

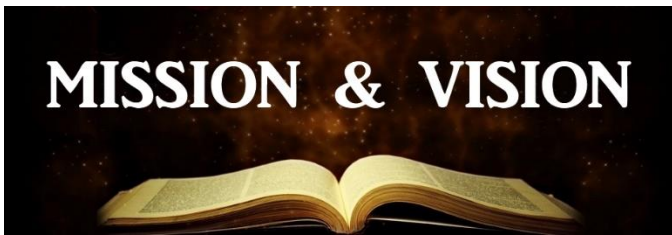
BEBC NEWS—JANUARY 27, 2023

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.”



Our Ministry Mindset in 2023

Ministry Mission and Vision—This year, instead of one longer Vision Meeting, we are going to spend several Sunday mornings in January looking in God’s word at the mission of the church.

That will provide an opportunity for us to then discuss in a variety of contexts the biblical implications and practical opportunities for advancing that biblical ministry vision.

We want to act in faith and with fervency to pursue a God-honoring ministry vision, so we can fulfill the mission God has established for Beth Eden Baptist Church.

January 22—A Great Commitment to the Glory of God (Do all to the glory of God!)

January 29—A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment (Love the Lord your God!)

February 5—A Great Commitment to the New Commandment (Love one another!)

February 12—A Great Commitment to the Great Commission (Share the truth of God and show the love of Christ to those around us who are without the Lord!)



Missionary Emphasis Sunday

We had a wonderful time this last Sunday evening with our missionaries to Ecuador, Sid & Susie Messer. Sid provided an in-depth ministry update on the work there in Manta, Ecuador. We also enjoyed delicious food and wonderful fellowship with the Messers following the service. Thank you to all who contributed to the generous love offering we were able to share with them.

P.S. Being from the southern U.S., and having served in South America right on the equator for several decades, they were super excited to see all the snow Sunday and Monday. 😊

Ladies Fellowship Outing

A good group of our church ladies participated in a daytime fellowship & fun outing on Thursday, **January 19**. They traveled in the church van for shopping at **Hobby Lobby** in Athol, followed by lunch together at Asian Gourmet restaurant.



Our Newest Members

We are rejoicing in the Lord’s work, bringing these faithful believers to join our fellowship. Each has completed the Church Orientation Class, met with Pastor and deacons to share their testimony, and expressed a desire to unite with this assembly.

Linda Gouldrup was received into membership on December 11. **Dan and Becky Quimby** were admitted into membership on January 22.

If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment to reach out to each of them.



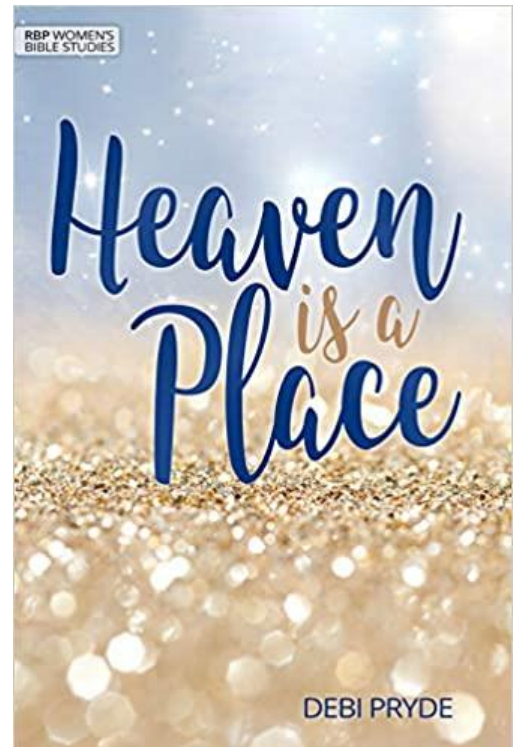
Dan & Becky Quimby

Ladies Spring Bible Study Elective

Beginning March 5, on Sunday mornings at 9:45am, there will be a 12-13 week long Ladies Bible Study elective. The topic will be “Heaven Is a Place.” The elective will be taught by Lynn Wiggins and will meet in the Conference/Overflow Room. Please sign up for the elective on the list in the foyer so that we can order enough books.



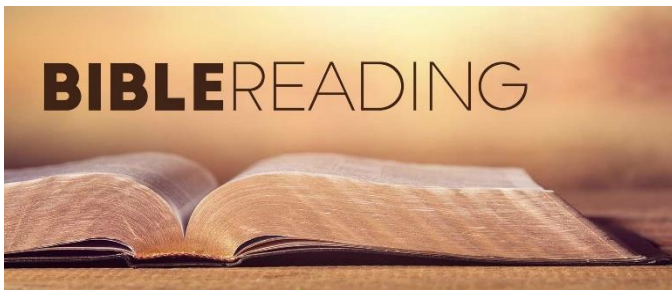
Linda Gouldrup





We Love Our Missionaries!

All ladies are invited to meet at church on **Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** We will be writing encouraging notes to our missionaries and enjoying some fellowship. Cards will be provided. For those ladies with a creative flair, make-your-own-card supplies will also be available.



Bible Reading Plans

This year, we are placing copies of the various Bible reading plans on the church website so you can access them anytime and anywhere you have internet access.

Digital Bible reading resources. See details on the church website.

- **Logos Bible Software** (FaithLife) free app
- **You Version** (adult and children's app)

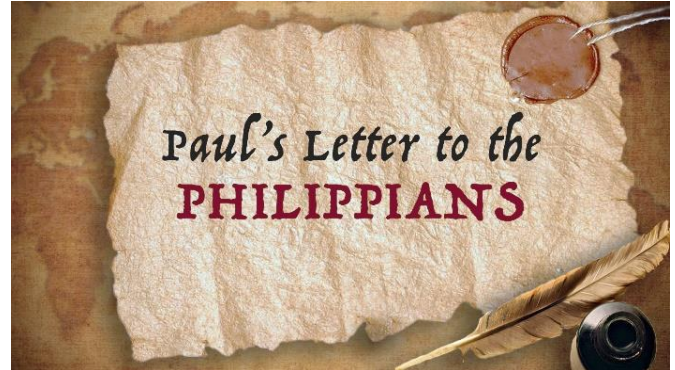
Here is the summary of reading chapters for **January 29-February 4 (Sun-Sat).**

Three Sections at a Time:

OT Law, History, Prophets	Exodus 7-20
OT Poetic Books	Psalms 21-25
New Testament	Matthew 21-25

Chronological Order

Genesis 48-50; Exodus 1-18



Scripture Memory & Meditation

Our scripture memory and meditation effort this year will focus on **Paul's Letter to the Philippians**. We will review two verses each week and will go over all four chapters during the year. It will be a great way to build off the adult Sunday school series this fall taught by David Galvin.

A copy of the Scripture Memory & Meditation schedule can be viewed on the church website. Paper copies will be provided at the start of each month as a bulletin insert.

The Letter to the PHILIPPIANS Jan-Feb 2023—Philippians chapter 1

January 29-February 4

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; ¹⁰ That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

February 5-11

¹¹ Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. ¹² But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

February 12-18

¹³ So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*; ¹⁴ And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

February 19-25

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: ¹⁶ The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

February 26-March 5

¹⁷ But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. ¹⁸ What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.



This Weekend: A Preview

9:45am Sunday School
10:45am Morning Worship
12:00pm 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon & Afternoon Service
6:00pm No evening service this week

Looking Ahead:

January 29; February 5, 12 "Mission & Vision Sundays" (more details on page 1)
February 2 Ladies Meeting (7:00pm at church)
February 5 Lord's Supper observance (PM)
April 1 Spring Church Work-Day
April 9 Easter Sunday



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 January 15-21:

Morning Service (1/15)—Pastor Wiggins preached a message, "**Our Great Privilege of Prayer,**" based on **Matthew 7:7-11**. This was the final Sunday of Prayer Week. Key lessons: (1) God delights to hear from us and answer our prayers (7-8)! (2) God delights to give us what is good in response to faithful prayer (9-11)! (3) God promises to give us wisdom for facing challenging situations in life and ministry (cf. 1-6, 12-20; see James 1:5).

Evening Service (1/15)—We held our "Concert of Prayer." The service was not broadcast or recorded.

Midweek Service (1/18)—Pastor Wiggins began a new series on "Praying and the Early Church," focusing on accounts in the book of Acts. The first lesson was "[Praying in Unity,](#)" from [Acts 1:8-14](#). (1) Praying as a Group, "Who?" (12-14); (2) Praying because... "Why?" (9-11); and (3) Praying for... "What?" (8).

Week of January 22-28:

Morning Service (1/22)—This was the first week of our Ministry Vision Month. Pastor Wiggins preached on "[A Great Commitment to the Glory of God.](#)" (1) We were created and redeemed to reflect God's glory for all the world to see (1 Pet 2:9; Eph 1:6, 12, 14; 2 Cor 4:6-7). (2) When we continue to grow stronger and more mature in Christ, we bring glory to God (Eph 3:16; 2 Cor 3:18; Phil 1:11). (3) When we respond in patient, joyful faith in the face of suffering or persecution we bring glory to God (James 1:2-5; 1 Pet 4:12-16). (4) When we walk in glad obedience we bring glory to God (1 Cor 6:19-20; 10:31; 2 Pet 3:17-18).

Evening Service (1/22)—For Missions Emphasis Sunday, our guests were Sid & Susie Messer, our missionaries with GFA Missions serving in Ecuador. The service was broadcast live but not posted for future access.

Midweek Service (1/25)—Due to weather issues and dangerous driving conditions, the service was canceled.

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.

January 29 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Team: Galvin-Cordio

April 9 Easter Sunday

Team: Morrison-Allaire

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this week & next:

Jan 24 Jamie Rosa
Jan 24 Krista Webb
Jan 25 Alex Gonzalez
Jan 30 Josue Diaz

Anniversaries this week & next:

None



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