

BEBC NEWS—NOVEMBER 18, 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.”



The Thanksgiving holiday is now just ONE week away!

November 20: Sunday morning & evening—Thanksgiving will be the theme of the music and preaching in our services.

November 24, Thanksgiving morning—We will enjoy a time of singing, scripture reading, and praying, focusing our hearts on the Lord. We will also have opportunity to share testimonies of God’s goodness. That will be followed by a brief time of fellowship with a light breakfast. Set-up and clean-up is being handled by the Morrison-Allaire Fellowship Ministry Team.



Christmas Worship & Outreach Ministry Resources

Beginning right after Thanksgiving a series of resources for Christmas family worship and outreach ministry will be made available to the church family. More details coming soon. For now...

- Some of those will be designed for reading in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Other items you may wish to save for use on Christmas Eve/Day.
- There will be items you can share with friends, neighbors, relatives, and other community contacts. And there will be resources you can use for your personal and/or family worship.
- Some of these will be available as paper copies. Other resources will be available in a digital format you can save and/or send to others.

Christmas is coming! Will you be ready? How will you plan to share the gospel and magnify Christ with friends, relatives, business associates, and community contacts?

Christmas Missions Offering

Two more Sundays to give!

Each year we take up a dedicated offering to provide a special blessing to each of our missionary partners. Christmas is now just over six weeks away!

The Missionary Christmas **offering gift box** is located in the lobby. You can also use a marked envelope (“Missionary Christmas”) during our regular offering time.

We officially started receiving our “**Missionary Christmas**” offering on October 30. We will extend the offering opportunity through the month of November. At that point, we will divide the total among our missionaries and send out checks through their mission agencies. The goal is for the funds to arrive and be usable by them in time for Christmas.



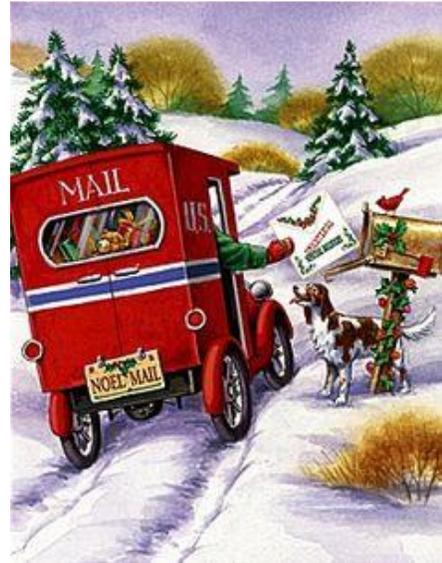
Christmas Dinner & Decorating

Please consider joining us for the annual **Christmas Dinner & Decoration Night** on **Friday, December 2**. We will start the evening at **6:00 p.m.** with a nice **dinner** together. Then we will do seasonal cleaning and decorate the church building for Christmas.

This year we will be able to have the church building decorated for every Sunday in the month of December and just into the new year. What a beautiful addition it is to have all those decorations in place. Thank you in advance to all of you who are willing to help out.

A sign-up sheet is available in the church foyer on the bulletin board.

Set up and clean up for the meal is being handled by the Galvin-Cordio Fellowship Ministry Team. If you have **questions**, please contact Becky Galvin at 978.424.5804 or beckycrocker@hotmail.com.



Christmas Card Express

We will be operating our **Christmas Card Express** again this year. Starting on Sunday, **December 4**, there will be a decorated Christmas box in the main foyer. You can drop off your Christmas cards for church family there. All the cards will be sorted and made available for pick up in the foyer each Sunday in December. This is a great way to save on postage and invest in holiday greetings to others at church.



Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange

On **December 10**, all church ladies are invited to meet at the church for the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. The meeting will begin at **10:00 a.m.** This is a great time for warm fellowship with some delicious taste testing.

This is also a time to create special packages with all those delicious cookies for distribution to others. That includes those who are shut-in, facing special health challenges, or as a welcome gift for new families attending the church.

Each participant is asked to bring a set quantity ("X" dozen cookies) of their favorite type of cookie. If you are planning to participate, **please add your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the church foyer.** Someone will contact you with all the details you will need to prepare for the event.

Additional questions should be addressed to Barb Turner at 978.660.5604 or herbandbarb@me.com.

Winter Clean-up Team

As much as we would like to avoid thinking about IT, it is much more responsible and profitable to prepare for IT. "IT" is winter...and it is definitely coming. That means it is time to check out the snow shovels & salt bin, and grab your gloves, hat & boots.

While we do have a professional contractor plow the parking lot, we count on a team of faithful volunteers to keep the sidewalks, ramp, and steps all clear for services.

If you are **willing to help** with clearing snow before services, or at other times of the week as the timing works out, please contact the church office. You can leave a voice message (978.345.4522), send an email (info@betheden.net), or talk to the church secretary, Patty Cordio. Thank you!



Hymn of the Month (November)— “Jesus, the Son of God”

Each Sunday morning this month we will be singing both 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

Jesus is the Son of God, the Lord of all,
The chosen One, the Son of Man,
The King of kings who gave His life for me—
This Jesus, the Great “I AM”!

CHORUS:

We bow down before Him who is worthy of
worship,
Worthy of worship and praise.
We bow down before and humbly adore,
This Jesus, the Son of God.

VERSE 2:

Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Righteous One,
The Sacrifice who bore my sin,
The Prince of Life who lives and reigns on high—
This Jesus, He’s coming again!

Jesus... asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

--Matthew 16:13-16



Bible Reading Schedules

Here is the summary of reading chapters for **November 20-26 (Sun-Sat)**.

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament Ezekiel 39-48; Daniel 1-4
OT Poetry -----
New Testament 1 John 1-5

Chronological Order

Acts 11-18; Gal 1-6; James 1-5

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

November

Serve Others

October 31-November 6 Mark 10:45

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

November 7-13 2 Corinthians 4:5

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Give Generously

November 14-20

1 Corinthians 16:2

Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

November 21-27

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.



The Coming Week: A Preview

Nov 20 **Regular Sunday services** (SS 9:45am; AM 10:45am; PM 6:00pm)
Nov 23 NO service this Wednesday
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Praise Service & Fellowship Breakfast (starts 8:00am)

Looking Ahead:

Dec 2 Christmas Dinner & Decoration (6PM)
Dec 10 Ladies' Cookie Swap & Cheer Bag Distribution (10am - 12pm)
Dec 18 Special Christmas emphasis service (10:45am)
Dec 25 Christmas Sunday services (9:30am breakfast fellowship; 10:45am morning worship)

Seating Change—Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

For the remainder of the fall we will be working through a trial of an adjusted seating pattern on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. Several people watching our services online have observed that during those two services (Sun. PM, Wed.) it looks like the auditorium is empty except for the speaker.

In order to eliminate that false impression, and to aid the viewer and attender experience, we will be moving our seating to the back of the main section of the auditorium. The Pastor and Deacons are asking that no one sit in the back section for those two services during the period of this seating trial.

We also want to provide sufficient space so that no one feels they are sitting “too close” for their personal health circumstances. We are making adjustments to continue improving in all areas. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Most people considering an initial visit to a church, now view the church website and/or social media pages to get their first impression of the church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

Nov 14 Victor Ramos
Nov 20 Sandra Waaramaa
Nov 21 Cathy Rosa
Nov 22 Gary Gouldrup
Nov 25 Joan Tait
Nov 25 Todd Anderson
Nov 27 Brandon Cordio
Nov 27 Bob Morrison

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 November 13-19:

Morning Service (11/13)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, What Is a Christian? We looked

at [“A Member in Christ’s Body.”](#) Believers in Jesus Christ, the Church, are... (1) a diverse but unified body [Eph 2:14-16]; (2) a diverse but coordinated body [1 Cor 12:12-27]; and (3) a valuable body comprised of precious members [Acts 20:28; Eph 5:23-25; Heb 13:1-3].

Evening Service (11/13)—Pastor Wiggins concluded the Sanctification series. This final lesson message was on [“The Glorification of the Believer”](#) (or ultimate sanctification). We addressed from scripture several important questions. (1) How can we know it will happen? (2) What will be different? What will change? (3) When will it happen? How will it take place?

Midweek Service (11/16)—Pastor Wiggins taught on [“Feeding Gratitude, part 2.”](#) We looked at two more passages in the letter to the Colossians. (1) Spiritual gratitude functions to help keep a Christian’s life properly aligned toward the Lord and his fellow believers [Col 3:15-17]. (2) Spiritual gratitude is a necessary component of our protection from spiritual dangers and in fulfilling our Christian responsibilities [Col 4:2].

Fellowship Ministry Teams

New Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) **lists** and a **schedule** have been posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your efforts to help us set up and clean up for our social events.

Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Praise Service

Team: Morrison-Allaire

Dec 2 Christmas Dinner & Decoration (6PM)

Team: Galvin-Cordio

See below for group lists. If you don’t see your name listed, and would like to participate (when you are able), please contact the church office. Thank you.

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