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Disconnecting and Listening

Our world is loud. Wars in Ukraine, Iran, and Sudan. Natural disasters in Columbia, Nepal, and Indonesia. Primaries, elections, and campaigns at home. Constant rings, dings, and alerts from our phones. It doesn't stop.

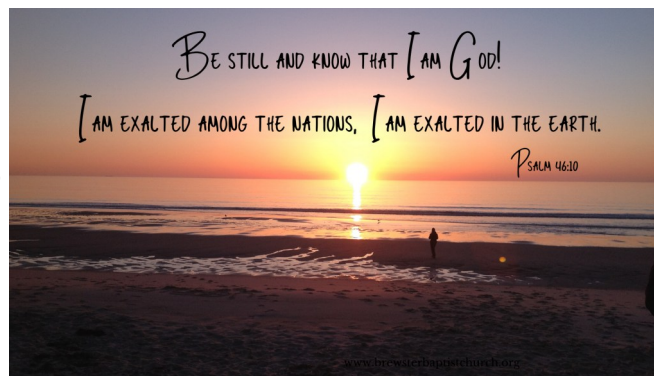
We live in a relentless world, where the constant stream of news and communication we receive is beyond the capacity of what human beings are neurologically capable of sustaining. We are overloaded and exhausted, and it has become so normalized that we don't even know it. And when our minds are overloaded in this way, by the streams of communication we're connected to, we have less capacity to make space for other things – let alone pursue them with any sort of eagerness or desire. And this includes our relationships with others.

The great irony and crisis of our day and age is that we are simultaneously the most interconnected – but also the loneliest – generation in the history of human civilization. And when we feel alone, as our constant overloaded brains make us feel, our instinct is to connect even more! If I'm alone, I must need *more* communication, not *less*, right? But what if you were never really alone to begin with? And what if *disconnecting* was actually the best way to discover you're not alone?

This is one of the great gifts that the spiritual practice of solitude can give us. Solitude is not isolation; it is not running away from the people we love or

abandoning the responsibilities of our daily lives. Rather, it is intentionally creating space in our lives where we can step away from the noise and become more attentive to the presence of God, which is already with us. Henri Nouwen, in the *Devotional Classics* book many in our church are reading this fall, states, "As we empty ourselves of our many worries, we come to know not only with our mind but also with our heart that we were never really alone,

that God's Spirit was with us all along." Perhaps, this is what we need the most in a world that never stops talking: not another voice, but the removal of them. Only then will we be able to truly listen, and discover that we are not alone. God is with us.



As we look ahead to the fall in the life of our church, the world is not going to get any quieter, but the degree to which we choose to remain connected to it can change, if we let it. There will always be another headline to read, another notification to answer, another crisis to worry about, but we do not have to give every voice our attention. Instead, we can make space for the only voice that matters, by disconnecting from others that overload us.

Our hope at Brewster Baptist Church is not simply that we become less busy or less connected to the noise around us, but that we become more attentive to the God who is already with us every moment of every day. Through our worship, community, Scripture, and prayer, we hope to create spaces where people can encounter the

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The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Worship in September

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

September 6

"You Deserve a Break"

Exodus 23:10-29

Rev. Greg Scalise, preaching

Series:

**Jesus' Upside Down Kingdom:
Rethinking How Life
is Supposed to Work**

September 13

"How Are You Hearing"

Luke 8:4-18

September 20

"The Jesus Centered Life"

Luke 18:9-17

Gwyneth Preu, preaching

September 27

"Let Them Grow"

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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living God, and discover, perhaps for the first time, that they are not alone. That's what Immanuel, the name given for Christ in the prophets means – ***God with us***.

The Christian life is one of discovering that God is with us – and learning to live our lives with an increasing awareness of his presence. This is just one of the key themes we will be exploring in our discipleship opportunities at BBC this fall. We warmly invite you to come be a part.

In Christ,
Pastor Nate Ryan

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we look at our finances through August 26, 2026, we are grateful for the continued generosity of the BBC family. Your faithful giving allows us to worship together, care for one another, serve our community, support missionaries, and participate in God's work around the world. Thank you!

There is much to celebrate. Through August, BBC has received nearly \$1 million in stewardship giving. We have also given more than \$86,000 toward designated missions, including over \$29,000 for One Great Hour of Sharing, which surpasses our \$10,000 goal. We have given \$25,000 to support the Clemmers, and more than \$22,000 to Feed My Starving Children. Additionally, BBC has received over \$40,269 for our Deacon Assistance Fund and \$3,000 for the Food Pantry. All these gifts are making a major difference far beyond our church walls.

At the same time, we want to be transparent about an important financial challenge. Through mid- August, we have received \$997,525 in stewardship income, compared with our year-to-date budget of \$1,077,538. We are, therefore, about \$80,000 below budget in income.

Our expenses are currently \$70,000 below budget, thanks to the careful stewardship of our pastors, staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers. Even so, we currently have an operating deficit of approximately \$25,800.

Finishing the Second Half Strong

We believe God has called BBC to an exciting season of ministry, and we want to continue moving forward faithfully. These ministries represented in our budget – payroll, facilities needs, ministry (worship, children, students, fellowship events), outreach, and missions – depend upon the generosity of our congregation.

As we enter the second half of the year, we are asking everyone who considers BBC their church home to prayerfully consider their giving. If you can increase your regular giving or make an additional gift, it would make a meaningful difference, as we seek to finish the year well.

This isn't simply about balancing a budget. It is about faithfully stewarding the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Thank you for the many ways you give – through your finances, your time, your prayers, and your service. We are grateful for the generosity of the BBC family, and look forward with confidence to what God will continue to do through our church this fall.

FAMILY MINISTRY

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In August, BBC hosted 84 kids for Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School! It was an amazing week of learning more about the nature of God. We had 50 volunteers who helped guide kids through stations, taught them scripture and Bible stories, served them snacks, coordinated playing games, and oversaw crafts and experiments! It was great to see so many kids getting excited about all the ways God knows us and created us.



One of the highlights was singing and dancing together at the opening and closing programs – the kids loved seeing Charlie Kautz, one of BBC's summer interns, leading up front. We also saw kids grow friendships, ask questions, and have fun, in a safe, welcoming church environment. We asked kids to help us raise money for Homeless Prevention Council's Backpack to School program. By bringing in their donations, and with help from a matching gift from the BBC Missions Team, we raised over \$2,000 to help kids on the Cape get the school supplies they need. On Friday, all the kids and their families were invited to a cookout after the closing program, where ten volunteers got a pie in the face as a reward for the money raised.



We are so grateful to Northside United Methodist Church, who partnered with us to run this VBS. We also welcomed a group from South Yarmouth United Methodist Church, who attended and brought volunteers. Seeing so many people serve together is always a highlight of the week. A huge thank you to Sharon Kautz and her team for decorating the Sanctuary and the church, to Tom Swaida and the sextons for setting up and cleaning up after us, to Bill Harwood and all those who helped with the cookout, and for each volunteer who invested their time and energy in growing kids' faith during the week. Thank you to BBC for supporting Vacation Bible School and for praying for us throughout the week!

MOM 2 MOM

Meets Weekly on
Thursdays
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Childcare provided
with registration.

All Moms Welcome!



Mom 2 Mom is a group of moms who support and encourage one another. All moms are welcome!

This fall, we will be learning from the study book *Moms on the Way: Following Jesus Through the Challenges of Motherhood*. This Bible study offers practical ways to share

Moms on the Way

A 7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE
FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH the CHALLENGES of MOTHERHOOD



Kathy Tuan-MacLean and Tara Edelschick

honestly about your struggles and hopes, and encounter the God who invites you into a process of spiritual transformation. We will meet in the Student Ministry Area at BBC. Childcare will be in the nursery. Please register on the BBC website under the Connect tab, especially if you need childcare. If you have any questions, please contact Gwyneth Preu at gpreu@brewsterbaptistchurch.org

2026 Meeting Dates:

Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

September 24, October 1, 8, 22, 29, November 5, 19 and December 3, 10

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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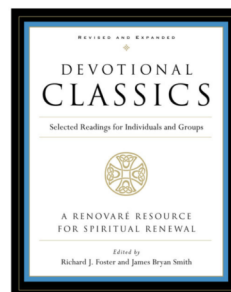
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September is the time when many of our church's small groups and other discipleship course opportunities resume for the fall. If anyone is not currently participating in a small group, but would like to be a part of one, the invitation is always open. Small groups are wonderful opportunities to practice Christian community together, while learning more about the Bible, practicing spiritual disciplines together, praying for one another and carrying each other's burdens, and sometimes meeting outside of church together over a meal. In addition to our small groups, there are two larger church discipleship course opportunities coming up in September that we would like you to be aware of.

Devotional Classics – Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. OR Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Beginning on September 9 and 10

As BBC continues in its year-long initiative of encountering God through a growing commitment to slowing down and cultivating spiritual disciplines that ground us in our Christian walk, we are excited to announce the return of our Devotional Classics class, co-led by Pastor Doug and Pastor Nate. This edition of Devotional Classics will focus specifically on the theme of what it looks like to live a prayer-filled life, what in the history of Christianity has been called the contemplative tradition. Each class will include reading from a classic Christian writer, followed by a guided



CLASS OFFERED BY
PASTOR NATE RYAN AND
PASTOR DOUG SCALISE

DIGGING DEEPER INTO
HISTORIC SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT HAVE
SHAPED FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS FOR CENTURIES.

BEGINNING
SEPT 9 & 10

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

REGISTER
TODAY

discussion, and will conclude with practical suggestions for cultivating spiritual practices that can be woven into the daily rhythms of life, to nurture a vibrant inner life with God. The class will have two offerings – Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. – for seven weeks, beginning September 9 and 10 respectively. Please register on the website or by calling the office, even if you have participated in a Devotional Classics class before.

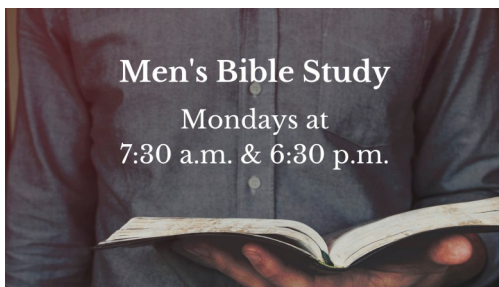
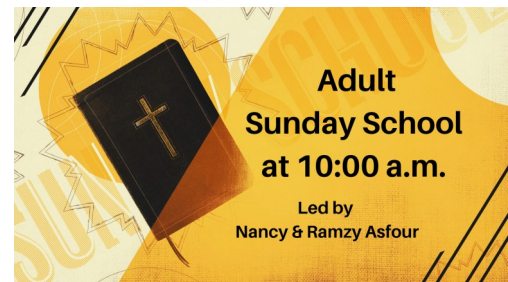
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Starting Point – Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Beginning on September 20

Are you a Seeker, one who is curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity, but haven't yet decided that you're "all in"? Or a Starter, someone who has just recently made the decision to follow Jesus, but are eager to learn more about what that looks like? Or a Returner, someone who may have attended church regularly as a child or in a past season of life, but are only now returning to a life of faith? If so, we would encourage you to consider our upcoming Starting Point class. Pastor Andy Stanley's eight-week curriculum is designed to help others better understand the core message of the Bible and discover where faith's starting point is. Our hope is that this class will help you build a stronger foundation of relationship with God that can withstand the pressures and stresses of adult life. Starting Point will meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., upstairs in the Chapel, beginning on September 20, for 8 weeks. Please register on the website or call the office.

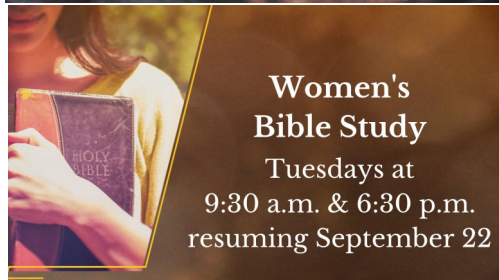


The **Adult Sunday School** classes meets weekly during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Conference Room to discuss the weekly sermon message. Anyone is welcome to join in any week they are available.



Men's Monday Bible

Studies: (1) The Monday Morning Men's Bible Study Group is studying the "Book of Acts" and "Life of Paul". Meeting in the Conference Room, with a Zoom connection, **fellowship time starts at 7:00 a.m.**, followed by the **study of scripture at 7:30 a.m.** All men are welcome. **(2) Monday Evening Men's Bible Study Group** meets at **6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room.



Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Zoom options are available for both meetings and new women are welcome to join at any time.

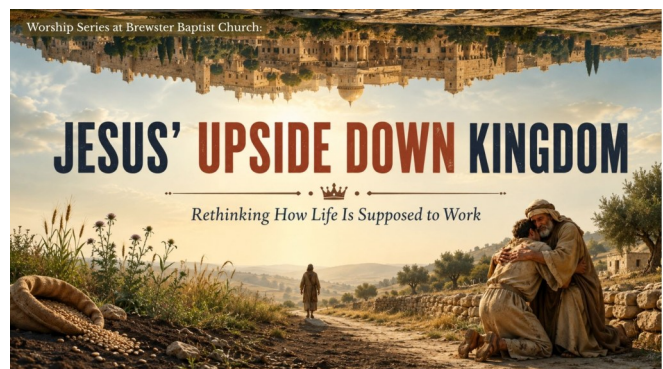
Upcoming in Worship

Jesus' Upside Down Kingdom: Rethinking How Life is Supposed to Work

Each passage that we'll hear, in this five-week series gives us a different version of the reaction, "Wait, that's not the way life's supposed to work":

The seed falls on different soil?
The humble are justified?
Let the weeds grow?
Everyone gets the same pay?
The younger son gets a party?!

There is tension between our instincts and Jesus' kingdom that we need to listen to and learn from, to live fully as disciples of Christ.



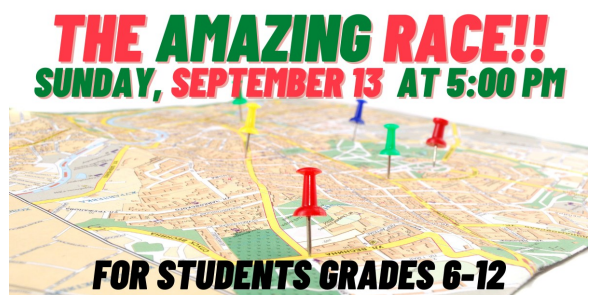
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As the school year starts back up in September, so does BBC's Student Core Ministry. We are so excited to resume our weekly Student Ministry events, as well as welcome a brand-new crop of 6th graders into our ministry. Below is list of some of the upcoming opportunities our students can look forward to in September and October.

The Amazing Race – Sunday, September 13 – 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Dinner Provided)

Our wacky race around Cape Cod is BACK! Our students will be assigned to cars driven by our trusted student ministry volunteers, and race to accomplish a scavenger hunt of sorts that includes silly assignments, puzzles, and community service. The first team to arrive back at the church receives a prize, and all students are invited to stick around for pizza afterwards. The Amazing Race is consistently one of the events our students rank as their favorite of the year and always look forward to it. Any student in grades 6-12 is welcome, and you can sign up via the church website or app or by contacting the church office. If you would like to volunteer, we would also love to have you! Please see Pastor Nate or Sharon Kautz.



Sunday School and Youth Group – Beginning Sunday, September 20 – 10:00 a.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We are committed to creating an environment where our middle and high school students are forming a community together that is encouraging, welcoming, and spurs one another on in their walk with Christ. We are also committed to continuing to lay the Biblical foundation needed to hopefully, with the Holy Spirit's

help, plant and water seeds of faith that will one day bear fruit in our students' adult lives. With that said, beginning September 20, we will have weekly Sunday School classes offered for middle school and high school separately, at 10:00 a.m., and we invite our students back for Youth Group from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group typically includes an hour of organized group games, followed by a Bible lesson led by Pastor Nate and our Student Ministry team. All students are welcome (and bring friends!).

First and Thirds – Meets on the First and Third Fridays of the Month – 7:00-10:00 p.m.

First and Thirds is an opportunity for all students in grades 6-12 to come hang out in an open church, where we have board games, video games, ping pong, pool, air hockey, foosball, and much, much more! It's a great opportunity for our students to bond and connect in healthy ways that model and reflect the New Testament's vision for Christian community. It is also a really great on-ramp with low commitment for any friends who may be open to seeing that church can be fun!



EVENTS

Join BBC for a **walk on Wednesday, September 9 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 September 9 at 8:30 a.m.



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

BBC MINISTRY FAIR

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

LEARN ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENING AT BBC
AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

With so many exciting opportunities this fall, we invite you to join us for our **Annual Ministry Fair**, following both services, on **September 13** in the lobby and Fellowship Hall. The Core Ministries of BBC will have tables sharing about the ministry opportunities and how you can get involved, including opportunities to join a small group or a fellowship group, and ways to serve in our church and in our community.

Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Fall Kick-Off Lunch in the Pavilion following the 10:00 a.m. service. Join us for sandwiches, snacks, and dessert, and to meet the children's Sunday School teachers and let the kids play on the playground!



FALL KICK-OFF LUNCH SEPTEMBER 20 AT 11:00 A.M.

Come meet the
Children and Student
Sunday School Teachers
and other parents.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

New Member Class! Do you have questions about BBC or the American Baptist faith? Considering BBC membership? Come to our **Membership Class and Supper on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.**, when our pastors will explain our faith and beliefs, and answer any questions you might have. Attendance does not obligate you to become a member! More information to come.

Thursday, Sept. 24 at Noon - Prix Fixe Menu \$20.



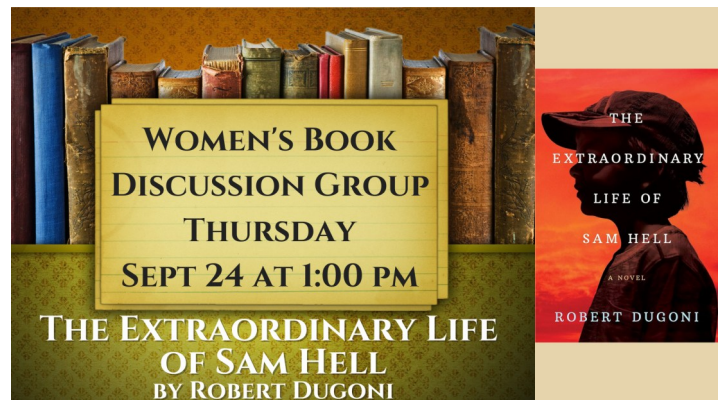
BBC Fellowship Hall -
Remembering George Vermilyea

Monthly meetings of **Christian Men's Luncheon** will resume on **Thursday, September 24 at noon.**

For this first meeting, we will be taking some time to honor and remember the life of George Vermilyea, one of the founding members of this group, who passed away in July.

Women's Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room behind the Sanctuary. They will be discussing the book, "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni.

All women are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE!



Outdoor Movie Fundraiser – Friday, October 2 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our Student Ministry is hosting an outdoor movie night in the church parking lot to raise money **to benefit our BBC Grace Grant**, an opportunity for graduating seniors to help subsidize the cost of continuing their education, joining the military, or participating in licensed non-profit work, after graduation.

In addition to the movie, "**Angels in the Outfield**", the playground will be open, as well as lawn games while waiting for the movie to begin. People of all ages are welcome, at a requested donation of \$20 per family, with concessions, including burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, sno cones and soda, offered at an additional cost. Please bring your favorite lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for a fun night of fellowship.

Our 2026 Grace Grant Recipients were Corbany Greemore, Abigail Kautz and Lillian Peck. Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their time in college.

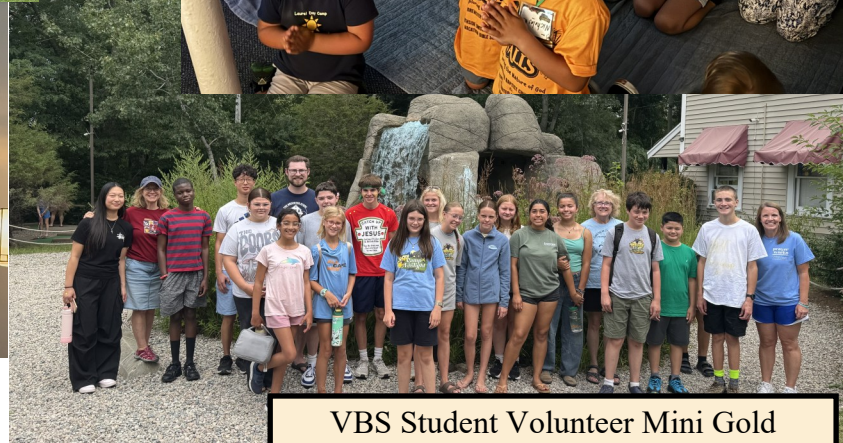
CELEBRATIONS



Gwyneth Preu receiving her Pre-ordination License, the first step in the ordination process.



VBS



VBS Student Volunteer Mini Gold

Thank you, Charlie!

We would like to say a special thank you to Charlie Kautz, who has been one of our summer interns here at BBC since June. It has been a pleasure having him working in student ministry and family ministry, playing a key role in Rainforest Falls VBS in August, helping to organize the church garage and student ministry spaces, and having him involved in the planning and leading of Sunday worship.

We wish Charlie a great junior year at Nauset Regional High School and pray for God's many blessings as he continues to discern the potential call to ministry God has placed on his life. If you see Charlie around, make sure you give him love and encouragement. We are very proud of him!

Middle School Trip to Water Wizz



Dear Brewster Baptist Church Family,

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for being part of one of the most important moments of my life: my baptism.

Making the decision to give my life to God and be baptized has been the most important decision I have ever made. Since that moment, I have felt a change inside me that is difficult to explain with words. I feel like the burdens I was carrying have become lighter. The way I see life has changed, and somehow, everything seems more beautiful. I look at things differently now, with more gratitude, hope, and faith. But above all, I feel a peace in my heart that I cannot fully explain. It is a peace I have felt since the moment I made my commitment to God and gave myself completely to Him.

I know that my journey of faith is just beginning, and I know there will be challenges along the way. But I also know that I am not walking alone. I am grateful to God for bringing me to this church and for putting wonderful people in my life who have supported me and shared this journey with me.

Thank you for your love, your prayers, your kindness, and for making me feel welcomed and part of this family. My baptism will always be a very special memory in my life. With all my heart, thank you.

With gratitude and love,
Felipe Sierra

Baptisms and Habitat for Humanity Wall
Raising for the house sponsored by BBC.



If you want to be part of celebrating all that God is doing in and through BBC and love to take pictures, Sharon Kautz is putting together a photography team to help capture these moments. Even if you aren't on the photography team and you're at a BBC event and see no one is taking pictures, take a few and send them to her. We want to be able to tell God's story in and through BBC and we need your help to do it. Email Sharon at sharon@brewsterbaptistchurch.org



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Using God's Resources Wisely Environmental Stewardship Assessment - How Are We Doing?

A few months ago, a team from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light (MassIPL) visited our church to meet with our Facilities Manager and members of the Buildings and Grounds Team and to conduct a detailed Environmental Stewardship Assessment of how we use the resources God has provided for us. Specifically, MassIPL looked at what we buy from utility companies (electricity, natural gas, and water), how we use their products when they enter our building, how our building is constructed, and how our building use habits impact how much energy and water we use. They sent us their 70-page report in June and here are some of their findings...

- ♦ In 2025, BBC spent over \$41,000 for energy, with roughly an even split between electricity and natural gas. Compared to other churches, our energy use per square foot of building space is a little high. This means we still have a potential to become more energy efficient.
- ♦ BBC relies almost entirely on natural gas for heating. Compared with fuel oil, natural gas burns cleaner and has a smaller carbon footprint. In 2020, we worked to upgrade many of our gas heating units with a focus on energy efficiency. Through these efforts, our church currently meets carbon emission targets for 2040.
- ♦ Massachusetts has been in a drought for over two years now. As is the case with most houses of worship, our water use is relatively low because nobody actually lives at BBC. Regardless, our church has taken steps to reduce our water consumption by using water-saving sinks and toilets and by carefully managing our outdoor irrigation systems.
- ♦ There is more work to be done. MassIPL provided a "to-do" list to help us prioritize our efforts. Some of their suggestions include replacing our existing heating and cooling units with more energy efficient models as they reach their useful life expectancy, thereby further reducing our overall energy use in the future. This will reduce both what we spend on energy and our carbon emissions. In addition, we should continue to monitor our building use and take advantage of opportunities to save energy. For example, the single pane windows in Community Hall should be upgraded or replaced. Finally, our church is well suited for the addition of solar panels on the roof of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall or on canopies over the parking lot. This could reduce or eliminate about \$20,000 of electricity costs annually.

There is much to digest in the report MassIPL prepared. We are all called to be wise stewards of God's resources. We have no alternative "Planet B" to go to. As we work together, we can make the best use of the facility and resources we've been blessed with and look forward to saving more energy (and money) in the future.



A copy of the report is available on the BBC web-site at the following link **<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.org/environmental-stewardship/>** and we encourage you to download a copy to get a detailed look at how we're doing. As always, please feel free to contact Ben Gregson if you have any questions on our energy efforts.



**Get Ready for the 22nd Annual Brewster Baptist Church Holiday Fair!
Sharing God's Love in Practical Ways**

The Holiday Fair is more than a tradition - it's a powerful expression of faith in action. Volunteers unite to donate **100% of the Fair's proceeds** to support these three vital local organizations:



A Baby Center
A Program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches

A Baby Center provides essential baby goods at no cost to income-eligible families on Cape Cod with children from infancy through age five. By supporting child health and safety, the organization eases financial stress and strengthens families through parenting resources.



Champ Homes provides transitional housing to adults on Cape Cod who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in a safe and supportive environment. Through mentoring, life skills training, vocational opportunities, and faith-building support, the organization helps individuals gain confidence, hope, and long-term stability.



Lower Cape Outreach Council provides emergency food, clothing, and financial assistance to those in need, and advocacy and job training to help them lead more secure and independent lives.

How Can You Help? Your Donations Support our Success!

Jewelry – Gently worn pieces and ESPECIALLY broken 14k gold, plus handbags and kids' jewelry. Please bring items to the church office or leave it at the Holiday Fair table in the lobby on Sundays.

The **BOOK NOOK** is back! Donate **hardcover** books in excellent condition and appropriate for a church-sponsored event. Children's books (hard or softcover) too! Bring in date Nov 11-13.

Make and donate to the **Country Store, Bake, Craft, Knit or Flower Shoppes** - cookies, candy, jam, relish, crafts, knits, fabric arts or floral arrangements and wreaths. Bring-in dates will be announced in October.

Donate your clean and gently used **Attic Treasures** – antiques, vintage, glassware, artwork. No computers, TVs, DVDs, appliances, furniture, or clothes. *Please don't bring anything to the church until Monday, November 9.*

Volunteer! Your time is your most valuable contribution! Join a Shoppe team, assist with set-up or work at the Fair.

Donate to the **Silent Auction** - a weekly stay in a cottage, sports tickets, boating trips, autographed sports memorabilia, a weekend at a Bed and Breakfast, a round of golf, a membership, or concert tickets. Gift certificates (expiration 2027 and after) are accepted before September 28 and can be left in the church office.

For information on how you can volunteer or donate,
contact Paula David or Pam Praetch at bbcholidayfair@gmail.com.

September 2026 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9a Summer Breakfast FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR	7 Labor Day Office Closed 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	1 State Primary Elections 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Staff Meeting CR 4p Sweden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L	2 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Meditation Garden Team	3 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Needlers L 6:30p AA CH	4 9a Bulletin Team CR	5
13 Ministry Fair 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 9:30a Ministry Fair FH 10a Adult Sunday School CR 5p Amazing Race OS	14 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7p Deacons Mtg CH 7:30p AA FH	8 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 12p Staff Meeting CR 12p LOCAL Lunch OS 4p Sweden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L	9 8:30a Wednesday Walk OS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 7p Boy Scouts CH	10 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Missions Mtg CH 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ+ Care Grp OS 7p Devotional Classics FH	11 9a Bulletin Team CR	12 11:30a Memorial Service Jeannette Louth S, FH
20 Student Ministry Kick-Off 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 10a Sunday School 10a Starting Point Ch 11a Kick-off Lunch Pav 6p Student Ministry SMA	21 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	22 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 12p Staff Meeting CR 4p Sweden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L 6:30p Women's Bible St CR	23 9a Bayberry Quilters FH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 6p New Member Class FH 7p Boy Scouts CH	17 10a Caring Cupboard PL 10a Caring Nurses/LCOC FH 1p Needlers L 6:30p AA CH 7p Devotional Classics FH	18 9a Bulletin Team CR 7p First and Thirds SMA	19
27 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 10a Sunday School 10a Starting Point Ch 6p Student Ministry SMA	28 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 6:30p AA Leader Mtg Rm 101 7:30p AA FH	29 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Staff Meeting CR 4p Sweden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L 6:30p Women's Bible St CR	30 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 7p Boy Scouts CH	24 9:30a Mom2Mom SMA, N 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Christian Men's Lunch FH 1p Women's Book Choir 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ+ Care Grp OS 7p Devotional Classics FH	25 9a Bulletin Team CR	26

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 3 Tom and Sylvia Swaida
- 5 Dave and Bev Olsen
- 6 Ian and Sandra Millen
- 7 John and Bonnie Roussel
- 10 Tom and Sue Tomasik
- 16 Peter and Tracey Deegan
- 17 Philip and Nancy Magnuson
- Russell and Neide Clinton
- Ryan and Alicia White
- 18 Paul and Ann Joffre
- 21 Mark and Elizabeth Kripp
- 23 Doug and Betty McGuire
- 30 Jonathan and Marly Bull



Wednesday Walk in August.

Birthdays

- 1 Ryan White
- 2 Steven Hickok
- Steven Atwood
- 3 David Wilcock
- 4 Jill Scalise
- Nancy Souder
- 5 Judy Turpin
- Shootman Kwan
- Kevin O'Connor
- Cara Scinto
- 6 Michael Kemp
- Bob Linnell
- Melanie Stone
- Chase Holm
- 7 Carol Rickaby
- 8 Judy Heath
- Bob Williams
- 9 Alicia White
- 10 Paul Goodhue
- Bethany Ambrose
- 11 Erin Stratton
- 14 David Light
- Charlie Kautz
- Bob Meier

- 15 Deirdre Leyden
- 16 Susan Hubler
- Penney Hensley
- 17 Robert Cottrell
- Marissa Freeman
- Sophia Swaida
- 18 Jon Ambrose
- Ann Joffre
- 19 Sylvia Lamb
- Beth Wade
- Leonard Thonus
- Susan Bacon
- 20 Elizabeth Dickinson
- Aiden Ballantine
- Bill McMurray
- 21 Thomas Moore
- 22 Jim Bakanowski
- Darlynne Dix
- Cynthia Hastings-Buffoli
- 26 Richard Wolf
- John Bono
- 27 Ellen Meier
- Adelaide Thonus
- 28 Bill Harwood
- 30 Faith Kapolis

Our Media Booth Team could use your help! The sound board, clicking through the projection slides, adjusting the camera views or changing the lighting options. There is lots of training until you feel comfortable.

TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Dear Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithful prayers for Jim and me during his recovery from brain surgery. Your love, encouragement, and support have been a tremendous source of comfort and strength as we walk this journey together.

We are so grateful for every prayer, kind word, card, and expression of care. It is during times like these that we are reminded what a blessing it is to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Your compassion has surrounded us with God's love in a very real and tangible way.

We truly feel blessed and are thankful to God for each one of you. Please continue to keep Jim in your prayers as he continues to heal. We are deeply grateful to be part of this wonderful church family.

With love and heartfelt thanks,
Jim Bergeron and Suzanne Christie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7: Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

September 9: Wednesday Walk

September 13: Ministry Fair

September 13: Amazing Race

September 20: Sunday School Kick-off

September 23: New Member Class

September 24: Christian Men's Lunch