

BEBC NEWS—NOVEMBER 4, 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.”



Time Change Sunday this Weekend

“Fall back in fall!” Turn your clock back one hour before going to bed this Saturday evening. We will look forward to seeing you for Sunday school and morning worship.



Christmas is now only seven weeks away! And **last Sunday marked 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.



The Thanksgiving holiday is now less than three weeks away.

November 20: Sunday morning—Thanksgiving will be the theme of the music and preaching in our service. **Sunday evening**—Along with singing and studying God’s word, we will have opportunity to share testimonies of God’s goodness.

November 24, 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.

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!

This 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.

**ORIENTATION
AND NEW MEMBER'S
CLASS**

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.

Outreach Opportunities Last Week

Over the last week we had two specific opportunities to reach out with the gospel to children, teens, and their parents. Thank you for praying!

Halloween Gospel Tract Distribution—Church members distributed over 750 Halloween-themed gospel tracts. Praise the Lord!

Teen Mountain Hiking Trip--Last Saturday, Pastor led a hiking trip for our teens, and several of their friends who joined us. This year we climbed to the summit of [Mount Monadnock](#) in Jaffrey, NH. You can see pictures on our church website on the [Photo Gallery page](#).

Please pray for: our continued follow-up contacts with children, teens, and their parents.



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, handicap 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!



Bible Reading Schedules

Here is the summary of reading chapters for **November 6-12 (Sun-Sat)**.

Three Sections at a Time:

Old Testament Ezekiel 11-24
OT Poetry Song of Solomon 7-8
New Testament James 4-5; 1 Peter 1-3

Chronological Order

Matthew 24-27; Mark 13-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-17

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

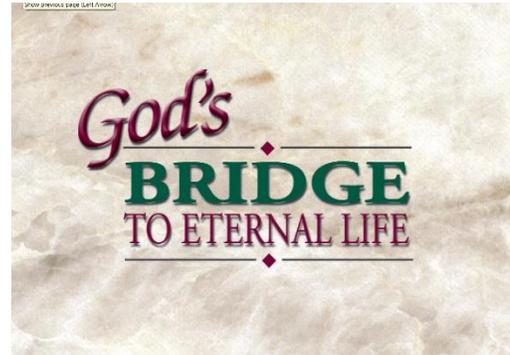
For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

November 7-13 2 Corinthians 4:5

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



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.



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*.

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.

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"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



The Coming Week: A Preview

- Nov 6 **Regular Sunday services** (SS 9:45am; AM 10:45am; brief afternoon service)
- Nov 6 Lord's Supper observance (end of AM)
- Nov 9 **Midweek Service** (Wed 7:00pm)
- Nov 12 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

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

Krista Countdown

Only 10 more days to go! Krista Webb will be back in Massachusetts on holiday break November 14-28. That means she will be able to worship and fellowship with us on two Sundays, November 20 and 27.

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 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. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 October 30-November 5:

Morning Service (10/30)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, What Is a Christian? We looked at “A Soldier in God’s Army.” (1) Being a faithful soldier is **dangerous** (e.g. Eph 6:10-18; cf. 1 Pet 5:8-10). We need God’s **protection**. (2) Being a faithful soldier is **demanding** (e.g. 2 Tim 2:1-6). We need God’s **power and strength**. (3) Being a faithful soldier requires **dedication** (e.g. 2 Tim 4:6-8;). We obey God’s commands and seek God’s glory.

Afternoon Service (10/30)—Following our 5th Sunday Fellowship, there was a brief service for sing, testimonies with a devotional challenge. We looked at Old Testament references to “Hind’s Feet in High Places.” It reminded us that, like a graceful deer high in the mountains, we can be confident and joyful even as we face opposition and experience adversity in life (2 Samuel 22:34; Psalm 18:33). And the same is true when we face impending judgment, even if not for our own sin (Habakkuk 3:19). That is all true when our hearts and minds are focused on our great and faithful God.

Midweek Service (11/2)—Pastor Wiggins taught on “Be Prepared for the Changing Seasons of Life.” As Christians, we need to be prepared for ...

Service—It leads to blessing and fruit.

Suffering—It leads to glory.

Sacrifice—It leads to rich rewards.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

Nov 5 Jaime Bosworth

Nov 9 Joan Palermo

Anniversaries this week & next:

Nov 6 Earl & Bonnie Scouten

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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