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Sabbatical Reflections

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

As I write these words, I'm sitting at the table in what we call the Great Room at our family's cottage in Ocean Park, Maine. My 91-year-old father is in the same room at his desk, writing on his laptop as well. I'm in the final weeks of my sabbatical and I can say that the last three months have been enlightening, educational, enjoyable, and emotional. Life always brings the unexpected and the longer I live the more I'm coming to believe that uncertainty is the only certainty. You never know what a day or a week may bring, for good or for ill, that can and does change your life.

I want to express my gratitude to the Leadership Council, the entire staff and especially my pastoral colleagues David Pranga and Joe Greemore who picked up the most responsibility, our lay leaders, and all of you who are BBC for carrying on the ministry and granting us this gift of time away. It has been fruitful.

For my first three sermons beginning on July 30th, I'm going to share some of my reflections and what I've learned and experienced on my sabbatical that hopefully will also provide some perspective and some ideas for all of us for our life and faith.

Without giving away too much, I'll say that each of my three sabbaticals has been different. This is the first one during which we became grandparents. Caleb Nathan Scalise was born on 13 April, and it's been a joy to be able to be with our grandson and his parents Nathan and Zoe once a month. I also picked my dad up at Logan Airport on June 27th and spent more than two weeks with him in Maine. The photograph on this page is the first in our family with four generations of Scalise men. It

was very meaningful for our family for my dad to meet Caleb.

Perhaps because Jill and I have been a part of BBC for 28 years, we found we increasingly missed being with our sisters and brothers in Christ at BBC whom we love and are such a part of our lives. We've missed being part of this special community and look forward to being fully engaged again. We also have grieved with the many families who have lost loved ones while we've been away. We have seen the prayer concerns and heard from many of you who are grieving and our hearts ache with yours.



Over the last three months, we visited churches on the Cape on the few Sundays we were here. We also worshiped at the largest church in Maine and Georgia. We attended very contemporary churches, very traditional churches, and spent two nights at Koinonia Farm, a Christian community in Americus, Georgia. I was blessed to preach at the church in Wethersfield, CT where Nathan serves as Director

of Contemporary Worship, at the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, MA where Greg is the pastor, and in Ocean Park, ME with my dad and Greg also participating. It was meaningful to share these experiences with our family.

I feel tremendously blessed in so many ways, to be married to my wonderful wife, Jill, to be part of a family with four generations of Christian service, to witness and be encouraged by what God is doing in churches near and far, and to have the chance to be part of what God is doing in and through BBC in the coming years. I'm excited about the future and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Doug Scalise

PAN-MASS CHALLENGE AUGUST 5-6, 2023

We will be having both of our regular services at 8:30 and 10:00 am. Please watch out for riders as you go to and come from church. The busiest time for riders coming by will be before the 8:30 am service. Anyone is welcome to come join us in cheering on the riders before the 8:30 am service.

Pan-Mass Sunday August 6



Please watch for riders
as you come to church.

Anyone is welcome to come out
and cheer on the riders
before the 8:30 service!



Thank you
for your
generosity!

We raised
over
\$11,600!!

Worship in August 8:30am & 10:00 am

Series: Sabbatical Reflections

August 6

"Becoming More Like Jesus"

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

"Being Open to the Spirit"

Romans 8:26-39, John 16:7-15

August 20

"Christian Shamelessness"

2 Timothy 1:8-18

Greg Scalise Preaching

Series: Important Choices

August 27

"Who Do You Say Jesus Is
(and Why It Matters)?"

Matthew 16:13-20

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BBC Home to Local Artists: Profile of an Artist

Our church is home to several talented, pioneering artists. Earlier this year, Ellen Summey featured her artwork in the BBC narthex following a sermon series by Pastor Doug. Steve Gimmi shares his artistic creations with friends and family and would be happy to share his latest work. Steve Chapman and Mitch Summey have the gift of glasswork among other skills, and their artistry extends into many more spheres of creativity. We have many more artists in our midst than often we realize! One such artist who calls BBC home is also an individual who has volunteered her time in the BBC office, with seasonal events, and in worship. Paula David was recently featured in Cape Cod Life's Art Annual.

Paula David has experienced success at the highest levels in the corporate world. She finds refuge for her soul, times of renewal, and creative expression in her life on Cape Cod. She is also a featured artist at Gallery 31 here on the Cape in Orleans. Some of her creations are featured at Gallery 31 (weblink: [Paula David — Gallery 31 Fine Art \(gallery31capecod.com\)](http://PaulaDavid—Gallery31FineArt/gallery31capecod.com))



Paula's artwork is inspired in part by her childhood visits to Cape Cod, celebrating the holidays here and enjoying local fare. During her retirement here, she has skillfully developed her own artistic voice and style shared both through oil and pastel. Her love of Cape Cod and living here is now expressed through the stories told by her paintbrush. Landscapes, seascapes, and lifescapes all take turns coming to brilliant, vibrant life in the hours she spends in her studio and are enhanced by her conversations with neighbors and friends. Paula finds unique expression in the constantly changing landscape of the Brewster Flats. Its happy, flowing shapes and forms inform her interpretation of what she encounters there. **It is now on display at Wildflower Pottery in Brewster.**

We are grateful for Paula and for all of our gifted artists who are inspired by God's creativity and gifted with skills they can share to bless others.

by Joe Greemore

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Registration now open! at brewsterbaptistchurch.org

Stellar VBS is going to be full of Bible adventures, games, music, snacks, hugs, high-fives, and sciency-fun "wows." But we're doing more than simply entertaining kids. We have a powerful purpose at the heart of every single activity:

Helping kids experience Jesus' love.

So sign up your kids, grandkids, invite the whole neighborhood!
We look forward to having everyone join us for amazing week of
Shining Jesus' Light together!

Check out the VBS page on the BBC website for a video preview!

Want to volunteer?

Email Shelby at bbckids@brewsterbaptistchurch.org for more information.

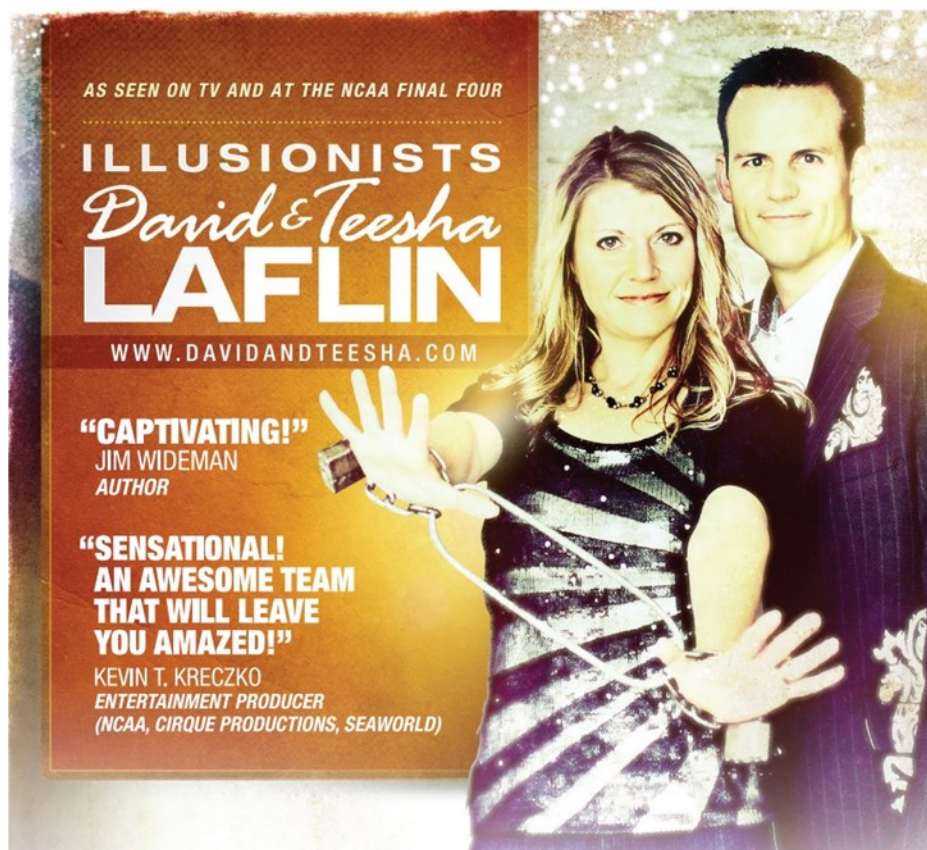


Save the Date!

Free Friday Night Event for ALL AGES

August 18, 6:30pm

Brewster Baptist Church



Illusionists David and Teesha Laflin: Christian Entertainers with a Passion for Ministry

David and Teesha Laflin are internationally recognized illusionists. They have entertained and inspired audiences all over the world through their unique blend of both classic and cutting edge illusions. Their programs have been featured at the NCAA Final Four, on TV, at Indofest in Indonesia, and at conferences and conventions all over the world.

The Laflins have performed at a wide range of venues, from churches with a regular attendance of 25,000+ to churches of less than 100. David has also shared his expertise in illusions on the TEDx stage. David and Teesha are featured in this year's Group VBS "Stellar" and will be here at Brewster Baptist in person on **Friday evening, August 18 at 6:30pm**. Invite all your friends to join us in the sanctuary for a night of fun, laughter, and great entertainment for the whole community as we learn more about God's love for us from the Laflins.

AUGUST EVENTS

BBC's Wednesday Walks

August 2 at 8:30 a.m. at Rte 137 & Underpass Rd.



This Wednesday will be our last BBC walk for the summer. Join us August 2 at 8:30 a.m. to walk and talk for about 40 minutes. We will meet at the rail trail parking lot across from Ferretti's located at the intersection of Rte. 137 and Underpass Rd.

Please let Gwyn know if you would be interested in continuing these walks again in September and October at gpreu@brewsterbaptistchurch.org.

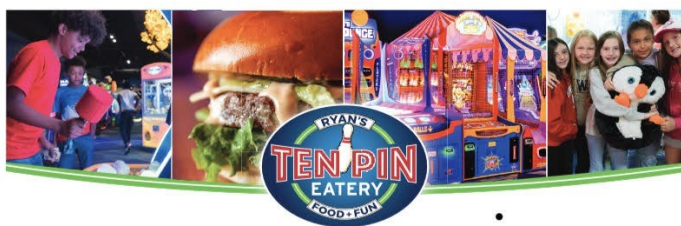
Thank you to everyone who joined our first **Summer Worship Night**. Our next one will be this **Thursday, August 3, at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Make it a great Thursday evening with the worship team.

Here's a note from multi-keyboard guru, Marty Ahljianian: "Hi Friends – if you're anywhere near Cape Cod, you can hear some of the best rock and indie musicians in the region – for FREE – on Thursday night (August 3) at 7:00 pm!! Mitch Summey, guitar wizard of Red River Band; Marvin Dolinger, incredible multi-instrumentalist of SummerTown Cape Cod's Band; Russ Huber, who adds thunderous bass; the Keith Moon/John Bonham, Frank DeStefano; and many, many more talented musicians. They'll be bringing rock stylings to today's award-winning Christian hits at Brewster Baptist Church in a night of musical fusion. Don't miss it!!"



We hope to see you there. Bring a friend!





RYAN'S TEN PIN EATERY WILL DONATE 20%

of food, beverage and game card* sales
back to the organization.

Excluding taxes and gratuity

**The Covenant to Care for Foster Families
Program FUNdraiser
at Ryan's Ten Pin Eatery**

Thursday, August 10th • 5pm-8pm

Email the church office for the special event voucher.

Brewster Baptist Church Food Pantry has been selected by the Store Leadership Team to receive \$1 from every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of August 2023 at:

**Stop & Shop
Rt. 39 and Rt. 137, Harwich MA**



STOP & SHOP BLOOMIN' FOR GOOD

August 2023
East Harwich S&S

To Benefit
Brewster Baptist
Church Caring
Cupboard Food
Pantry

BBC Playground Meetups!



Playground meetup on Thursday,
August 31 at 3:30 p.m.



SUPPORT AND CARE GROUP

**Care Group for
Family Members of
LGBTQ+ Individuals**



Embracing
The Journey

Contact David and
Deb Quinones
for more information

A **Care Group for Family Members of LGBTQ Individuals** is offered on the **2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** We are growing and would love for more to join us! We meet at David & Deb Quinones' home. This group is open to all, both within and outside of BBC. For more information contact David at quinonesdb@gmail.com (508-277-5851) or Deb at dsmittyq2@gmail.com (508-561-5022).



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HOLIDAY FAIR

Online Silent Auction Oct 6 - 15

Holiday Fair Nov 4 from 9 am - 3 pm

The 19th Annual Holiday Fair and Silent Auction is Happening This Fall and We Need Your Help!

The Holiday Fair is BBC's primary fundraiser in support of our Cape Cod community and is made up of two events: the Online Silent Auction and the in-person Fair.

Our church family comes together to show God's love in practical ways for our neighbors in need. All Fair earnings go *directly* to charities helping others in our local area. Since our first Fair 18 years ago, **BBC has donated over half a million dollars (\$526,000) to local Cape charities**, helping those that need it most. Charities that will receive this year's Fair proceeds will be announced soon.

The Holiday Fair Kicks Off with the Online Silent Auction on October 6 - 15. Your ideas, time, donations, and talents are needed to make the Silent Auction and the in-person Fair a success.

Here are some ways you can help:

- ★ **VOLUNTEER!** Numerous volunteers are needed to run the Silent Auction and the Fair. Here's the current list of volunteer needs; the list will be updated in future Beacon articles:
 - ★ Volunteer Coordinator
 - ★ Silent Auction Tech Team
 - ★ Social Media Lead
 - ★ Internal Communications Lead
 - ★ Attic Treasures Shop Lead
 - ★ Bistro Chef
 - ★ Join a Shoppe team, assist with set-up, or work at the Fair. Sign-ups for these needs will begin in September.
- ★ **Donate to the Silent Auction** – a weekly stay in a cottage, a restaurant gift certificate, sports tickets, boating trips, autographed sports memorabilia, a week-end at a Bed and Breakfast, a round of golf, a membership, fully assembled / wrapped gift baskets, or concert tickets. Gift certificates (expiration dates 2024 and after) are accepted any time; bring to the church office.
- ★ **Jewelry** is also accepted anytime – necklaces, pins, bracelets, earrings, old, new, real (even and ESPECIALLY broken 14k gold pieces) or gorgeous fakes, plus handbags. Please contact Linda Dunphy lgdunphy@comcast.net or leave in the Holiday Fair mailbox.
- ★ **Make and donate to the Farm Stand, Bake, Craft, Dried / Silk Flower or Knit Shoppes** – cookies, candy, jam / relish, crafts, knits, fabric arts, floral arrangements or wreaths. We also need coffee cans for cookies. **Plan to bring these items to the Church the week of the Fair.**

- ★ **Donate your Attic Treasures** – saleable items in good condition or better, **the week of the Fair.**

Holiday Fair Steering Team: Paula David, Lead; Jean Holm; Barry Hutchison; Bob Lindquist; Chuck MacMillin; Jill Scalise

For questions or to volunteer, contact:

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Why Pray?

By Martha Dunford

If God is omnipotent, and His will is supreme, why pray? No matter how much we beg God, we cannot change His will. You see, God loves us and wants to do His will through us. Our responsibility is to seek God's will. When we pray, we find out what is on God's heart, and then we partner with Him in building His kingdom here on Earth. Prayer is not a form of religion, but a power. In the words of Harry Emerson Fosdick, "*Prayer really does things. It cannot change God's intention, but it does change God's action.*" There are some things God will not do until His people pray. When we work with God through prayer, we usher in a fresh, new move of spiritual life. His people yield and allow God to work through them. The greater saints learned the Christian walk was not what they could do for God, but what God could do through them when given the opportunity. This requires us to be humble and pliable in the hands of God.

Let us make prayer a priority in our homes, churches, small groups, Bible studies, and individual lives. In doing His will, we will usher in a newness of life.



We Are Looking for YOU!

The Christian Men's Lunch Committee is looking for all of BBC's men and women veterans. On Monday, November 13 at noon at the church our luncheon will honor all who served our Nation. The committee cordially invites men and women vets to attend.

May we have your name and military service so we can give you a personal invitation? Please email the church office bbc@brewsterbaptistchurch.org.

Name:

Service: (Specify Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine)

Phone:

August 2023 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11a Caring Ministry CH 6:30p Potter Small Group CR	2 8:30a Wednesday Walk 10a Prayer Time S 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Praise Team S	3 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 11a Gotti Memorial S 6:30p Women's AA CH 7p Mission Team CR 7p Summer Worship S	4 9a Bulletin Team CR	5 11a Vincent Memorial - S
6 8:30/10:00a Worship PAN MASS CHALLENGE 8:30a Children's Worship C 9-10:30a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CH 2p VBS Volunteer Meeting	7 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Church staff mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH 7:30p AA FH	8 11a Caring Ministry CH 12p LOCAL lunch OS 6:30p Potter Small Group CR	9 10a Prayer Time S 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Praise Team S	10 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 1p The Needlers Lounge 2p Bicentennial Mtg CR 6:30p Women's AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Group	11 9a Bulletin Team CR	12
13 8:30/10:00a Worship 8:30a Children's Worship C 9a Blood Pressure Clinic FH 9-10:30a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CH	14 VBS 9a-12p 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Church staff mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH 7p Deacon Mtg Rm 101 7:30p AA FH	15 VBS 9a-12p 11a Caring Ministry CH 6:30p Potter Small Group CR	16 VBS 9a-12p 1p Meditation Garden Team 6p Praise Team S	17 VBS 9a-12p 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Women's AA CH	18 VBS 9a-12p 9a Bulletin Team CR 6:30p Family event Illusionist Performance S/FH	19
20 8:30/10:00a Worship 8:30a Children's Worship C 9-10:30a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CH	21 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Church staff mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH 7:30p AA FH	22 11a Caring Ministry CH 6:30p Potter Small Group CR	23 10a Prayer Time S 1p Meditation Garden Team 6p Praise Team S	24 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 1p The Needlers Lounge 6:30p Women's AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Gr-OS 7p Leadership Mtg LC/MC FH	25 9a Bulletin Team CR 11a-6p Red Cross Blood Drive FH	26
27 8:30/10:00a Worship 8:30a Children's Worship C 9-10:30a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CH	28 7:30a Men's Bible Study CR 9:30a Church staff mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Men's Bible Study CH 6:30p AA Leader Mtg Rm 101 7:30p AA FH	29 11a Caring Ministry CH 6:30p Potter Small Group CR	30 10a Prayer Time S 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Praise Team S	31 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 3:30p Playground Meet- up 6:30p Women's AA CH		

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

1	Doug Bernard
	Peter Deegan
	Hilary Hickok
2	Michelle Moore
3	Jackson Piebes
4	Nathan Scalise
	Paula David
5	Beverly Tenhor
6	Carol Erikson
7	Thomas McLaughlin
	David Quinones
8	Samantha Kautz
10	Margaret Shanahan
	Cathy Thomas
11	Susan Ballantine
	Stephen Ryan
13	Bob Carreiro
	Judy Ireland
	Reese Daley
	Gabriel Diaz-Collazos
	Kym Eldridge
14	Rosa Wright
	Donna Betts
15	Debra Bassett
	Jennifer Bayuk
16	Mary Jo Gregory
17	Dave Olsen
	Tyree Norman-Fougere

18	Dudley Blanchard
	Marvin Dolinger
19	Carol Wister
	Doug Smith
	Rhea Walley
20	Joyce Hossfeld
	Jennifer Wilson
	Fred Love
	David Keeler
21	Penny Vincent
	Christine McNeil
22	Dorothy Linnell
	Marilyn Morrow
23	Mary Catherine O'Brien
	Christian Coffey
24	Sarah Kemp
26	Will Olean
27	Elizabeth Jayes
	Tim Covell
	Tristan Norman-Fougere
28	Patricia Lindquist
	Linda Hutchinson
29	Carter Mello
	Joe Greemore
30	Kathy Estes
31	Joe Williams
	Brad Francisco

Anniversaries

1	David and Christy Pranga
	Peter and Frances Polhemus
2	Ramzy and Nancy Asfour
3	Paul and Marjorie Ammann
6	William and Mary Lou McElmurray
12	Nathan and Zoe Scalise
14	Joe and Helen Williams
15	Vincent and Lisa Vitale
16	Ray and Bettie Garrison
17	Doug and Nancy Smith
18	Edward and Dorothy Valinski
19	Robert and Dorothy Linnell
	Joseph and Sandra Henry
23	Dwight and Jo Ann Ritter
	Ernest and Audrey Vermont
24	Robert and Sue Cottrell
	Jason and Carmela Lussier
26	Dan and Alice Ryan
	Robert and Karen Williams
	George and Eileen Vermilyea
27	Scott and Kristi Tyldesley
	Doug and Cindy Caldwell
	Greg and Marci Scalise
28	Bob and Nancy Smith
29	David and Sandy Light
31	Bob and LeAnne Carreiro

Bicentennial Planning Team's



Question of the Week

The Bicentennial Planning Team wants to learn all they can about BBC and people's experiences here. So we're asking for your help! For the rest of the year, we will be sending out a Question of the Week in the Buzz, also included in the bulletin and church app.

We're hoping these questions will prompt you to think about experiences you've had at BBC and share them with us. Everyone may not have an answer to every question, but we ask you to please take some time to answer at least some of them.

If you'd like to think ahead, here are the questions for August:

8/4: Share about something funny that happened to you at BBC.

8/11: Have you ever been a part of Vacation Bible School at BBC? Let us know when and share a fun story and/or let us know how it impacted you.

8/18: Did you attend BBC as a child? Tell us your favorite memory from that time.

8/25: Were you a part of our youth group or student ministry? What was your role in that and what are some stories you have from those times?



July reunion of a BBC Youth Group from the late 70s.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 2: Last Wednesday Walk of the Summer
Aug 3: Summer Worship
Aug 6: Pan Mass Challenge Sunday
Aug 14-18: Stellar Vacation Bible School
Aug 18: Illusionists David and Teesha Laflin