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Foundational Beliefs

As the days lengthen and more people join us on Cape Cod, we will continue our worship series *Rooted in Faith*, exploring foundational Baptist beliefs and how they shape the way we live, worship, and witness to the world. I invite you to journey with us through scripture and tradition to rediscover and reflect on the deep roots of our faith.

June 1 – "Can One Meal Really Change Everything?" We begin the month at the Lord's Table, remembering the meal that changed history. In *Matthew 26:26-30*, Jesus shares bread and cup with His disciples, instituting what we now call

Communion. The Lord's Supper is a powerful symbol — a public declaration of our unity in Christ, our remembrance of His sacrifice, and our hope in His return. It's a moment of shared faith, rooted in grace. One meal, when taken in

faith, really can change everything.

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Our theme will be, "What If You Could Start Over?" In *John 3:1-8* and *Romans 6:1-11*, we're reminded that spiritual rebirth is not just possible, it's essential. Baptists believe in a personal, transformative relationship with Jesus. Through faith, and the Spirit's work, we are made new. This is more than a second chance; it's a new beginning entirely.

June 15 (Father's Day) "What If You Are a Priest?" This week, we explore a bedrock Baptist conviction: the *Priesthood of All Believers (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10).* We believe

that every believer has direct access to God
— no human mediator is required. You don't
need a title or collar to minister to others.
Whether you're a father, friend, student, or
neighbor, you are called and equipped to
serve as Christ's representative in the world.

June 22 – "Whose Image Do You Bear?" Pastor Nate Ryan will share a sermon based on *Mark 12:13-17*, where Jesus reminds us that while we live in the world, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Baptists have long upheld the *Separation of Church and State* — not to exclude faith from public life, but to protect the freedom of conscience for

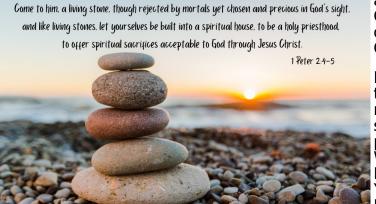
all people. We bear God's image, and our loyalty is first to God's Kingdom.

Finally; on June 29, to close out the month and the series, I'll be preaching on, "What Will You Do with the Freedom God Gave You?" The Apostle Paul emphasizes

that freedom is not for self-indulgence, but for service (*Romans 14:5-12; Galatians 5:1, 13-15*). As Baptists, we cherish freedom — not just religious liberty, but the freedom Christ gives to live responsibly, lovingly, and faithfully. True freedom means taking ownership of our lives, and choosing, every day, to follow Jesus.

Join us this June as we deepen our roots and grow together in faith. Each Sunday builds on the last, reminding us who we are, what we believe, and why it matters. It's a joy to be journeying forward in faith with you.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Doug Scalise



The church office will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.



Worship in

June

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Series:

Rooted in Faith: What Baptists Believe

June 1

"Can One Meal Really Change Everything?" Matthew 26:26-30

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

"What If You Could Start Over?" John 3:1-8; Romans 6:1-11

June 15

"What if You Are a Priest?"

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

June 22

"Whose Image Do You Bear?" Mark 12:13-17 Pastor Nate Ryan, preaching

June 29

"What Will You Do with the Freedom God Gave You?" Romans 14:5-12; Galatians 5:1, 13-15

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Rev. Joe Greemore
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

The good news is that BBC is off to a strong start in our stewardship giving in 2025, and our total expenses are lower than expected. The following numbers are through May 15, 2025. BBC's stewardship income is 8% greater than it was last year at this time, and we have received more than we anticipated in our budget. As of May 15, BBC has received \$593,000, and we only budgeted \$554,000. This is fantastic! Thank you so much for giving to the mission of our church! Overall, expenses are down in all five areas of our budget (payroll, operations, ministry, outreach, and missions). So far this year, BBC has only spent \$525,000. The church is entering summer in a financially strong place.

Missions have always been a high priority at BBC, represented in our annual budget and through our designated and special offerings. BBC surpassed our goal for the America For Christ Offering, as we received \$13,626. As of mid-May, the Deacon Assistance Fund has received \$22,656! A \$10,000 gift was given to support the Clemmers, who are missionaries working in Congo. Praise God!!! BBC has also received over \$15,000 for the "Feed My Starving Children" initiative. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed this year!

If you would like to learn more about donating online, or donating stock, please contact Pastor David Pranga or Treasurer, David Wilcock.

Worship in June

Worship Pastor Joe Greemore and his wife Shelby who share their gifts in worship are on Sabbatical through the second Sunday of August. We want to express our thanks to Chris Morris, Jennie Ryan, and our faithful anddevoted vocalists and instrumentalists who serve on Sunday mornings and lead us in the worship and who are doing more while Joe and Shelby are enjoying blessed time off with their family.



STUDENT MINISTRY

On May 4, many of our students walked with other members of our church in the Brewster in Bloom parade, celebrating the joys that warm weather, beautiful flowers, and the love of friends and family bring our Brewster community.



the world.

We also had a blast at our annual messy game step-up night on May 18, where we welcomed those who will be rising sixth graders next fall into our ministry. We enjoyed pizza and wacky games to celebrate the occasion.

We are also incredibly proud of our students for participating in our church-wide, Cape-wide missions project "Feed My Starving Children" on the weekend of May 30. It was amazing to see our students selflessly offer their time to do such a qualitative good for families around the world for whom hunger is a daily struggle. In all, 101,000 meals were packed. It's incredible to see what is possible when the Body of Christ works together under a common mission and goal. It can change

This has been a wonderful school year for our Student Ministry, and we celebrate the work God is doing in growing their seeds of faith. Sunday, June 15, will be our final Youth Group evening before the summer. We will have First and Thirds on Friday, June 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (We will not meet on June 6, due to Nauset Graduation.) We invite any and all of our

students to come be a part of the fun!

And finally, we would like to distinctly recognize the graduation milestone of Elizabeth Pranga, who will be graduating from Nauset Regional High School on Friday, June 6. She will be heading off to the University of Wisconsin to study engineering in August. If you see her, make sure you give her a warm congratulations! She's made us all very proud.





SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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As we prepare for the summer season here at BBC, we celebrate the good work God is doing in shaping the hearts of our congregation into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our hope that by growing together, living life together, encountering God's Word together, and worshipping together, we might conform to become the full Body of Christ, equipped for every good work to change the world by the power of His Spirit.

Many of our small groups will be taking a break over the summer, but this does not mean it is too late to join a small group. Many WILL be meeting over the summer months, so if you're interested in joining a small group, feel free to reach out to Pastor Nate, Nancy and Ramzy Asfour, or the church office, and we can get you plugged in.

During the summer, there is also another exciting opportunity we would like to put on your

radar. BBC's showing of the acclaimed biopic of Jesus' life "The Chosen" will be returning on Thursday nights. Beginning June 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Kevin Byrne and Pastor Nate will be screening each episode of the newest season, followed by a discussion afterward. We encourage any and all who are interested to come and be a part of learning a little bit more about Jesus. We all could certainly use it!



We are also gauging potential interest for a special summer course offering, "Helping the Hurting," to help better equip people to recognize and interpret the signs of mental health struggle. Helping hurting people requires compassion and intentional training. Retired pastor, Army Chaplain, and BBC member, Rev. Dr. "Lee" Vermont, have offered to lead five distinct classes to better assist BBC leaders and others in 90 minute interactive sessions on the following subjects:

Communication/Listening Skills, Coping with Stress and Depression, Controlling Anger, Suicide Prevention — Connecting to Save Lives, and Understanding Grief and its Traumatic Aftermath.

Please consider attending and participating in these sessions in order to be more prepared for God to use YOU. If you would be interested in such a course, please fill out the information form on our church website or contact the church office.



EVENTS

Join us as we cheer on the BBC Softball Team, playing in the Cape Cod Evangelical Church Softball League. It is a great time of fun and fellowship!!

BBC SOFTBALL SEASON

All games begin at 6:00 p.m.

June 6 - Nye Park - 6 Chester Street, North Falmouth

June 13 - Johnny Kelly Field - 180 Old Bass River Road, South Dennis

June 20 - Peter Homer Park - 144 Old Town House Road, West Yarmouth

June 27 - Sandy Pond - 482 Buck Island Road, West Yarmouth

July 11 - Johnny Kelly Field - 180 Old Bass River Road, South Dennis

July 18 - Potential Playoffs - Location TBD July 25 - Potential Playoffs - Location TBD

Support the BBC Team as they



walk for hope — Support the BBC Team as they walk for hope on June 1 at 1:00 p.m. at MidCape in Orleans. Housing is the foundation. Donations can be made at www.hacwalkforhope.org.

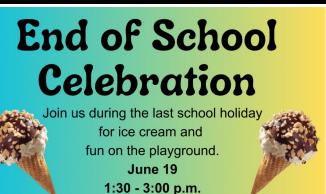
hacwalkforhope.org

BBC's Wednesday Walks: We are starting our Wednesday Walks! Join us on **June 4 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Underpass Road and Rte. 137 Rail Trail parking lot, across from Ferretti's. We will walk and talk for about 45 minutes. Wednesday Walks are planned for the first Wednesday of each month, through October. All generations are welcome to join us! Contact Gwyneth Preu with any questions.





"The Chosen" starts on Thursday, June 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Community Hall. We will be screening each episode of the 5th season of "The Chosen", the acclaimed biopic journey through the life and ministry of Jesus. For the first two weeks we will screen the last two episodes of Season 4 as a refresher. We will start Season 5 on June 19. Join us for the viewing, and for the discussion that follows, as we unpack the scenes from each episode.



Ice Cream Meet-up on the Playground End of School Celebration!

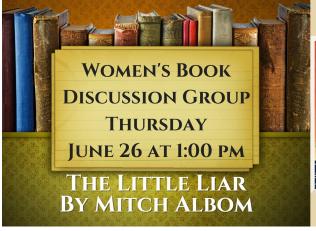
Join us during the last school holiday for ice cream and fun on the playground on **Thursday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m**.

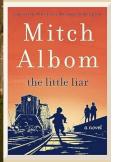
The Good Times Ice Cream Truck will arrive at 2:00 p.m.

Join us as Rev. Patti Ricotta shares about her experiences with **Life Together International** this past January, and celebrate all the work that has been done through this ministry over the years.

On June 24, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation at 7:00 p.m.







The **Women's Book Discussion Group** will meet on Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. This month, we will be discussing "The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom.

All women are welcome to join at any time.

The **Christian Men's Luncheon** will be on Thursday, June 26, at Noon in Fellowship Hall.

Please register in advance.

The cost for lunch is \$20.

Invite a friend! Guests are free.



CELEBRATIONS



Above: Brewster in Bloom

Below: Mom 2 Mom Brunch and Nauset High School Senior Athlete Appreciation Night





Thank you from the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Leadership Team!

Hundreds of BBC members volunteered to pack meals, donated funds, invited friends and family, and prayed for the event, the partner organizations, and the hungry children.

You're saving lives and helping build communities around the world. All progress starts with food. Thank you for turning hunger into hope with your own two hands.

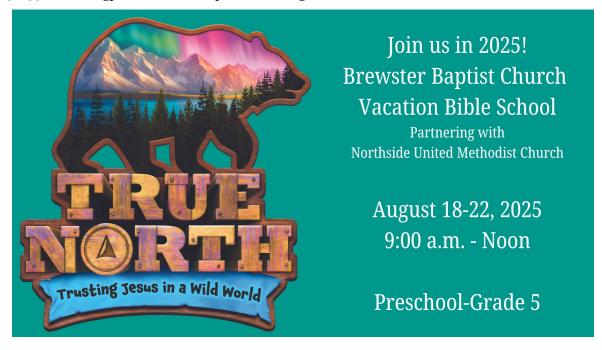








FAMILY MINISTRY



BBC will be hosting "True North" Vacation Bible School this summer from August 18-22 in partnership with Northside United Methodist Church!

We are so excited to welcome children from the community into our church to learn about God's love and grow their faith! The kids will learn about the love of God in a wild world, and be pointed towards Jesus as their "True North". There will be Bible Adventures, games, snacks, scripture learning, songs, and more fun as we trek together through this Alaskan adventure week.

Registration will open on June 1 for kids from preschool through those completing fifth grade, on the BBC website. Go to the "Connect" tab and click on the link for Vacation Bible School. **VBS will run August 18-22 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,** with a celebration lunch after the closing program on Friday the 22nd.

As our church opens its doors to kids from the community, we need your help! We already have a great group who are planning to be station leaders and engage the kids as they rotate through different activities. We need Crew Leaders who will be assigned a group of 5-6 kids who they will guide through the stations. No preparation work is needed for this role, just a love for kids and availability during the week. Please talk with Gwyneth Preu or email her at gpreu@brewsterbaptistchurch.org if you are interested. If you would like to volunteer but can't commit to the whole week, we will need help with the closing program lunch (set up, clean up, and hosting) on Friday, August 22.

Please be in prayer for this outreach week, when so many come to our church and learn about God!

Brewster Baptist Church Holiday Fair Info Session – Join Us!

The Brewster Baptist Church Holiday Fair has been a cherished tradition for 20 years — bringing us together in the spirit of generosity, fellowship, and service. Through this incredible event, we have raised \$625,000 to support our Cape Cod community, truly Sharing God's Love in Practical Ways. Last year alone, nearly 250 members and friends united to raise \$50,000 for three local charities. What an amazing impact!



Now, we're looking ahead, considering whether we'll host the Holiday Fair this year. To make it happen, we need fresh leadership, new ideas, and renewed enthusiasm. The Holiday Fair consists of **two special events**:

- ⇒ An online silent auction
- ⇒ An **in-person fair**, filled with joy, creativity, and giving

We invite you to join us for an **Info Session** where we'll discuss the future of the fair, explore leadership opportunities, and brainstorm ways to keep our offerings fresh.

■ Thursday, June 12 ② 7:00 p.m. **♀** Fellowship Hall

If you've ever wanted to be part of this meaningful tradition, now is the time to step forward! Your ideas, talents, and support can make a real difference.

Please RSVP to bbcholidayfair@gmail.com to let us know you will be attending.

Let's come together to discern our next steps and continue the mission of love and giving that defines our church community.

See you there!

Paula David for the Holiday Fair Steering Committee

Dear Doug:

Once again, please accept a huge THANK YOU for the role the Brewster Baptist Church played in the annual Beautify Brewster event held this past Sunday. This townwide clean-up the week before our annual Spring Celebration -- *Brewster in Bloom* -- has become part of the fabric of Brewster and we'll be publicly posting the data soon.

Your generosity in providing a venue for our volunteer luncheon, including the use of your newly remodeled kitchen, and the exceptional help of you and your maintenance staff, made everything run very smoothly. The venue, your help, your staff all contributed greatly to a well-received luncheon for those tired, but happy, volunteers! Pivoting to Sunday was deeply appreciated and we hope it did not cause too much disruption with your members.

A big part of our success is due to your generosity. We can't thank you enough.

Most cordially,

Beautify Brewster Team

Ryan Burch, Sr. Natural Resource Officer and Meg Morris, Cape Cod Anti-litter Coalition

PRAYER TEAM

Martha Dunford, Team Leader 508-241-4770 W ⇐ marthadunford@comcast.net

Praising God by Martha Dunford

How much of your prayer life do you spend praising God? I learned a valuable lesson on May 10, 2025. My granddaughter's school had a special Beauty for Ashes Worship Concert at Pioneer Valley Christian Academy for Grower Direct Farm, which burned to the ground this spring. This plant nursery has partnered for 30+ years with PVCA, and donated beautiful plants each spring for the school to have a plant sale. 100% of the sale's proceeds always went to the school. This year, the plant sale was canceled, due to the fire, but the school community came together and spent a powerful evening in worship by lifting their voices in gratitude for God's faithfulness over the past thirty years. The kindergarten, elementary, and secondary grades led us in praise songs. Children, youth, and adults all stood and sang praise songs for two hours. I could feel Holy Spirit's presence. The lesson I learned is praise God in the good times and praise God in the bad times. God does not cause tragedy, but He is there for us when it happens. The students and parents were learning to rejoice in all that God is doing, and will continue to do, despite tragedy. God is faithful.

Women's Retreat September 19-21, 2025 At Berea in Hebron, NH

Women's Retreat is your time to find restoration for your soul and reset your rhythms for more flourishing all year long. Enjoy a beautiful escape into nature, powerful worship and teaching and a communal spirit like no other as you connect with God, yourself and others at New England's largest Christian women's event.

Keynote Speaker is Tammie Haveman Worship Leader is Modern Day Cure

Days at Women's Retreat are a mix of fun activities, spiritual encouragement and a time to pause, breathe and be. Morning and evening sessions include biblical teaching from a featured speaker, powerful worship and lots of laughter and fun. Between sessions, enjoy camp activities like canoeing and archery, topical seminars, and special events like flower arranging or soap making.

If you would like to register, the fee is \$255 for the weekend, covering meals and accommodations. If finances are a problem, please reach out to Pastor Nate Ryan or Gwyneth Preu. For more information or for questions about how to register, please email or text Jennifer Wilson at 919-830-4988 or jenwilson08201966@gmail.com



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The Beacon

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 6 Christian & Susan Sellitto7 James & Laurel Ferry
- Eric & Stephaine Meads 9 Stephen & Susan Logsdon Jerry & Jan Cerasale
- 10 Arthur & Karen Esswein
- 12 Alan & Dianne Jenkins Bob & Clare Janusz Ron & Fran Rich Mark & Betsey Strum Joe & Cynthia Linnell
- 14 Michael & Nancy Aleska Michael & Sarah Kemp David and Ellen Wilcock Michael and Jerrica VanKleef
- 15 Paul & Mitzi Daley
- 18 Dan & Lynn Eberly
- 20 Bill & Jane Harwood
- 22 Peter & Delane Ferrucci
- 23 David & Gini Donnelly Bruce & Donna Betts
- 25 Doug & Marilyn Bernard Brad Francisco & Linda Shaw
- 26 Tim & Kim Covell
- 27 Wayne & Eileen Johnston
- 28 Jonathan & Jacquie Songer

Birthdays

- 1 Narola Kautz
- 2 Shelby Greemore
- 4 Joanne Bassett Thomas Pearse Ellen Summey
- 5 Karl Kissa
- 6 Susan Sellitto Sally Andersen Albertina Tomas
- 7 Nancy Wallroth
- 9 Andrea Dickinson Peter Ferrucci Katherine Cram
- 10 Lorna Larson
- 11 Nancy Gustafson Smith
- 12 Mani Andino
- 13 Ray Garrison Annie Scola
- 14 Marsha Corwin Al Faria
- 15 Bettie Garrison Ed Valinski
- Ellen Wilcock 16 Cynthia Linnell

- 18 Ronald Rencurrel
- 19 Tracey Deegan Tracy DeStefano
- 21 Helen Keane
- 22 June Fasano
- 24 Nancy Sveden Declan Ballantine Lisa Radtke
- 27 LeAnne Carreiro Tom Swaida
- 29 Karen Williams
- 30 Paula Wiseman

During the month of April 2025, **Brewster Baptist Church Food Pantry earned \$68.00** in the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program.

At Stop & Shop, we strive to make this partnership as impactful as possible. We are proud to say that since its inception, the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program has supported 2,624 hunger organizations and donated \$1,614,988 to local communities.

We are so grateful for this partnership and are thankful for all the support and resources you offer those in need.

Please extend our thanks to the dedicated volunteers who make this work possible.

Looking forward to working with you again in the future.

All the best, Melissa

Melissa Hansen Program Manager



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1: VBS Registration Opens

June 12: Holiday Fair Information Session

June 19: Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

June 19: End of School Celebration

June 24: Life Together International Presentation

June 26: Christian Men's Lunch

June 29: New Member Sunday