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THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS

In worship for the first quarter of the year, we're hearing from the prophets of Judah and Israel who challenge God's people to get serious about their relationship with the Lord and to make decisions and commitments that reflect God's priorities of justice, love, and mercy for the poor and needy, the widow and the orphan, and strangers and homeless in their midst. We hear repeated refrains to repent and return to the Lord and not repeat the sins of their ancestors. Sadly, Judah and Israel are often guilty of idolatry, shallow faith, greed, corruption, immorality, lust for power, relying on military might, and political alliances rather than on the Lord. God repeatedly sends prophets to warn the people to change their ways before it's too late.

The concluding section of the Hebrew Bible is known as the Minor Prophets. They're called "minor" because they're much shorter in length than the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

However, the words God spoke through them are still powerful and important for our lives of faith. Jesus quoted several times not only from Isaiah but from Hosea reflecting how he was influenced and shaped by the words of the prophets.

The prophets we'll be hearing from this month include two of the shortest and least well known, Obadiah and Nahum, along with Jonah and Micah. **Obadiah** repeatedly uses the phrase, "you should not have" in describing the sinful behavior of the Edomites in not helping God's people in their time of distress, but in fact, exploiting their hardship. Obadiah speaks to the need for God's people to not stand aside but to be engaged in helping our neighbors.

Jonah is the most reluctant of all the prophets, in fact the word "prophet" doesn't appear in the book. Unlike his more courageous and faithful colleagues like Amos and Jeremiah, Jonah doesn't go to Nineveh as the Lord commands him, he tries to flee from the presence of the Lord. That never works out well. It's hard to flee from the God of the universe. Jonah's attempt to escape from God by sailing west instead of going east is a good reminder for us to pause and to think about the direction of our life.

Micah 6:8 is one of the best one verse summaries of the requirements of a person of faith in the whole Bible: *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

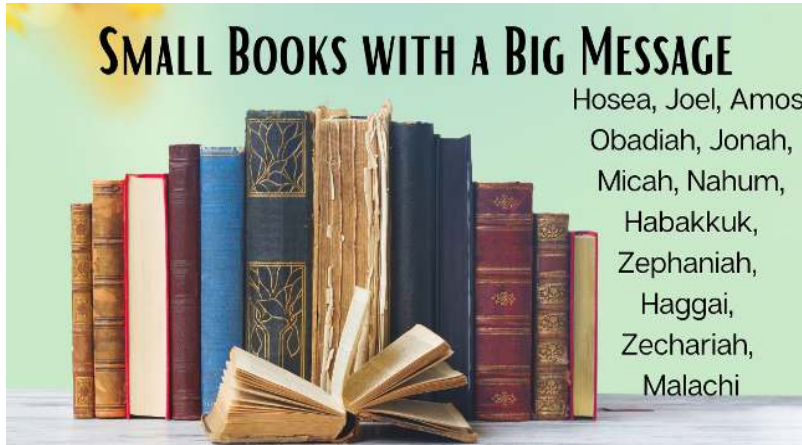
In Jonah, the whole city of Nineveh repents, fasts, and prays, and the Lord changes his mind and doesn't destroy the city. In **Nahum**, about 100 years later, the city of Nineveh is evil, wicked, and

unrepentant. One thing we learn from the prophets is that repentance, forgiveness, and second chances are possible for anyone. However, there also comes a time when, because God is good, God's judgment on evil comes. As **Nahum 1:3** declares, "The Lord is slow to anger but great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty."

I hope our journey through the prophets and their words of conviction and challenge will inspire you in your walk of faith to do what **Hosea 12:6** says, *"But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God."*

Grace and Peace,
Doug Scalise

SMALL BOOKS WITH A BIG MESSAGE



Hosea, Joel, Amos,
Obadiah, Jonah,
Micah, Nahum,
Habakkuk,
Zephaniah,
Haggai,
Zechariah,
Malachi

Please note:
On Monday, February 21, the office will be closed
for Presidents' Day.



Worship in February

Offering two in person services:

8:30 & 10:00 am
 Also Live Streamed

**Series: The Bible —
 A Story of Love,
 Belonging,
 Redemption, and Hope**

Part 5: "Small Books with
 a Big Message"
 (The Minor Prophets)

February 6
"You Should Not Have"
Obadiah 1:10-15

February 13
"Where Are You Going?"
Jonah 1:1-16

February 20
**"What Does the Lord Desire
 of You?"**
Micah 6:8

February 27
"God is Good and Angry"
Nahum 1:1-14



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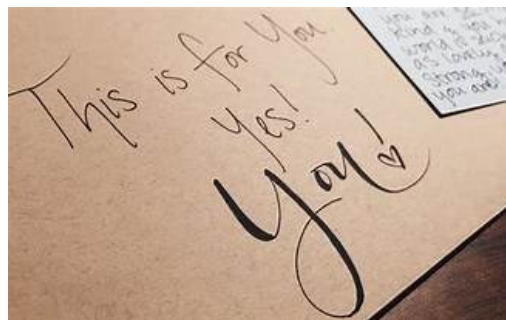
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"February, a form pale-vestured, wildly fair.
One of the North Wind's daughters with icicles in her hair." — **Edgar Fawcett**

February is a wild and wonderful month! A great time to get involved with our Sunday morning worship team (musicians, greeters, flowers, technology, worship leaders), this month presents opportunities for us to encourage each other by our presence.

The gift of presence cannot be overstated, especially in times like this when necessity requires distance, which can also lead to loneliness.

- Find a friend to phone,
- Write a thank-you letter to the Lord,
- Create your own sonnet,
- Sing a new song;



in any one of a hundred days, let the winter of your creativity give way to songs of joy and peals of laughter and thunderous delight.

The Praise Team has a newly created Facebook page so you can share news, be encouraged, and stay connected with updates. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/bbcworshipcapecod> or search on Facebook for "The Beat: BBC Worship Team" and "Like" our page.

In the meantime, we are grateful for your prayers for safety, health, travel, and renewal!
May God bless you as we begin the season of Lent and ever as we wholeheartedly worship and praise the Lord together, day by day.

May God bless you,
Rev. Joe Greemore
Pastor of Worship



RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING AMOUNT

Thank you to everyone for their Christmas Eve contributions to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). BBC collected \$15,000, our largest amount to date for this fund. Thanks for your generosity!

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Please consider joining Martha Dunford, Dwight Ritter, and others in the chapel (due to work being done in the sanctuary) on February 2 and otherwise in the Sanctuary for mid-week prayers on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. It's a great way to make time to listen deeply to the Lord, pray for our church and its leaders, share with others, enjoy engaging community, and grow in spiritual maturity. Don't miss this opportunity for connection. Maybe you could plan to attend at least once a month. Mark your calendar and bring your own pastry to share together afterward to make it a "Prayer and Pastry" Wednesday. If you have questions, please contact Martha Dunford at 508-241-4770 or at marthadunford@comcast.net.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

Please try to attend these upcoming meetings:

- Budget Information Session on Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 am; and
- The Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary (with a snow date of Sunday, March 13).

WE NEED YOU!



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 6
11:15 a.m.

Snow Date: March 13

CHURCH INTERIOR WORK:

The church will be having **some work improvements** (cleaning/painting) done which should finish up in February in the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. This work will occur **during the week from Monday to Friday** until **approximately February 18**.

Groups and events that might have planned to use these spaces during these dates have already been contacted, and most have made plans to meet in other areas at BBC during this time.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Have you ever postponed doing something thinking you'll have time later? I do this frequently. Late last fall when I heard about the death of Colin Powell, I paused. I had been privileged to meet him at a dinner honoring my CEO, George Heilmeier (Bell Communications Research), where I received General Powell's memoirs as a gift. Being a Kindle reader and receiving a hardcover book in excess of 620 pages, the size of the book itself was indeed daunting. I began reading it the day after the news alert. I was hooked and carried that book everywhere, and although it covered many decades, as I got toward the conclusion, I had mixed feelings. The book had become a close friend that took me through the decades of my own life experience, and I didn't want it to end. I want to share with you an excerpt from the book that followed a story about a soldier who was asked if he was afraid on the eve of Desert Storm. He said "no" because his unit was a family and family takes care of one another. General Powell's reaction was:

"It is a metaphor for what we have to do as a nation. We have to start thinking of America as a family. We have to stop screeching at each other, stop hurting one another, and instead start caring for, sacrificing for, and sharing with one another. We have to stop constantly criticizing, which is the way of the malcontent, and instead get back to the can-do attitude that made America." We, as faithful servants of the Lord can be examples of Christian behavior—that beacon that draws people to the church wondering how they can be more like us.

I started thinking that every generation has challenges. Some are wars, economic failures and pandemics. I feel so incredibly blessed to be part of the Brewster Baptist family, and I see incredible generosity and talent among my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am encouraged that we can take care of one another and seek to move continuously forward regardless of the obstacles put in our way, remaining faithful to the Lord and his family of believers.

By the time this is published, you will, God willing, have been able to gather, learn and vote on the recommendations formulated first by a consultant, prayerfully considered, and presented by a collaborative team of members of the Ministry Council and Advisory Council recommending appropriate amendments to our governing documents. I hope you have had the opportunity to express your questions and concerns at an information session. Change is never simple or easy, but it is inevitable. A lot of the changes are geared to protect the church we love, and others to make it more efficient without sacrificing function.

If all goes as planned, my role will transition to the new leadership team, and I will help in that transition in any way that is required. I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding Advisory Council and know that you will continue to question, comment, and inquire after I leave. Please continue to do so, it is your church.

God bless,
Su Ballantine

PS: Colin Powell had 13 rules he kept under the glass on top of his desk:

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
4. It can be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
7. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.



MENTAL WELLNESS: A SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHY A SUPPORT GROUP:

- Open communication with people who are experiencing similar problems creates a connection that is different from the type of support offered by professionals.
- Members act as a support system of compassion. Seeing others who are contending with the same adversity and making progress in their lives is inspiring and encouraging.
- A support group is a safe place for members who need to talk about intensely personal issues, experiences, struggles, and thoughts.
- Talking to others in support groups reduces anxiety, improves self-esteem, and helps manage intense loneliness.
- Support groups spark use of tools helping members to solve their own problems allowing for independence and freedom.

WHO IS WELCOME TO ATTEND:

- Those with mental wellness challenges.
- Family and friends who are in search of ways to support those with mental wellness challenges.

Meeting on **Wednesdays** beginning **February 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm** in Room 101 (beneath the Chapel).
Childcare will be provided.

Contact us at: MentalWellnessBBC@gmail.com or call the Brewster Baptist Church office at 508-896-3381.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT BBC

The American Red Cross Blood Drive returns to Brewster Baptist Church on **Friday, February 25** from **1:00 to 6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Donations of ALL blood types are **DESPERATELY NEEDED!** Avoid the wait by signing up online ahead of time at redcrossblood.org or you can call 1-800-733-2767.

COMMUNITY
**BLOOD
DRIVE**

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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Upcoming Mission Trip to Oceanwood Camp in Maine!

Did you know there is a wonderful facility dedicated to fostering Christianity among both children and adults in beautiful Ocean Park, Maine? Did you know that BBC has been a supporter of this life-changing camp for many years? Join us as we help beautify and improve the camp and its grounds on our first mission trip since 2020—open to families, individuals, young and old. They need our help!

When: April 18-23 (school vacation week!)

Where: Oceanwood Camp, Ocean Park, ME (www.oceanwood.org)

Activities: likely projects will be painting (inside and out), trail maintenance, flooring, and more! Sign-up online or on the church app. An informational meeting will be held in mid-February.

Any questions? Please contact Michelle Scott (203-253-9168).

Registration Link for Mission Trip:

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/306/responses/new>



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ITALIAN NIGHT THANKS

Thank you to all who supported our students during Italian Night. This year, we offered take out as well as dine-in and it was a huge success! We raised over \$1,000 to help our students go to Deep Freeze at Berea. We would like to say a special thank you to the Brewster PTO (pasta), Chef On-Call (meat for the meatballs), and Karen Moore (homemade bread) for their donations that made this meal so delicious!

FEBRUARY STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

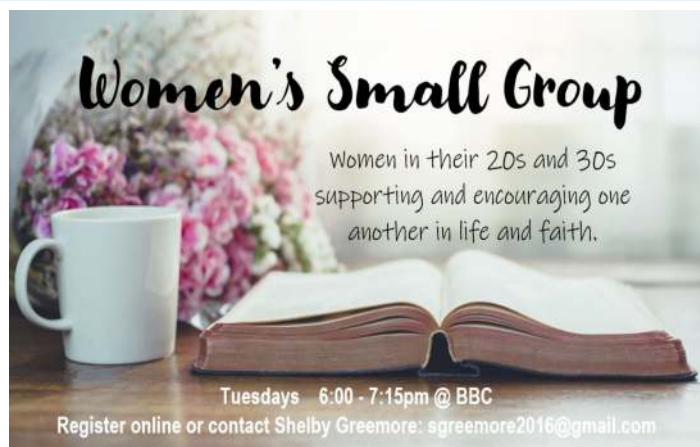
For our regular schedule, we will meet for First and Thirds on February 4 and 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. In Sunday School, we continue to work through the Books of the Bible. On Sunday nights, we have begun Unit 2 of our curriculum, *Simple Truth*, discussing how sin and separation from God impacts our lives. New Students are always welcome, and we're happy to have friends come any time. If you have any questions, please see Sharon or Tim Kautz.

BEREA UPDATE

After speaking with our contacts at Berea, we made the decision to move to the weekend to February 11-13. The cost per student is \$75 and there are scholarships available. There is still time to register, so if you know a student, grade 6-12, who would like to join us, please speak to Sharon or Tim Kautz.

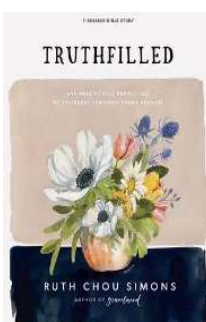


WOMEN'S EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2022



NEW WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

A new weekly small group for women in their 20s and 30s is beginning on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm, starting on **Tuesday, February 1**. This group will meet in the student ministry area. Come join this group of women as they support and encourage one another in life and faith. Register online at: <https://brewsterbaptistchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/307/responses/new> or contact Shelby Greemore.



Mom2 Mom

Mom2Mom resumes in February. We will be doing the study Truthfilled by Ruth Chou Simons. Childcare is provided with registration and new moms are always welcome. For details, please contact Gwyneth Preu at: (610) 680-6675 or via email at gwyneth.jones.preu@gmail.com.

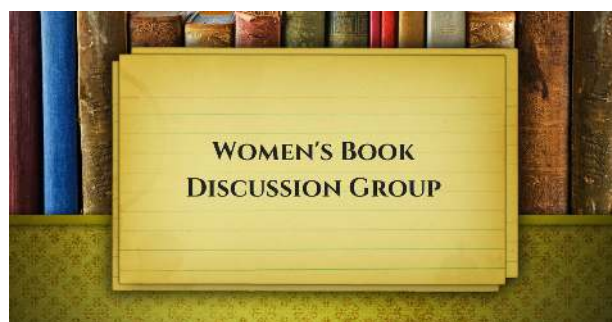
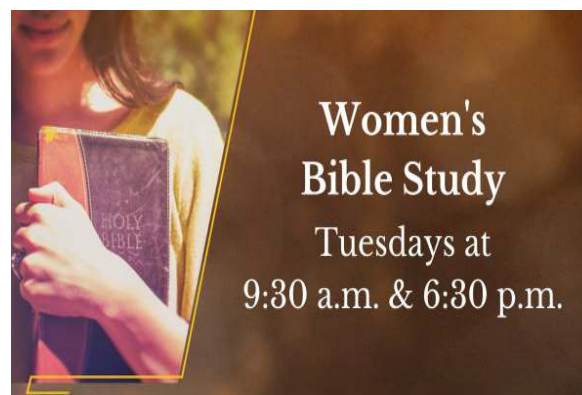


Women's Bible Study

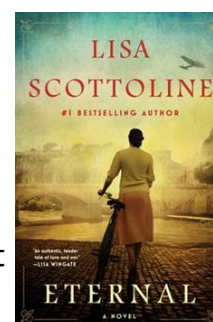
BBC's Women's Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm in the conference room. You may also join the Bible Study on Zoom.

Our primary study this winter will be Dr. David Jeremiah's book, Overcomer, which focuses on God's mighty armor, as described in Ephesians 6. We plan to spend two weeks on each of the six lessons. All women are welcome!



We love to get to know newcomers, and we LOVE to reconnect with those who haven't attended in a while. Zoom is a great option if you are not doing in-person meetings these days.



The Women's Book Discussion Group will meet at BBC on Thursday, February 24 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the book, Eternal by Lisa Scottoline. New members are always welcome! Questions? Please feel free to contact Ann Joffre (annojo@comcast.net).



February 2022 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C CH CR FH S SMA Z Chapel Community Hall Conference Room Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Student Ministry Area Zoom	1 Sanctuary Work 9:30a Women's Bib. CR Z 11a Caring Ministry CH 6-7:15p Wom. Bib. SMA 6:30p Wom. Bib St. CR Z 7p Potter SG L	2 Sanctuary Work 10a Cerasale SG CH 10a Prayer Time C 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scouts Pk 249 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	3 Sanctuary Work 9:30-11a Mom2Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 7p Mission Mtg CH	4 Sanctuary Work 7p Student Ministry First and Thirds SMA	5 11a Palmer Memorial Service S and Reception FH	
6 8:30 & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Chapel 10a Sunday School CH 5p Middle School SMA 6p High School SMA	7 Ceiling Painting 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Staff Mtg 6:30p AA FH 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH	8 Ceiling Painting 9:30a Wom. Bib. St. CR Z 11a Caring Ministry CH 6-7:15p Wom. Bib. SMA 6:30p Women's Bib. CR Z 7p Potter SG L	9 Ceiling Painting 10a Cerasale SG CH 10a Prayer Time S 12p Nauset Garden Club Mtg FH 6p Wellness SG SMA 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scouts Pk 249 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	10 Ceiling Painting 9:30-11a Mom2Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 1p Needlers L 7p Ministry Council CH	11 Ceiling Painting 12:30 pm Berea Trip Departs	
13 Berea Trip 8:30 & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Chapel 10a Sunday School CH	14 Ceiling Painting 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Staff Mtg 6:30p AA FH 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH 7p Deacon Mtg Rm. 101 	15 Ceiling Painting <i>Beacon Deadline</i> 9:30a Wom. Bib. CR Z 11a Caring Ministry CH 6-7:15p Wom. Bib. SMA 6:30p Wom. Bib. CR Z 7p Potter SG L 7p Greece Mtg FH	16 Ceiling Painting 10a Cerasale SG CH 10a Prayer Time S 6p Wellness SG SMA 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scouts Pk 249 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	17 Ceiling Painting 9:30-11a Mom2Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6p Cub Scouts Pk 249 FH	18 Ceiling Painting 7p Student Ministry First and Thirds SMA	
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27 8:30 & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Chapel 10a Sunday School CH 5p Middle School SMA 6p High School SMA	28 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Staff Mtg 6:30p AA FH 6:30p AA Leader Mtg/101 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH	Please note that due to space limitations, this calendar does not list every event, activity, or meeting involving our church community. To schedule an event or to determine if a particular room or space is available, please check with the church office.				

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

- 1 Cody Fougere
- 3 Karen Bohon
Bruce Brady
Boots Hickok
Lorraine Jackman
- 4 Sandra Janson
TJ Miranda
- 5 Dan Jones
JP Cobill
- 6 Rachel Pranga
- 7 Michael Ross
Sharon Kautz
Matthias Fougere
Kevin Jamieson
- 8 Jean Carey
Stephen Jones
Suzanne Christie
- 9 Karen Decker
- 10 Len Greiner
- 11 Evelyn Rencurrel
Andrew Palmer
- 12 Suzanne Ritchie
Wendy Sue Kissa
- 13 Karen Bakanowski
- 14 Marjorie Ammann
- 15 Anabel Brown
- 16 Jackie Reycroft
- 17 Shirley Lindstrom
Jazalynn Henry
Denise Kenney
Gerry Fiore
- 18 Lorraine Donnelly
- 19 Robert Puckett
Andrea Glidden
- 20 Paul Ammann
- 21 Nick Janson
- 23 Tim Kautz
Alice Ryan
- 24 Pat Foot
Martha Dunford
Leslie Leighton
- 25 Bill Carter
- 26 Bob McKenney
Nathan Carr
Stephen Rochette
Elsa Scott
- 27 Alan Jenkins
William Doherty
- 28 Arlene Lavelle
Janelle Carreiro
Leslie Price

Anniversaries

- 3 Richard and Ann Wolf
- 4 Frank and Susan Ballantine
- 5 Alfred and Karen Faria
- 7 Roger and Ann Conover
- 14 John and Doreen Mayer
David and Barbara Grandel
- 19 Van and Lynn Latham



Flowers for Worship

To donate flowers in Honor/Memory of a person or event, sign up on the Flower Chart in the entryway to the Parking Lot.

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