

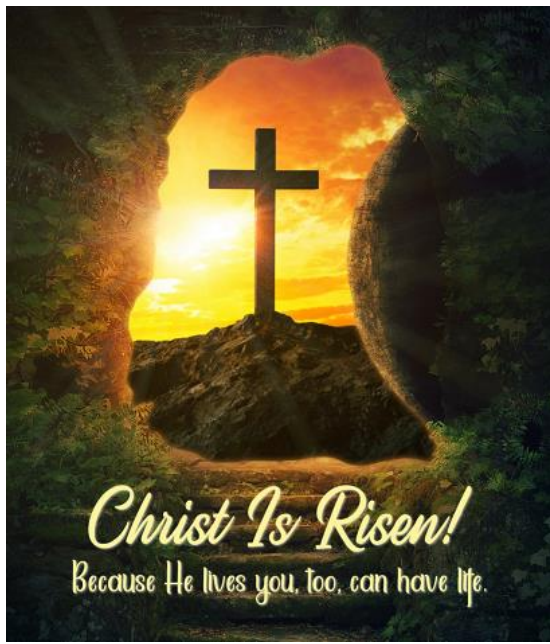
BEBC NEWS—MARCH 10, 2023

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.”



Easter Services on April 9

Easter Sunday is now just five weeks away. We need to be praying. And we need to be inviting.

Sunrise Service—We will start off the day with an outdoor service at 8:30 a.m. There will be singing, testimonies, and a Bible challenge.

Fellowship Breakfast—Then at 9:30 a.m. we will hold an Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Morning Worship—Our main service for the day will begin at the normal 10:45 a.m.

Promotional fliers will be available starting on Sunday. Please place one in a high-visibility area of your home as a prayer reminder. And take as many additional copies as you need to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, business associates, and

community contacts. Digital fliers will be circulated by email which you can use on your social media accounts. You can also find resources on our church website.

Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday!

Don't forget to set your clocks and watches **one hour ahead** before going to bed Saturday night. And, if you need, head to bed an hour earlier than normal so you can still end up with the same amount of rest. Remember, “**Spring forward in spring!**” If you forget, you will likely arrive at church one hour later than your intended time. 😊



VBS Organizational Mtg, March 19

We have a VBS organizational meeting planned for Sunday, March 19, following the morning service. If you have already signed up, or are still thinking about helping, please make sure you are at the meeting on the 19th.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who have already turned in a VBS 2023 survey form. If you are willing to help serve during Vacation Bible School this summer, please turn in one of the survey forms. Copies are available at the Information Center.

Based on surveys already received, our VBS 2023 effort will be in the **evening (6-9pm)** during the week of **July 24-28**.

We are praying there will be many opportunities to impact children and their parents with the gospel. **Please pray! Please serve!**



Church Music Concert, March 11

We have been invited by Monadnock Bible Baptist Church in Rindge, NH (Pastor David Mazza) to join them on **Saturday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.** as they host the mixed ensemble of **Forever Be Sure Music**. The music presented by FBSM is conservative, yet fresh and vibrant.

The concert will last about 90 minutes, and will be followed by a light dinner at the church. Registration is requested. Please communicate your desire to attend to our church secretary, Patty Cordio. We will then communicate as a group with the church. **The church van will be leaving our parking lot at 4:30 p.m.**



Men's Spring Fellowships

This spring we have three men's fellowship times scheduled. We will meet on the 4th Thursday evening, 6:30-8:00 p.m. The dates are **March 23, April 27, and May 25**. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for the Bible study, fellowship, and refreshments.

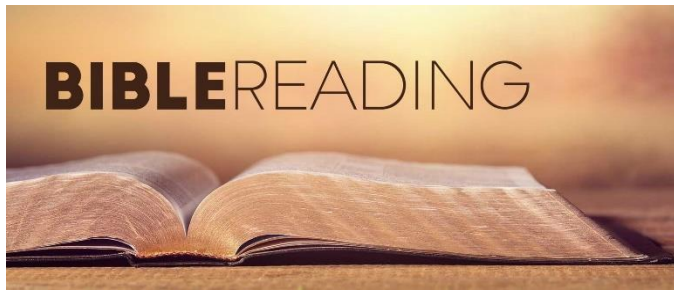


Youth Activity—Bowling & Pizza

On Saturday, March 18, we are holding a youth activity for our teens (gr. 6-12) and any of their friends that would like to join them. We will leave the church at 11:30 a.m. and head over to **Gardner Ten Pins** for bowling. When we are all tired and hungry enough, we will head back to the church for an all-you-can-eat pizza lunch.

Thanks to the generosity of many contributors, there is no cost for the activity. It will be paid for out of our Youth Fund.

If you know a teen that would like to attend, please give them a copy of the attached flier and help them get signed up by contacting the church office. Any questions, please contact Pastor Claude Wiggins or our church secretary, Patty Cordio.



The Letter to the PHILIPPIANS

March 2023—Philippians chapter 1

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)

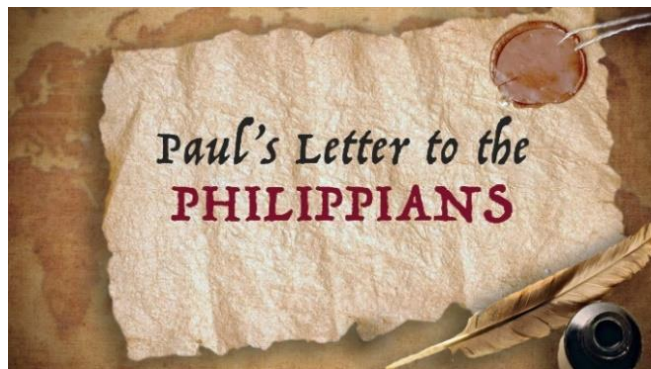
Here is the summary of reading chapters for **March 12-18 (Sun-Sat)**.

Three Sections at a Time:

OT Law, History, Prophets	Numbers 23-36
OT Poetic Books	Psalms 51-55
New Testament	Luke 7-11

Chronological Order

Deuteronomy 3-23



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.

March 5-11

¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

March 12-18

²¹ For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. ²² But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

March 19-25

²³ For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: ²⁴ Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

March 26-April 1

²⁵ And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; ²⁶ That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.



This Weekend: A Preview

- 9:45am Adult Sunday School (Genesis)
- 9:45am Ladies Bible Study (Heaven)
- 10:45am Morning Worship
- 6:00pm Sunday Evening Service

Looking Ahead:

- March 18 Youth Activity bowling & pizza 11:30am
- March 19 VBS Organizational Meeting (after AM)
- March 23 Men’s Fellowship (Thur 6:30pm)
- April 1 Spring Church Work-Day

April 6 Ladies Meeting
April 9 Easter Sunday
April 27 Men's Fellowship (Thur 6:30pm)
April 30 5th Sunday Fellowship
April 30 Q3 Business Meeting (after 5thSF lunch)
May 6 Ladies Luncheon



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 March 5-11:

Morning Service (3/5)— Pastor Wiggins preached from First Timothy 1:12-17, "Fueling a Gospel-Sharing Passion and Commitment." Looking at the testimony of the Apostle Paul, we can see several truths that will cultivate in us a gospel-focused heart and mind. (1) We cling to true gospel gratitude [vs. 12-14]. (2) We understand we are true gospel guides [vs. 15-16]. (3) We embrace that we've been called to true gospel glory [vs. 17].

1 Timothy 1:15-17

15This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 17Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Evening Service (3/5)—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, Rebuilding for God's Glory. In Ezra chapters 5-6 we were reminded of the importance of "Getting to the Finish Line!" What did God use to get His people focused and moving again? (1) A faithful group of prophets (ministers of God's word)

[5:1-2]. (2) A faithful local official [5:3-17]. (3) A powerful foreign king [6:1-12].

Midweek Service (3/8)—We continued our "Prayer in the Early Church" series. Pastor Wiggins taught from Acts 13-14, "Prayer and the Gospel Mission." What creates a healthy environment for growing a missionary spirit? God uses humble, fervent prayer! The church at Antioch was led by a group of faithful, praying men. And the whole church embraced the importance of prayer. While the missionaries, Barnabas and Saul, were on that first missionary journey the believers at Antioch could only imagine what they were facing. When the missionaries returned two years later, they heard first-hand how God had used their prayers in protecting them from danger and prospering them with spiritual fruit.

Acts 14:26-28

...sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode long time with the disciples.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays this month:

March 2 Christine Hoyt
March 6 Betty Longley
March 13 Ross Condon
March 14 Joe Colameta
March 14 David Galvin
March 14 Bill Pearce

Anniversaries this month:

March 22 David & Sherrie Ball

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.

April 9 Easter Sunday

Team: Morrison-Allaire

April 30 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Team: Galvin-Cordio



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