

BEBC NEWS—NOVEMBER 11, 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 two weeks 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.



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.



Veterans Day

We want to express our deep gratitude to all those in our congregation that have served our nation in any of the branches of the US military. And we want to reflect on those family members and friends no longer here with us who also served faithfully in their time.

Whether in time of war or time of peace, all military members have volunteered to serve their country and be ready to go wherever and do whatever is needed when called upon. Why not send a little note of appreciation or stop and thank them in person when you see them.



“All gave some; some gave all!”

More Building Progress!

Last week we were able to finish the **carpeting** effort upstairs. The three rooms adjacent to the lobby (coat room, outer office, conference room) are now carpeted to match the lobby. You can see pictures on the church website [photo gallery page](#).

We also completed replacing the **AC unit** that broke late this summer. That way we are ready to go when things warm up again late next spring. 😊

And the **drain** in the ladies restroom was professionally cleared to prevent future accidental flooding if a sink or toilet overflows.



Change of Date: Last Call

We will now be offering the Church Orientation Class on Saturday morning, **November 19** (previously scheduled for the 12th). 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. It's not too late!

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.



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 on the black marble slab 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.

Krista Webb Ministry Update

To the family of believers at Beth Eden Baptist Church:

It is a joy to write to you all once again and share what God has been doing here in Cojutepeque, El Salvador. It continues to amaze me how God brought me here. And it is my prayer to make the most of the opportunities He's given me to serve in this special place.

At the beginning of the October we had the privilege of welcoming two new, short-term interns from Honduras to our team. Both are seminary students from Bethlehem Baptist Seminary in Danlí, Honduras and are fulfilling their internship requirement with us before their graduation in December. I've been especially able to get to know Mirian (one of the newcomers) very well as she's joined me and another intern at the house where we've been staying. Her heart for lost souls has been especially impactful.

During Mirian and I's first weekend together, while getting caught in the rain on a Sunday afternoon at the park, we met a woman selling slushies who let us find shelter from the rain under her umbrella. After chatting and getting to know the woman a bit, it became clear that the woman had a fear of God and, to our surprise, had come across various women from the Emmanuel Baptist Church who had previously invited her to attend. By the end of the conversation, we were able to explain to her



Monday afternoon evangelism

God's plan of salvation and the woman prayed to receive Christ in her heart. We thank God for the wonderful and unexpected ways that He works and for putting His people in the right place at the right time!

When it comes to the school side of ministry, October was my busiest month yet. With the final week of school being the last week of October, there was much preparation to be done for final exams and final projects. Thankfully, both staff and students successfully made it through the hustle and bustle of the end of the school year and were able to enjoy some special moments along the way. We praise God that during the week of Emmanuel Baptist Church's mission's conference, 13 students accepted Christ during the times that were set aside for chapel services. Various students attended the mission's conference during the weekend as well. The messages that were preached during the conference were both challenging and encouraging. I personally left assured and excited to continue serving in ministry and missions and was reminded of how sweet and weighty the work of the great commission is (Matt. 28:18-20, Romans 10:15).



Representing different countries

As we finished up our work in the classroom for the year I, and various members of the school and church staff, had the opportunity to attend an in-person seminary class taught by Dr. Mike Lester, President of Veritas Baptist College in Greendale, Indiana. Dr. Lester traveled down to Cojutepeque for about one week and taught both an Old Testament class and a class on the book of Hebrews. Due to my teaching schedule I was only able to take the Old Testament class in-person. Thankfully, all of the sessions were recorded so I will be able to take the class on Hebrews later online.

I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunities I've had here to not only serve but to learn and to grow. This past month I also started taking piano lessons with the Pastor's wife, Esther Fridenstine. At the end of the month traveled with a group of women from the church to attend a women's conference at a church in Metapán, El Salvador. Although the first sessions of the conference were primarily geared towards married women :), the principles that were taught were applicable to all and we walked away with biblical truths to put into practice.



Lunch with missionaries Jason and Cassie Tate (missionaries to Honduras) and their family. Pastor Tate was one of the special guest speakers during the missions conference.

As many of you already know, I will be returning to the U.S. shortly for a visit. Lord willing, I will be in Massachusetts from the 14th - 28th of November. I look forward to catching up and sharing more with you all in person about the work here in El Salvador.

Many thanks to you all for your prayers and encouragement. Your prayers and support are invaluable.

May God continue to bless you all and shine His face upon you (Numbers 6:24-25).

Un abrazo (a hug),
Krista



Chapel at Emmanuel Baptist School during the week of the missions conference.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

--Ephesians 2:10

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

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:

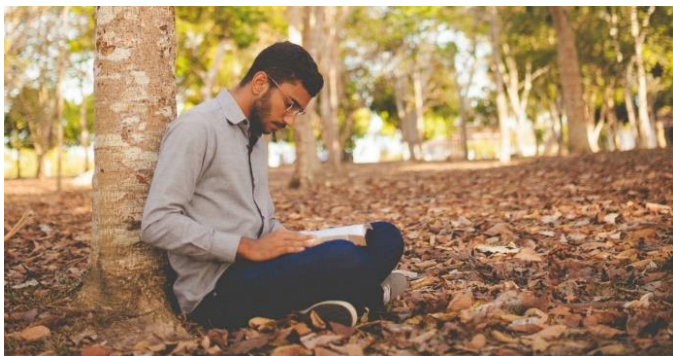
We bow down before Him who is worthy of worship,
Worthy of worship and praise.
We bow down before and humbly adore,
This Jesus, the Son of God.

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 13-19 (Sun-Sat).**

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament Ezekiel 25-38
 OT Poetry -----
 New Testament 1 Peter 4-5; 2 Peter 1-3

Chronological Order

Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 23-24; John 18-21;
 Acts 1-10

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.

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



The Coming Week: A Preview

Nov 13 **Regular Sunday services** (SS 9:45am; AM 10:45am; brief afternoon service)
 Nov 16 **Midweek Service** (Wed 7:00pm)
 Nov 19 Church Orientation Class (Sat 8:30am)

Looking Ahead:

Nov 20 Thanksgiving Sunday (pre-holiday)
 Nov 24 Thanksgiving Praise Service & Breakfast
 Dec 2 Christmas Dinner & Decoration (6PM)
 Dec 10 Ladies' Cookie Swap & Cheer Bag Distribution (10am - 12pm)
 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. Unintentionally, it was a bit cramped last Sunday evening. 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 9 Joan Palermo
Nov 14 Victor 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 November 6-12:

Morning Service (11/6)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, What Is a Christian? We looked at [“A Runner in a Race.”](#) Believers must run the Christian race with (1) patient endurance [Heb 12:1-4]; (2) discipline & purpose [1 Cor 9:24-27]; and (3) humility & persistence [Phil 3:12-14].

Evening Service (11/6)—Bill Pearce brought a Bible challenge from [Isaiah 63:15-64:12](#).

Thou, O LORD, *art* our Father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting...For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

--Isaiah 63:16; 64:4

Midweek Service (11/9)—Pastor Wiggins taught on [“Feeding Gratitude.”](#) We looked at several passages in the letter to the Colossians. (1) When we reflect on the evidence that other believers are truly redeemed and spiritually maturing, we can’t help but offer up thanksgiving to God! [Col 1:3]. (2) When we reflect on God’s gracious work of redemption for us, we can’t help but offer up thanksgiving to God! [Col 1:12].

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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