

BEBC NEWS—OCTOBER 28, 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.*”

5th Sunday Fellowship this Sunday!

It happens four times a year (5 times in 2023) and is always one of our favorite events on the church calendar. When a 5th Sunday rolls around, that means we plan a church fellowship luncheon right after the morning service. The meal is followed by a brief afternoon service which includes singing, testimonies, and a devotional challenge. That will conclude our services for the day. There will be no evening service on October 30.

Please bring the following, if you are able: (1) a main dish and (2) a side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide drinks, paper goods and silverware.



Quarterly Business Meeting

The 1st quarter business meeting was held this past Wednesday. The documentation presented is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Business items included: Clerk Minutes from 7/27 business meeting (approved); Financial Reports for Q1, July-

September (approved); plus an update on the parsonage hold-back escrow fund (re: IRS issue).



Missionary Christmas Offering

Christmas is now only eight weeks away! And **this Sunday marks the opening week** in receiving our Missionary Christmas Offering!!

Each year we take up a dedicated offering to provide a special blessing to each of our missionary partners. We officially started receiving our “Missionary Christmas” offering on October 30.

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 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 in time for Christmas.

ORIENTATION AND NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

Church Orientation Class, NOV 12

We will be offering the Church Orientation Class on Saturday morning, **November 12**. The plan is to start with refreshments and fellowship at **8:30 a.m.** We will finish around **noon**. If you'd like to join the others who will be participating, please contact **Pastor Claude Wiggins**.

The COC is designed to provide opportunity for practical instruction, informal question & answer time, and personal fellowship. We review many important principles of interest to prospective members. That includes the Church Constitution, Statement of Faith, philosophy of ministry, church officers and business affairs, opportunities for ministry, and more.

Completion of the Church Orientation Class is a prerequisite for church membership. But no obligation or pressure for membership is placed upon anyone for attending. It is meant as a genuine opportunity to learn, grow, and fellowship.



Thanksgiving Services

At the Thanksgiving season we will have several opportunities to gather as a church family for worship and fellowship.

November 21, Sunday morning—Thanksgiving will be the theme of the music and preaching in our service.

November 21, Sunday evening—Along with singing and studying God's word, we will have opportunity to share testimonies of God's goodness and the blessings of living for and serving Him.

November 25, Thanksgiving morning—We will enjoy a time of singing, scripture reading, and praying, focusing our hearts on the Lord. That will be followed by a brief time of fellowship with a light breakfast.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming! How will you plan to share the gospel and magnify Christ with friends, relatives, business associates, and community contacts?



Missions Emphasis Day Wrap-up

We had a wonderful time last Sunday evening with our missionaries, the Stevens family. Toby shared a PowerPoint presentation about many of the people they have met and to whom they are actively witnessing. It was a blessing to hear his heart for the souls

Toby and his wife, Susan, are serving faithfully in East Cambridge, MA at International Baptist Church. They have two sons, Curtis and Clayton.

Toby and Susan long to see their mission church in the metro Boston area, International Baptist Church, grow into a group of believers representing their community's diversity. Upon maturity, the church can then launch church plants into other metropolises of the world.

Love Offering—We thank the Lord for the generous offering received last Sunday for the Stevens family. If you would still like to participate, you may use the offering envelope system in-person or by mail, or you can give [online](#).

Our love offering was directed toward two needs: (1) Toby will be having hip replacement surgery (the first of two!) in January. They do have health

insurance, but the out-of-pocket costs for each surgery will be significant. (2) Since housing in Boston is in short supply and quite expensive, we want to help them purchase a bunkbed set for the boys in the two-bedroom apartment.

Outreach Tools for Every Week

Be ready when God gives you an open door to speak up for him! Here are two useful outreach tools all of us can carry and use.

Church Invitation Card—business card size. You can find these on the literature table in the lobby. Keep a few in your wallet, purse, vehicle, or shirt pocket. The back side includes space you can use to add your name and phone number or email address, if you wish.

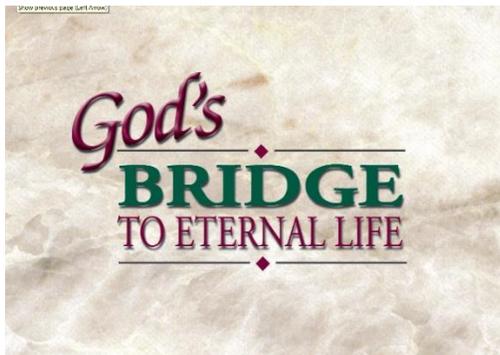


"Seeking to show God's love and share God's truth throughout the community He has called us to serve!"

Please come be our guest!

Sunday 9:45am; 10:45am; 6:00pm; Wed. 7:00pm

God's Bridge to Eternal Life—full color, visualized, gospel tract. There is also a children's version of the tract. There is also a digital option on our church website. Just add this [link](#) to your cell phone or computer bookmarks list. [God's Bridge to Eternal Life](#) is available in English, Spanish, French, German, and Chinese, as well as a children's version.



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.

Oct 30 5th Sunday Fellowship

Team: Galvin-Cordio

Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Praise Service

Team: Morrison-Allaire

Outreach Opportunities this Week!

Over the next few days we have two specific opportunities to reach out with the gospel to children, teens, and their parents. Please **PRAY!** And, if you are able, please **PARTICIPATE!**

Halloween Gospel Tract Distribution

We are providing to our church family a variety of gospel tracts specifically focused on sharing the "good news" at Halloween. This year that falls on Monday, October 31.

If you requested a quantity of Halloween tracts they should have already been delivered to you. On Sunday, any **additional tracts** remaining will be made available to whomever wishes to use them.

There is lots of emphasis at the holiday on "trick or treat." We are encouraging "**Treat & Truth.**" Are you willing to participate in your neighborhood by distributing candy, accompanied by an attractively designed and simply written gospel tract?



Teen Mountain Hiking Trip

This Saturday, Pastor will be leading a hiking trip for our teens, and any of their friends who will join us. Last year the guys climbed [Mt. Watatic](#). You can



see [photos from that trip here](#). This year we will be climbing to the summit of [Mount Monadnock](#) in Jaffrey, NH. The trip will be followed by an all-you-can-eat meal.

Please pray for: (1) our contacts with the teens, that we will have a good number participate; (2) personal safety and a great time while hiking together; and (3) clear opportunity to present the Gospel and answer any questions they may have.



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!



Bible Reading Schedules

Here is the summary of reading chapters for **October 30-November 5 (Sun-Sat)**.

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament	Lamentations 3-5; Ezekiel 1-10
OT Poetry	Song of Solomon 2-6
New Testament	Hebrews 12-13; James 1-3

Chronological Order

Matt 19-23; Mark 10-12; Luke 17-21; John 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

November

1. Serve Others
2. Give Generously

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

- Oct 30 **Regular Sunday services** (SS 9:45am; AM 10:45am; brief afternoon service)
- Oct 30 5th Sunday Fellowship & afternoon service (no evening service)
- Nov 2 **Midweek Service** (Wed 7:00pm)

Looking Ahead:

- Nov 6 Time Change Sunday (fall back 1 hour)
- Nov 6 Lord's Supper observance (end of AM)
- Nov 12 Church Orientation Class (Sat 8:30am)
- Nov 20 Thanksgiving Sunday (pre-holiday)
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Praise Service (8-9am, with refreshments following)
- Dec 2 Christmas Dinner & Decoration (6PM)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

- Oct 27 Vanessa Clark
- Oct 29 Heidi Anderson
- Nov 5 Jaime Bosworth

Anniversaries this week & next:

- Nov 6 Earl & Bonnie Scouten



ICYMI: Recent Ministry Resources

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

Week of October 23-29:

Morning Service (10/23)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, What Is a Christian? We looked at "[A Priest at God's Altar](#)." Our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, has opened the way for New Testament believer-priests to come directly to the Lord for salvation, studying the Bible, and offering up prayers to the Father, all without having to work through a human priest.

1 Pet 2:4-5

⁴ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵ ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁵ **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;** ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Evening Service (10/23)—Due to the sensitive nature of some of the ministry updates shared by our missionary, Toby Stevens, we did not broadcast or record the evening service.

Midweek Service (10/26)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series Bible Images of God’s Word. This week we looked at **“God’s Word Is a SWORD for My Soul.”** The key passage was Hebrews 4:12-13 and the surrounding context, vs. 1-11. We also looked at Psalm 95 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

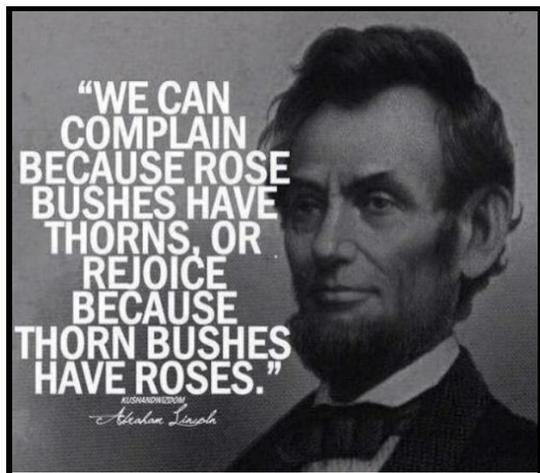
Krista Countdown...Only Two Weeks to Go!

Lord willing, Krista Webb will return from El Salvador for a holiday break November 14-28.

We look forward to hearing her personal testimony of serving Christ and growing in grace. It will be wonderful to hear her future ministry plans, too.



Every day is full of choices! What is your outlook on life?



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