

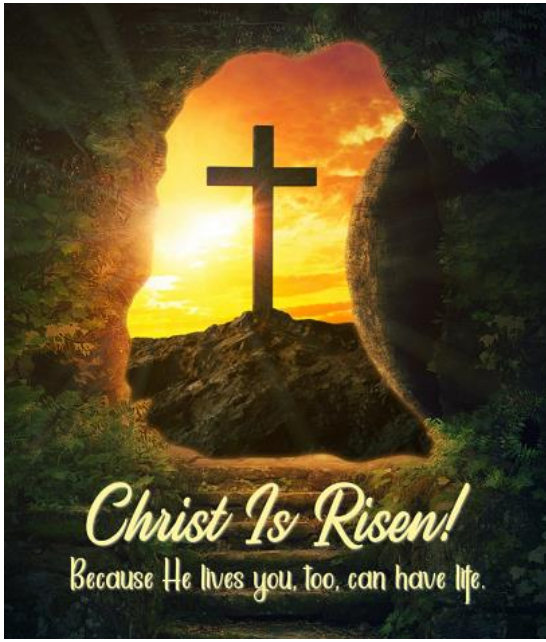
# BEBC NEWS—MARCH 24, 2023

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."



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.

## VBS Youth Outreach 2023

We held our initial VBS organizational meeting on Sunday, March 19, following the morning service. We reviewed basic details about our VBS youth outreach, showed teaching and support materials, and answered many excellent questions.

Our VBS 2023 youth outreach effort will be in the **evening (6-8pm)** during the week of **July 24-28 (Mon-Fri)**. We will be offering the program for three age groups: Beginner (ages 4-5), Primary (gr. 1-3), and Junior (gr. 4-6).



If you are willing to help serve during Vacation Bible School this summer, and have not yet had an opportunity to turn in a survey form, please contact our church secretary, Patty Cordio, or reach out to Pastor Wiggins. At this point, the dates and time are

## 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 host a delicious 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

already set. But we would still love to know the areas in which you would be most interested in helping.

We are praying there will be many opportunities to impact children, older siblings, and their parents with the gospel, and to see young believers grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. **Please pray! Please serve!**



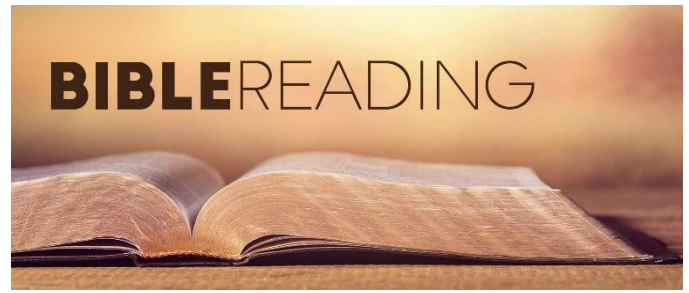
## Men's Spring Fellowships

This spring we have three men's fellowship times scheduled. We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Spring Church Work-Day, April 1

Our upcoming spring church work-day will be held on Saturday, April 1. (Really!) We will have refreshments ready to go by 8:00 am for those willing to get an early start. If 9:00 am or later works better for you, we will still have plenty of tasks to choose from when you arrive.

We have a good mix of indoor and outdoor projects. There will be light cleaning, organizing (inside rooms and outside storage buildings), and other heavier outdoor projects. Feel free to bring the whole family and serve together.



## 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)

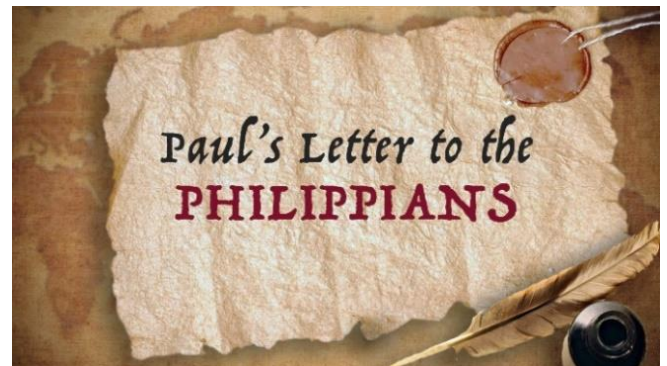
Here is the summary of reading chapters for **March 26-April 1 (Sun-Sat)**.

### **Three Sections at a Time:**

OT Law, History, Prophets	Deuteronomy 15-28
OT Poetic Books	Psalms 61-65
New Testament	Luke 17-21

### **Chronological Order**

Joshua 12-24; Judges 1-7



## 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

## March 2023—Philippians chapter 1

### March 5-11

<sup>19</sup> For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup> 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

<sup>21</sup> For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. <sup>22</sup> 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

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

### March 26-April 1

<sup>25</sup> And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; <sup>26</sup> 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 (1 Timothy)  
6:00pm Sunday Evening Service (Ezra)

### Looking Ahead:

March 23 Men's Fellowship (Thur 6:30pm)  
April 1 Spring Church Work-Day (Sat 8am, or whenever you can arrive)  
April 2 Lord's Supper observance (full-focus evening service)

April 9 Easter Sunday (see pg 1 for schedule)  
April 13 Ladies Meeting  
April 26 Q3 Business Meeting  
April 27 Men's Fellowship (Thur 6:30pm)  
April 30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Luncheon  
May 6 Ladies & Girls Luncheon (Speaker: Holly Christiansen)



### 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 March 12-18:**

**Morning Service (3/12)**—Pastor Wiggins preached from [First Timothy 1:18-20](#), "[Gospel Ministry: Practical Threats and Personal Tragedies.](#)" This passage reminds us of several crucial lessons. (1) The importance of remaining faithful to the Lord [vs. 18-19a]. This is a solemn obligation for every minister and believer. (2) The danger of abandoning faith(fulness) to the Lord [vs. 19b-20a]. There are serious dangers to unbelief and an evil conscience. (3) Finally, the necessity for removal and reclamation of damaged souls [vs. 20b]. This is the sobering responsibility of the local assembly to practice compassionate and consistent church discipline.

**Evening Service (3/12)**—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, Rebuilding for God's Glory. In [Ezra 6:13-22](#), we looked at "[Dedicated to God's Glory.](#)" The Temple was finally completed after many long years. Lessons learned: (1) God had provided, so they BUILT! God had worked through a pagan king, and provided through faithful prophets. The result was that they took decisive obedient action. [vs. 13-15]. (2) God had provided, so they CELEBRATED! There was joyful, obedient and holy worship. [vs. 16-22]. And God received all the glory.

**Midweek Service (3/15)**—Due to the severe winter storm, and the church being without electric power, the service was cancelled.

## **Week of March 19-25:**

**Morning Service (3/19)**—Pastor Wiggins preached from [First Timothy 2:1-7](#), **“Praying People and the Heart of God.”** We were reminded of several crucial principles: (1) **the priority and privilege of prayer.** That includes praying for those we know or know of. It even includes praying for those in positions of civil authority in our culture, whether we like them or agree with them [vs. 1-2a]; (2) **the divine purpose of prayer,** which has a distinctly evangelistic aim [vs. 2b-4]; and (3) **the personal foundation for prayer,** reminding us of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who “gave himself a ransom for all...” [vs. 5-7].

**Evening Service (3/19)**—Pastor Wiggins continued the series, Rebuilding for God’s Glory. In [Ezra 7-8](#), **“It Takes a Team!”** we were reminded of several foundational truths about spiritual teamwork. In those chapters we have the account of a large second group of Jews returning from captivity in Babylon, under the leadership of Ezra, to live and serve in Jerusalem and surrounding Judea. (1) God’s team needs to be a COMMITTED people [7:1-28]; (2) God’s team needs to be a COOPERATIVE and COORDINATED people [8:1-23]; and (3) God’s team needs to be an ACCOUNTABLE people [8:24-36]. If you will, “It takes teamwork to make the dream work!”

**Midweek Service (3/22)**—Pastor Wiggins continued the series Prayer and the Early Church. In [Acts 16](#) we saw **“Insuppressible Prayer”** in the example of Paul and Silas in their work at Philippi. God blessed in so many ways. How passionate and persistent are we in praying for people and the Lord’s powerful work in our midst?

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Luncheon**

**Team: Galvin-Cordio**



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