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Looking Back, Looking Ahead

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

It's hard for me to believe that twenty-five years have passed since we moved into our expanded church facilities. Time seems to pass with ever-increasing speed, the older one gets.

When I think back on the years of vision casting, planning, fundraising, and construction, in the late 1990s through the fall of 2001, I am filled with gratitude for the members and friends of BBC, who God used to bring our project to life. Most of the people who were present when we had our first service – on October 21, 2001 – are no longer with us. While some have moved away, most are now part of the great cloud of witnesses that we read about in *Hebrews 12:1*.

I will always be grateful to the saints who were at BBC from 1995 through the turn of the century. While we give glory to God for all that happened in those years, to me, the people of the church – some of whom, thankfully, are still present and serving in the church – are the heroes of BBC's story. They are the ones whose openness to change, hospitality towards

new people, willingness to share and even give up leadership, and whose sacrificial, generous giving made the expansion possible.

Everyone who has come to BBC since then – and after we paid off a mortgage of more than \$800,000 in just four years – has benefited from, and been blessed by, those who gave so significantly in so many ways. Our new building has enabled us to serve our community, and the mid to lower Cape, in a host of ways that were not previously possible.



The Dedication Ceremony in October 2001.

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As we consider the future, we think there are three major areas for us to concentrate on: discipleship, leadership development, and upgrading and caring for our facility and grounds to enable ministry and mission to be done effectively, long term.

We're called to make disciples, and we want to do that as well as possible, both to make more disciples of Jesus Christ, and to help those already present to grow in Christlikeness. There's always a need, in

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**The office is closed on
October 12 in observance
of Columbus Day /
Indigenous Peoples' Day**

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Worship in October

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Series

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

October 4
World Communion Sunday
"Offensive Generosity"
Matthew 20:1-16

October 11
"The Loving Father"
Luke 15:11-32
Pastor David Pranga, preaching

**25th Anniversary Celebration
of our first Sunday in the
expanded facilities.**

October 18
One United Service at 10:00 a.m.
"We Give Thanks
and Praise Your Glorious Name"
1 Chronicles 29:10-13
One Service followed by lunch.

Series
**We Will Tell
the Coming Generation**

October 25
"We Will Tell the Coming Generation"
Psalms 78:1-8

BREWSTER BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Doug Scalise
Executive Pastor:	Rev. David Pranga
Pastor of Discipleship:	Rev. Nate Ryan
Music Director:	Chris Morris
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the church and beyond, for leaders who lead like Jesus did, with good character, wisdom, courage, and humility. And we need to continue to care for our facility to make sure it helps us create opportunities for community and connection, which will only grow in importance as AI and technology shape more of everyday life.

We look forward to the many special events October will bring, including World Communion Sunday and receiving the World Mission Offering, our 25th anniversary service, Trunk or Treat, and more. You can read more about October at BBC throughout this newsletter.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Doug Scalise

FINANCIAL UPDATE

One of the things I appreciate about Brewster Baptist Church is the generosity of our congregation. I see people giving, not just financially, but also of their time, talents, and themselves, to the ministry of BBC. Your stewardship allows us to touch our community, care for one another, and carry out the ministries God has given us.

Over the past month, BBC received an estate gift of \$122,000. What a blessing! We are incredibly grateful for this generous gift, and for the person and family who chose to leave a legacy that will help support the future ministry of BBC. The gift will be placed in a designated fund for future ministry needs.

There is also much to celebrate in our regular giving. Through 38 weeks, BBC has received more than \$1.123 million in regular giving, and more than \$138,000 through designated and special offerings. These gifts have supported the Deacon Assistance Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, Feed My Starving Children, and our missionaries, including a \$25,000 gift to the Clemmers.

At the same time, I believe it is important that we are honest and transparent about where we are financially. Our regular giving is about \$59,000 behind last year's pace, and currently at about 93% of our budgeted goal. Our expenses are being carefully managed, and are at about 94% of budget, but we currently have an operating deficit of approximately \$21,000. This is not a crisis, but it is something we need to pay attention to.

So, as we enter the final months of 2026, would you prayerfully consider increasing your giving to BBC for the remainder of the year?

For some, that may mean beginning to give regularly. For others, it may mean increasing a weekly or monthly gift. For many, it may simply mean continuing to give faithfully, as you have been.

When we each do our part, our individual gifts become something much bigger. Together, our giving allows BBC to worship, disciple, serve, care for people in need, support missionaries, reach our community, and share the hope of Jesus Christ.

Paul reminds us in *2 Corinthians 9:7*: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Thank you for your generosity and for the many ways you invest in the ministry of BBC. God has been faithful to us. Let's trust Him, continue to be faithful, and finish 2026 strong, together.

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The challenges of our world can seem overwhelming: natural disasters and global conflicts; fears about the impact of AI, anger, bigotry, and violence; vast disparities in the human condition; and leaders across sectors acting in self-interest, instead of furthering the common good. These are challenges that can erode our hope. And yet, hope and positive action have never been more necessary, and that is what our global servants are striving to share, in challenging circumstances around the world.



BBC is a leader in our denomination when it comes to supporting the work of our missionaries. On Sunday, October 4, we'll begin receiving the World Mission Offering (WMO). The WMO makes it possible for us to train new global servants, care for the ones in the field, and provide the services and resources that they need. We direct some of what we receive to people we have long-standing relationships with, such as Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer, and Jonathan and Amanda Good. Our goal for this year is \$12,000.

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the outstanding and dedicated service of several of our Deacons, who will be concluding their service this year: Ray and Bettie Garrison, Susan Logsdon, and Pam Praetch, who have all served as Deacons since 2008, and Cindy Caldwell, who has served as a Deacon since 2019.

We are excited for, and look forward to, the contributions of the four new Deacons who we have added to our team.

Jon Ambrose, who has attended BBC since he was invited to Student Ministry as a teenager, and has served in the media booth for the past 20 years.

April Comstock, who has attended BBC since 2022 and participates in Mom 2 Mom, as well as the Sunday Night Ladies' Bible Study / "Brewster Bread Ladies". She has been a faithful volunteer each summer at VBS, and is mom to Elliott and Landon, who participate in Children's and Student Ministries.

Roy Freeman, a life-long member of BBC, has served on many ministry teams over the years. Currently, he serves with the Counting Team and the Caring Nurses.

Paul Goodhue, who has been a member of BBC since 2010, participates in Men's Monday Morning Bible Study, and serves as a Worship Welcomer and part of the visitation and transportation teams.

CARING MINISTRIES

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The deacons and caring ministry is here for everyone who needs it in our church. There is so much that we offer when you are in need.

When you.....come home from the hospital.
When you.....would like a visit.
When you.....know someone who would like a call/card.
When you.....need a ride to an appointment.
When you.....need financial help.
When you.....need something built or cleaned.

WE CAN HELP! Please remember this now, so that if/when something happens, you will have this information.

We will.....make you meals.
We will.....come for a visit.
We will.....make a call or send a card.
We will.....arrange for a driver to pick you up.
We will.....arrange to pay a bill for you.
We will.....come to your house to build or clean something.

Thank you for reading this and having it handy when the time arrives. Please contact Deb Quinones with any questions or concerns. Email: dsmittyq2@gmail.com or
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Buildings & Grounds is relieved to say that the office burst pipe restoration is finally completed. There was a long negotiation process with the insurance company to agree on the cost of the water remediation and restoration. The insurance finally came to an agreement with the amount of the estimates, which was \$40,000 more than what their estimator came up with initially. Pastor Doug is still in Room 135. Pastor Nate moved to Room 134, and Pastor David moved to Room 133. Sharon Kautz is now in Room 106, and Gwyneth Preu is in Room 105.

EVENTS



Outdoor Movie Night 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. Concessions will be available — including burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, sno cones and soda — 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.

Technology Help Desk

Sarah LaFollette of the BBC Help Desk ministry will be available after both worship services on **October 18 and 25** for simple technology needs and questions, and will schedule individual appointments as needed. If you have technology questions, feel free to stop by and talk with Sarah and her team!



Celebrating 25 Years

Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Followed by Celebration Lunch



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We are asking people to register online or call the church office, if you are attending the lunch, and if possible to please bring a salad or dessert.

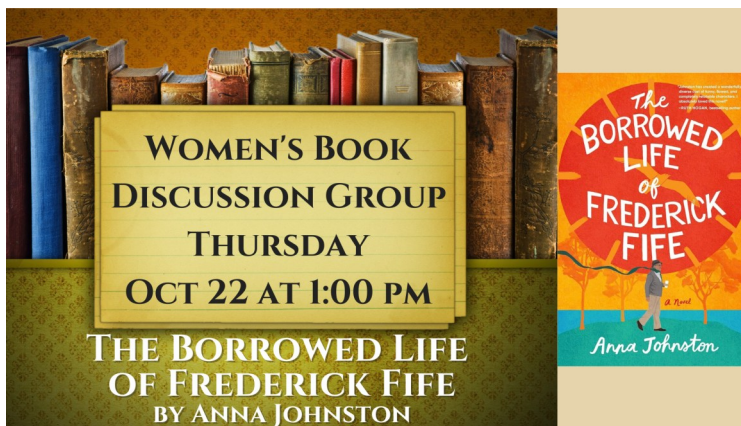
Thursday, Oct. 22 at Noon - Prix Fixe Menu \$20.



BBC Fellowship Hall -
Speaker TBD

Christian Men's Luncheon

All men are welcome to the Christian Men's Luncheon on Thursday, **October 22 at noon** for a time of fellowship and sharing. The speaker for this month is to be determined. The cost is \$20. Please register by October 19 on our website or church app.



Women's Book Discussion Group

All women are welcome to the Women's Book Discussion Group on **Thursday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife" by Anna Johnston.

On **October 24, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**, Family Ministry will be hosting the popular Trunk or Treat at BBC!

We need volunteers to decorate cars and bring in candy!

Please contact Gwyneth Preu about decorating a car, and you can donate candy in the BBC lobby, by the Information Desk, starting on October 4.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

**Trunk
or
Treat**



AT BREWSTER BAPTIST

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1:00-3:00 P.M.



CELEBRATIONS



Students serving the last breakfast of the summer.



Ministry Fair



Wednesday Walk



Sharing a drama of *Luke 18:9-14*



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It Takes a Congregation to Put on the BBC Holiday Fair!

The BBC Holiday Fair has brought joy, generosity, and real impact to our community for 21 years, helping those in need right here on Cape Cod. And, we can't do it without you. We need your time, talents, and treasure to bring it to life.

How Can You Help?



Declutter for a Cause Attic Treasures needs your gently used antiques, collectibles, china, homegoods, small appliances, art, holiday decor, and toys.



Share Your Sparkle Vintage and contemporary jewelry, broken chains, and unmatched gold or silver earrings can become dollars for a good cause.



Create from the Heart Crafters, knitters, woodworkers, potters, candle makers, wreath makers... start creating! Handmade items are always Fair favorites.



Cook Up Homemade Goodness Jams, jellies, pickles, vinegars, dried herbs, granola, and homemade fudge help stock our Country Store.



Bake, Bake, Bake! Cookies are our superpower. We need mountains of them, plus cakes, pies, and breads. Bake ahead and freeze if you'd like.



Share a Good Read Donate hardcover books and children's books in good condition, and suitable for a church-sponsored event, to our book shop.



Volunteer at the Fair! Join a Shoppe team, help with set-up, or greet shoppers. Sign up at the Holiday Fair table in the narthex or contact Pam Praetsch.

LEARN MORE at brewsterbaptistchurch.org/holiday-fair.



October 2026 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please note that due to space limitations, this calendar does not list every event, activity, or meeting involving our church community. To schedule an event or to determine if a particular room or space is available, please check with the church office.						
4 World Communion Sunday WMO Offering 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 10a Sunday School 10a Starting Point Ch 6p Student Ministry SMA	5 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7p BBC Leadership Mtg CH 7:30p AA FH	6 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 11a Wallroth-Kent SG L 12p Staff Meeting CR 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L 6:30p Women's Bible St CR	7 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 7p Boy Scouts CH	8 9:30a Mom2Mom SMA, N 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ+ Care Grp OS 7p Devotional Classics FH	9 9a Bulletin Team CR	10
11 WMO Offering 8:30a & 10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship Ch 10a Sunday School 10a Starting Point Ch 6p Student Ministry SMA	12 Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day Office Closed 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7p Deacons Mtg CH 7:30p AA FH	13 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Wallroth-Kent SG L 12p Staff Meeting CR 12p LOCAL Lunch OS 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L 6:30p Women's Bible St CR	14 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 7p Boy Scouts CH	15 Beacon Deadline 10a Caring Cupboard PL 10a Caring Nurses/LCOC FH 1p Needlers L 6:30p AA CH 7p Devotional Classics FH	16 9a Bulletin Team CR 6p Junior Thirds SMA 7p First and Thirds SMA	17 11a Wedding Grindell/Wanko
18 WMO Offering 25th Anniversary 10a Worship S 10a Sunday School 11a Celebration Lunch 6p Student Ministry SMA	19 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 6:30p Men's Bible St CR 7:30p AA FH	20 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 11a Caring Ministries CR 11a Wallroth-Kent SG L 12p Staff Meeting CR 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SG L 6:30p Women's Bible St CR	21 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Devotional Classics FH 1p Meditation Garden Team 7p Boy Scouts CH	22 9:30a Mom2Mom SMA, N 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Christian Men's Lunch FH 1p Women's Book Disc Choir 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ+ Care Grp OS 7p Devotional Classics FH	23 9a Bulletin Team CR	24 10a Trunk or Treat PL
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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 2 Ben and Nina Gregson
- 3 Terry and Carla Jones
Craig and Terry Borden
- 6 Roy and Lisa Freeman
David and Deb Quinones
- 7 Peter and Judy Swenson
- 8 Mitch and Ellen Summey
Jim and Karen Bakanowski
Matthew and Jennifer Hennigan
- 10 Bob and Patty Bartolucci
- 11 Victor and Donna LePage
Jim and Becky Birks
Fred and Laurie Meyer
- 12 Bill and Paula Wiseman
- 13 Barry and Linda Hutchinson
- 14 Bud and Marcia Nugent
- 17 Charles and Marjorie Oliver
- 19 Leonard and Audrey Thonus
- 20 John and Heidi Fougere
- 24 Wayne and Arlene Richardson
- 26 David and Carol Penfield
- 27 Jim Bergeron and Suzanne Christie
- 28 David and Beverly Tenhor
- 29 Walter Laliberte and Jim Christopher

Birthdays

- 1 Carol Martin
Candace Bridge
- 2 Teecia Kent
- 3 Sandy Light
Laura Simmons
- 6 Betsey Songer
- 7 Gwyneth Preu
Suzanne Schintzius
- 8 Gini Donnelly
Daren Kapolis
Mary Lou McElmurray
Rebekah Pranga
- 9 Heidi Korinko
Barry Eldredge
- 10 Judy Jamieson
- 11 Jim Decker
Jim Seaboldt
- 12 Matt Losordo
Donna Pearce
- 13 Hope Daley
- 14 Judy Swenson
Chuck MacMillin
Kim Covell
- 15 Virginia Watson
- 16 Katherine Birungi
- 17 Paul Joffre
- 18 Linda Dunphy
Jim McGrath
- 20 Susan Logsdon
Laurie Paine
- 21 Douglas Caldwell
- 22 Douglas McGuire
William Foster
- 23 Jonathan Preu
Hunter Marshall
- 24 Linda Viprino
Ally Rogers
Erika Glidden
- 25 Frances Card
Carlton Eldredge
- 26 Richard Blaha
Jamie Peters
Jerrica VanKleef
- 28 David Hill
Paula Gifford
- 29 Virginia Atkins
- 30 Clare Janusz

CELEBRATIONS



Start of
Student
Ministry
on left

BBC and
Agway of
Cape Cod
assisting the
Brewster
PTO on right



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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October 22: Christian Men's Luncheon

October 24: Trunk or Treat