colossians 3:20-21](#), [“God’s Design for the Home, part 2 \(Parents-Children\).”](#)

Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged. --Colossians 3:20-21

Evening Service (8/21)—Pastor Wiggins brought the initial lesson in a new series on [“Sanctification.”](#) In the first lesson we addressed the question, [“What is it?”](#)

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification... For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
--1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7

Midweek Service (8/24)—Pastor Wiggins brought a challenge from Hebrews 12:1-6. In “Running Your Race with Patience,” we looked at three spiritual dangers in times of trial and temptation, and three powerful encouragements for believers. The service was not broadcast or recorded.

1Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
—Hebrews 12:1-3



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