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Running the Race with Perseverance

Every April, thousands of runners line up to take on the challenge of the Boston Marathon. There's a story for every runner – from the elite men and women to those who run for charities to raise money for worthy causes. Cape Cod remembers Johnny Kelley (1907–2004), who was a two-time winner (1935, 1945) and legendary long-distance runner, and amazingly competed in a record 61 Boston Marathons! While born in West Medford, Massachusetts, Kelley spent his later years, retirement, and final decades as a Cape Cod resident in South Yarmouth, and is buried in East Dennis.



<https://irishboston.blogspot.com/2015/04/johnny-kelley-one-of-boston-marathon.html>

Among the Boston Marathon's most inspiring stories is that of Dick and Rick Hoyt. For more than 30 years, Dick pushed his son Rick — who was born with severe disabilities — in marathon after marathon, including 32 Boston Marathons and even Ironman triathlons. Their remarkable journey became a powerful picture of love, perseverance, and unwavering commitment.



<https://21stcenturydads.org/dad-to-dad-011-dick-hoyt/>

That image of endurance reminds us of the words found in *Hebrews 12*, where Christians are encouraged to "*run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*" The writer paints a vivid picture of believers surrounded by a "*great cloud of witnesses*" — faithful men and

women who have gone before us, living lives of courage and trust in God. They remind us that we are part of a much larger story, one that stretches across generations.

None of us came to faith on our own. Parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, pastors, youth leaders, friends, and countless others, invested in us, prayed for us, and shared the good news of Jesus Christ. Their faithfulness helped shape our own journey with Christ, and many of them have now joined that great cloud of witnesses cheering us on. The question for each of us is: how will we carry the baton of faith for those who come after us?

Running the race of faith requires us to lay aside the things that weigh us down — sin, distractions, and anything that keeps us from following Jesus wholeheartedly. The Christian life is not always easy. There are seasons of hardship, disappointment, and weariness. Yet, Scripture continually reminds us not to lose heart, but to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross and

faithfully completed the race set before Him. He is both our example and our strength.

The Christian faith has been passed from one generation to the next, for nearly

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Pan-Mass Sunday August 2

Please watch for riders as you come to church.

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



POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND

at 3:30 p.m.
on July 2 & 30
August 27

Worship in August

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Series: Anchored in the Unchanging Christ: A Letter to the Hebrews

August 2

"We're All In this Together"

Hebrews 11:17-40

Pastor David Pranga, preaching

August 9

"Run Your Race"

Hebrews 12:1-13

August 16

"Pursue Peace and Holiness"

Hebrews 12:14-29

August 23

"Jesus Christ is the Same"

Hebrews 13:1-17

Pastor Nate Ryan, preaching

August 30

"A Vision of Glory"

Hebrews 13:18-25

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2,000 years, because ordinary believers were willing to persevere, to witness, and to serve faithfully. Now, it is our turn.

We have been entrusted with the privilege and responsibility of living out our faith, sharing Christ's love, and passing the baton to the next generation. May we be known as a faithful generation — people who run our race with endurance, courage, and joy, trusting that God will use our lives to encourage those who follow.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Doug Scalise

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we reach the midway point of 2026, I want to thank our church family for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Your financial support makes it possible for Brewster Baptist Church to worship together, care for one another, invest in the next generation, support missionaries around the world, and serve our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

As of July 21, 2026, our stewardship giving totals \$856,731, which is 93% of our year-to-date budget of \$919,077. While giving is approximately \$62,000 behind budget, I am encouraged that our expenses have been carefully managed. Year-to-date expenses are \$871,652, also at 93% of budget. Our staff and ministry leaders continue to steward the church's resources wisely, while ensuring that ministry continues to move forward.

One of the great encouragements, this year, has been your generosity through designated gifts and special offerings. Together, you have given more than \$66,000 to designated missions and care ministries. Currently, BBC is collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. BBC has received \$11,923 – surpassing the goal of \$10,000. The Deacon Assistance Fund has doubled in the past two months, as they have collected \$38,565 for the year. In addition, many of you gave generously to the Clemmer family, Feed My Starving Children, and Caring Cupboard. These gifts demonstrate the compassionate heart of our church and our desire to make a difference, both locally and around the world.

This year has also brought some unexpected facility expenses, including repairs at the parsonage, and the insurance deductible related to the water pipe damage. Even with these challenges, God has continued to provide for our church in remarkable ways.

As we look ahead to the fall, I would encourage everyone who calls Brewster Baptist Church home to prayerfully consider your financial support. Historically, summer giving can be unpredictable because of vacations and travel. As we enter the fall ministry season, every gift helps us continue the work God has called us to do.

The exciting reality is that ministry at BBC is thriving. BBC celebrated 10 baptisms in the bay at Crosby Landing Beach in July. Lives are being changed through worship, children's and student ministries, small groups, missions, outreach, and compassionate care, every week. Your faithful stewardship makes all this possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your prayers, and your partnership in the gospel. We serve a faithful God, who has abundantly blessed our church, and I remain confident that He will continue to provide, as we seek to honor Him together. If you have any questions concerning finances and how you can give to our church, please contact Pastor David Pranga or David Wilcock.

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
— Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

EVENTS



SUMMER BREAKFAST
SERVED SUNDAY
MORNINGS
9:15-10:15
JULY-AUGUST

We have **BBC's weekly summer breakfasts** on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall **throughout August**.

If you would like to volunteer to **help cook, serve, or clean up, please contact Pastor David Pranga or Summer Intern, Elizabeth Good.** Thank you for helping to make our summer breakfasts possible!

BBC Wednesday Walks: Join BBC for a **walk on Wednesday, August 5 at 8:30 a.m.**, meeting at the rail trail parking lot at Underpass Road and Route 137. We will walk and talk for about 45 minutes; all generations are welcome to join us! Contact Gwyneth Preu with any questions.

BBC's Wednesday Walks

Join us August 5 at 8:30 a.m.



Meet in the parking area at Rte 137 & Underpass Rd.



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, August 11
5:00 p.m.
Drummer Boy Park

On Tuesday, August 11, at 5:00 pm, Women's Bible Study will have the second of two summer gatherings at Drummer Boy Park. All women are welcome.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VBS

"Rainforest Falls" Vacation Bible School, for kids from preschool through those who have completed fifth grade, will be **August 17-21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Registration** is open on the BBC website for kids from kindergarten through fifth grade; a waitlist is available for preschool. Please encourage your grandkids, neighbors, and friends to register for a fun week! Please be in prayer for this outreach week, when so many come to our church and learn about God! If you'd like additional information, feel free to talk with Gwyneth Preu.



Join us in 2026!
 Brewster Baptist Church
 Vacation Bible School
 Partnering with
 Northside United Methodist Church

August 17-21, 2026
 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Preschool-Grade 5



Would you like to volunteer with Habitat Cape Cod?

Thank you!

Brewster Baptist Church
is sponsoring a
Habitat home in Brewster!

Ways to volunteer

- Snacks!
- Devotions
- Registration
- Coordination
- Construction



Contact Sandra

508-362-3559 x 128
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SAVE THE DATE for the **Habitat for Humanity**
wall raising for the Brewster Build on Mackie Drive
planned for **August 18!**

CELEBRATIONS



Enjoying summer breakfasts! Thank you to all the small groups and kitchen team for providing these great meals.



In July, we welcomed International Ministries, Global Servants, Jon and Amanda Good, to share with us in worship about their ministry, followed by a question and answer time after the service.

We would also like to say a special thank you to their daughter, Elizabeth, who has been one of our summer interns here at BBC since late May. It has been a pleasure having her working in the office with us, sharing in worship and a daily devotion, organizing the volunteers for summer breakfast, and creating a database record of the worship songs we have sung each week, over the last five years.

We wish Elizabeth a safe trip home and pray for God's many blessings as she continues her education at Judson University, pursuing a degree in Christian Ministry. She will be heading back to Illinois in early August.



We celebrated with 10 people entering the waters of baptism at Crosby Landing Beach in Brewster on Sunday, July 12.



Pictured below: Meeting the new families at the Habitat for Humanity Kick-off for the build on Mackie Drive in Brewster. BBC is the sponsor for one of these homes.



CARING MINISTRIES

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Blood Pressure Clinic on Sunday, August 16

The Caring Nurses will be holding an in-person blood pressure clinic on Sunday, August 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Please note that we have moved the week to the THIRD Sunday of each month. We are now also able to offer monitoring of your pulse and oxygen levels. Feel free to BRING YOUR OWN home blood pressure kit to compare with our calibrated blood pressure machines.



Blood Pressure
 Clinic

Third Sunday
 of the Month
 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT BBC

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at BBC on Wednesday, August 5, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donations of ALL blood types are **DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

- The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage, as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.
- The shortage comes during the height of trauma season, when hospitals frequently see increased demand for blood due to serious injuries and medical emergencies.
- The most important way to help end the blood shortage is to book an appointment to give blood now.
- August 1-31: Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.

Avoid the wait by signing up ahead of time online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.





Get Ready - The Holiday Fair is Coming!

After 21 wonderful years of gathering on the first Saturday of November, we've made a one-time adjustment this year due to Election Day falling on November 3. The Annual Brewster Baptist Church Holiday Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Along with our tradition of fellowship, creativity, and community spirit, be sure to note the **Silent Auction** will be held online with bidding opening on **Friday, November 6** and closing on **Sunday, November 15**. A dedicated table at the Fair will showcase many of the fantastic auction items, along with friendly volunteers ready to help you register and place your bids.

It truly takes a congregation to bring the Holiday Fair to life—and we'll be sharing opportunities to contribute your time, talents, and enthusiasm in the coming weeks.



5 Ways to Get Holiday Fair-Ready Now!

The Fair may be three months away, but the time to start is now!

- 1. Declutter for a Cause** Start clearing out those tucked-away treasures! Your basement, closets, and attic may be hiding the perfect finds for our beloved **Attic Treasures** sale. We're looking for gently used items in good shape—no broken or dirty donations, please!
- 2. Rehome Your Bling** Got jewelry you no longer wear? We'll gladly take it! Unmatched earrings, broken gold or silver chains—those little bits have big value, especially now with prices soaring. Box them up for the jewelry team!
- 3. Create Something Beautiful** Calling all crafters and makers! Whether you knit, carve, sew, paint, crochet, or turn reclaimed wood into wonders, we'd love your handmade creations. Think ornaments, cutting boards, pottery, candles, wreaths, or stained glass. If you make it, there's a place for it.
- 4. Can the Season** Turn summer's bounty into sweet support! Make jams, jellies, pickles, or herb-infused vinegars. Dry herbs like **lavender** for sachets or culinary bundles. Your kitchen creations are always a hit!
- 5. Purchase Gift Certificates** Go to your favorite **local business**—restaurant, shop, salon, or theater—and buy a **gift certificate (\$50+)** for our **Online Silent Auction**.

Let's get a head start and make this year's **Holiday Fair** the best yet!

If you have questions or want to get involved,
contact **Paula David at bbcholidayfair@gmail.com**.

August 2026 at Brewster Baptist Church

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The Beacon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pan-Mass Challenge 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR 11:15a VBS meeting CH	3 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	4 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 12p Staff Meeting CR 6:30p Potter SG L	5 8:30a Wednesday Walk OS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Red Cross Blood Dr FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Worship Team S	6 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Needlers L 6:30p Spiritual Gifts Class CH 6:30p Women's AA CR	7 9a Bulletin Team CR 11a McKenney Memorial Service S 7p First and Thirds SMA	8
9 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR	10 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	11 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Staff Meeting CR 12p LOCAL OS 4p Holiday Fair CR 5p Women's Bible St OS 6:30p Potter SG L	12 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Worship Team S	13 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Missions Mtg CH 6:30p Spiritual Gifts Class CH 6:30p Women's AA CR 6:30p LGBTQ Care Grp OS	14 Beacon Deadline 9a Bulletin Team CR	15
16 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR 11:15a VBS decorating	17 VBS 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	18 VBS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 12p Staff Meeting CR 6:30p Potter SG L	19 VBS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Student Mini golf OS 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Worship Team S	20 VBS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 10a Nurses/LCOC FH 1p Needlers L 6:30p Women's AA CR	21 VBS 9a Bulletin Team CR	22
23 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR	24 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	25 9a Middle School Water Wizz OS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Staff Meeting CR 6:30p Potter SG L	26 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Meditation Garden Team 5:30p Worship Team S	27 10a Caring Cupboard PL 3:30p Popsicles on Playground 6:30p Women's AA CR 6:30p LGBTQ Care Grp OS	28 9a Bulletin Team CR 6p Small Group Leader Meeting FH	29
30 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR	31 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 6:30p AA Leader Meeting Rm 101 7p Deacon Mtg CH 7:30p AA FH	Ch Chapel CH Community Hall CR Conference Room FH Fellowship Hall L Lounge N Nursery OS Off Site P Pavilion	PL Parking Lot S Sanctuary SMA Student Ministry Area			

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1	David and Christy Pranga Peter and Frances Polhemus
2	Ramzy and Nancy Asfour
6	William and Mary Lou McElmurray
12	Nathan and Zoe Scalise
14	Joe and Helen Williams Art and Lisa Radtke
16	Ray and Bettie Garrison
17	Doug and Nancy Smith
18	Edward and Dorothy Valinski
19	Robert and Dorothy Linnell
23	Dwight and Jo Ann Ritter Ernest and Audrey Vermont
24	Robert and Sue Cottrell Jason and Carmela Lussier
25	John and Karen Belfontaine
26	Dan and Alice Ryan Robert and Karen Williams Rich and Mara Muto
27	Doug and Cindy Caldwell Greg and Marci Scalise
28	Bob and Nancy Smith
29	David and Sandy Light
31	Bob and LeAnne Carreiro

Birthdays

1	Doug Bernard Peter Deegan Hilary Hickok	19	Marvin Dolinger Doug Smith Rhea Walley
2	Michelle Moore	20	Joyce Hossfeld Jennifer Wilson Fred Love David Keeler Todd Louis Steve Wright
3	Ann Eldridge Bernie Bautz Nathan Scalise Paula David	21	Penny Vincent Christine McNeil
4	Beverly Tenhor Jacquie Songer	22	Dorothy Linnell Marilyn Morrow
5	Carol Erikson Jon Peter Songer Thomas McLaughlin Fred Meyer David Quinones	23	Mary Catherine O'Brien Christian Coffey
6	Samantha Kautz	24	Sarah Kemp Myron Kellberg
7	Susan Ballantine Stephen Ryan Bob Carreiro Judy Ireland Reese Daley Kym Eldridge	26	Sonia Haven
8	Donna Betts	27	Elizabeth Jayes Tim Covell John Roussel
11	Debra Bassett Jennifer Bayuk Mary Jo Gregory	28	Patricia Lindquist Linda Hutchinson
13	Dave Olsen	29	Carter Mello Joe Greemore
14	Nevaeh Baird	30	Kathy Estes
15		31	Joe Williams Brad Francisco
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These beautiful flowers are now blooming in the Meditation Garden. **We are seeking a few dedicated volunteers to join BBC's Meditation Garden team** to help reveal God's peace and beauty in this space. We meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 pm**. If you would like to join the team, please call the church office at (508) 896-3381 or just show up on a Wednesday afternoon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2: Pan-Mass Challenge (Please drive safely)

August 5: Wednesday Walk

August 17-21: Vacation Bible School

August 18: Habitat for Humanity Mackie Dr. Wall Raising

August 19: Student Ministry Mini Golf and Ice Cream

August 25: Middle School Water Wizz Trip

August 27: Popsicles on the Playground