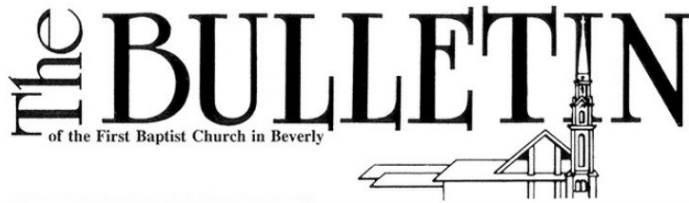


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community



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Worship with
Us

Get Involved

After eager anticipation, planning, and mounting excitement, the time has finally come. Join us ***THIS SUNDAY for RALLY DAY*** at the First Baptist Church in Beverly! This Sunday, September 27th, is our official kickoff of the 2026-2027 church program year. This is the perfect Sunday to invite a friend or neighbor to come and join us for a joyful day of community, connection, and celebration at First Baptist! Arrive at 8:30 a.m. for a delicious family-style breakfast prepared and served by our Youth Fellowships, then stay for games and activities in Wilbur Hall geared for all ages! Stay for Rally Day worship in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. when we'll officially explore our new Annual Theme "What Dreams May Come." We're pulling out ALL the stops so won't you celebrate with us in grand FBC fashion?!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Rally Day Worship Service** this **Sunday, September 27th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, in person or via our **FBC YouTube Channel**.

Notes for Sunday:

- The Rally Day excitement kicks off with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and celebratory activities for all ages!
- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship.
- Littlest Learners, for friends who are preschool and kindergarten age, will meet during worship.
- The Playground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.
- Elementary-age friends in grades 1-4 can go to their introductory Christian Education class after the Stepsitters moment in worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- FBC's Holiday Fair Crafters meet at 11:30 a.m. after worship today.

RALLY DAY AT FBC! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



SCRIPTURES: JOEL 2:28-29, THE
FIRST EGALITARIAN TRANSLATION
& MATTHEW 22:34-40

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Click **HERE** to join
Worship via Livestream
Sunday

- The Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl ministry group will also meet after worship today, in their usual location at Turtle Creek.
- Middle School Fellowship meets at their regularly scheduled time at the church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. & Senior High from 6:00-9:00 p.m.



FBC BEVERLY
2026-2027

SEE "WHAT DREAMS
MAY COME" THIS
UPCOMING
PROGRAM YEAR!

YOU'RE INVITED!

rally day

FBC BEVERLY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026

**SO MANY ACTIVITIES! DON'T MISS
FBC'S ANNUAL RALLY DAY
BREAKFAST, ACTIVITIES +
SURPRISES, & WORSHIP THIS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, ALL
STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.!**

When Jesus was asked by some of the leaders of his time, “What is the greatest commandment of them all?” they were doing so hoping to trap him and to undermine his authority. Their tactic is unsuccessful, however, as Jesus turns to them and responds, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On those two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

But who were these prophets to whom Jesus refers in his comments?

The prophets whose voices echo through the ages, crying out to us through scripture, were the same prophets who Jesus knew well. Theirs were the words and dreams by which he was shaped. Words and dreams for a world that might yet be – a world of God’s desiring, filled with justice, peace, kindness, mercy, and equity for all people. Their words, their visions, their call to us to help to bring that world into being, their dreams all resonate with us still, today, and can help to shape us, too, if only we let them.

Our First Baptist Beverly Annual Theme for 2026-2027, *What Dreams May Come*, will find us exploring the Prophetic Books of the Bible, getting reacquainted with the unique and distinctive voices of the prophets, and perhaps meeting some of them for the first time. As we explore the words of the prophets themselves and the dreams they had of a path forward toward a world that might more closely mirror God’s heaven here on earth, we will be invited to consider what our dreams for the same look like and feel like; the shape they take, the path they call us to, and the collective work we must undertake to help build that better world.

The voices of the prophets remain as relevant to our dreaming today as in their own time. These Biblical prophets often found themselves immersed in cultural breakdown, grappling with the loss of faith identity, subject to unpredictable and unreliable leadership from the top down, and beset by a pervading sense of division, frustration, and sometimes even floundering, at all levels of society. And yet, in the face of it all, they still dared to dream – to dream of a better world and a better way, to open themselves to God’s leading call, and to proclaim those dreams aloud. Over the course of this program year, we will be invited to consider not only the courageous dreaming of the prophets, but what courageous dreams for the kind of world God hopes for us might be swirling inside of us, too.

Join us on Rally Day and throughout this program year as we explore *What Dreams May Come*, and as we dream with the prophets of a future that may yet be.

Youth Fellowship Notes for Sunday:

Sunday, September 27th: Rally Day Breakfast Event AND First Regular Youth Fellowship Meetings!

Sunday the 27th is Rally Day Kick-Off Sunday here at First Baptist, and our Youth Fellowships have a tradition of playing a fun and important role in the celebration, preparing, serving, and helping to clean up from the morning’s joyful breakfast! (And ALL Fellowship families are warmly invited to come at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy breakfast and fun with us, too!)

Our **Middle School Fellowship** arrives early that day to help setup, prepare, and serve the breakfast –Middle Schoolers should please arrive arrive at 7:15 a.m. (advisors will arrive at 7:00 a.m.). Middle Schoolers will then be able to eat their breakfast and enjoy the celebration once everyone is served and the day shifts toward the cleaning up phase.

Sr. High Fellowship is invited to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy eating breakfast and some of the celebration, and then is asked to **report to the kitchen at 9 a.m.**, to begin cleaning up and getting things back in order. (Youth who don’t wish to come at 8:30 a.m. to eat should please plan to arrive in the kitchen at 9!) This shift lasts until cleanup is done – typically around 10:30/10:45 a.m. (but faster the more helping hands we have!).

BOTH GROUPS will then get to meet at their usual times that afternoon for their first regular Fellowship gatherings up in our Youth Lounge. **Middle School will meet from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Sr. High will meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.** Dinner is provided for Sr. High Fellowship as it runs through the usual dinner hour. (We welcome donations to support the cost of our weekly dinners for anyone interested in feeding our youth a time or two!)

For our first regular meetings on the 27th both groups will be working together to create their covenants for the program year (shared commitments about how they want the group to feel and be, how we will treat one another, how we will welcome one another, etc.) and will do some getting-going games.

Friends are always welcome at any and all Fellowship programs throughout the year, so youth are welcome to invite others to come and join in the fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to
view our Web
Calendar

We Need YOU ahead of Rally Day

A Call for Some Handy Helping Hands to Work on Two Building Projects Ahead of Rally Day!

We could really use some help, first with assembling the new staging (risers) for the choir to use in the choir loft, completing the railings and a back; the other project being the installation of a wonderful new wall-sized bulletin board in the Chapel for our Elementary Sunday School class to make great use of throughout the church year!

Both projects involve some heavy-lifting, so those who are feeling strong and handy and would be *willing to help us get both projects ready before September 27th* should **please contact Julie and/or Daniel** to let them know you are interested.

If the heavier projects aren't for you but you'd like to help make Rally Day happen by jumping in on tasks like setup, decorating, staffing an activity table, or helping to break things down afterward, please reach out to **Daniel** and **Julie** to let them know you're game!

Thanks in advance, Handy Helpers!

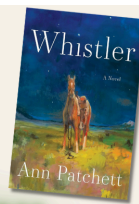
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We could really use more
helpers ahead of Rally
Day this Sunday.

Please reach out to Daniel
or Julie ASAP if you can
lend a hand.

WIT & WISDOM BOOK GROUP!



Join us Monday,
October 19th at
11:30 a.m. to discuss
Whistler by Ann
Patchett!

WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom Book Group is Back on the Books!

The **Wit and Wisdom Book Group** is gearing up for fall and will meet on Monday, October 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge. The book for discussion this first month back will be *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. Folks are welcome to bring a snack or packed lunch. Come join in even if you do not have a chance to read the book. You are welcome to listen in!

CHURCH CRAFTERS UNITE!

Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m.
in the Church Lounge



Join fellow Church Crafters this Sunday after worship at 11:30 a.m. if interested in creating and donating handcrafted items for the Church Crafts table at this year's Holiday Fair.



JOIN FBC'S... Prayer Shawl

MEETS AT TURTLE CREEK
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
27TH. CONTACT SUZANNE
HARLOW OR ANDREA
STACKPOLE IF INTERESTED
IN GETTING INVOLVED.

Interested in learning more about what Prayer Shawl is all about? Stop by the meeting on Sunday, September 27th to meet the knitting and crochet crew!

Welcome Back Women's Fellowship!

As we head into Rally Day, our Women's Fellowship program is getting rolling. We have two events planned to kick us off this fall.

On Thursday, October 22nd, we will gather at FBC for community and conversation. This casual evening will, we hope, be a nice way to reconnect at the beginning of the church program year.

On Friday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at Tracey Armstrong's home for a church fair fun night. Doris-Ann Vossler will lead in card making (some cards we hope to sell at the church fair), and we will have one or two other church fair "prep" stations. Tracey will have a light dinner available. Please bring a drink, dessert or something easy to share if you would like to do so.

Please RSVP to
office@fbcbeverly.org by November
6th so we have a rough estimate for
food.

FBC Women's Fellowship



We're Back in Business with Dates

FBC Women's Fellowship Retreat to Grotonwood is booked!



May 7-9, 2027 | We know that Sunday is Mother's Day, so we hope all the moms in the mix will be able to take some time that weekend to come enjoy themselves on the retreat - before arriving home in time for Sunday!

Rain or Shine, Middle School & Sr. High Fellowship Groups Officially Kicked Off on Sunday in a BIG WAY!



Looking at the week(s) ahead at
FBC Beverly...

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



Click [HERE](#) to Zoom on in to Coffee
Hour Thursday at 10 a.m.!

Lectio Divina meets
this Friday with
Daniel & Friends at
5:00 p.m.

Join us in the
Conference Room!

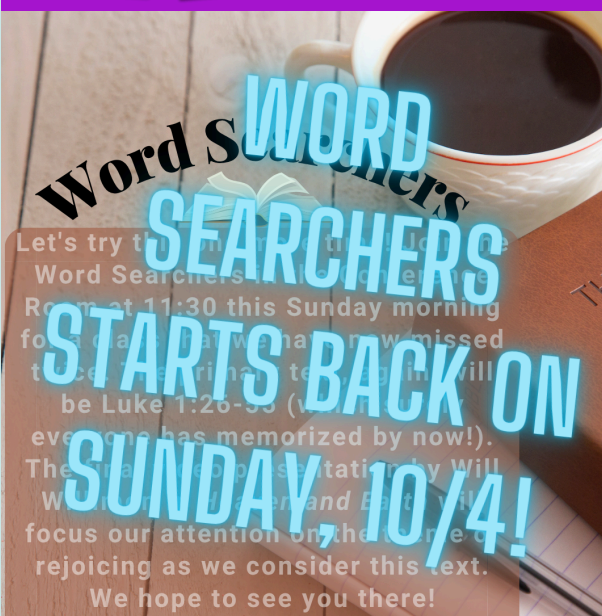


Hey are you listening

Yeh



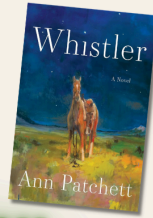
Pickleball with us on Monday night at 7
p.m. in the FBC Gym!



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First Baptist Church in Beverly's 2026 Holiday Fair
date is on the books...

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

21 NOV 2026

More details to come for crafters & vendors.
You won't want to miss this one!

221 Cabot St. Beverly, MA

www.fbcbeverly.org

“

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

”

—Joel 2:28

PENCIL IN FBC

September

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Thursday

Both Celebration Ringers & Sanctuary Choir are back in Action Tomorrow Night

FBC's Bell Choir is back rehearsing tomorrow night from 6:00-7:00 p.m., as is the Sanctuary Choir from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Rally Day Sunday at FBC!

Join us for breakfast & celebration at 8:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. (in person or over livestream) as Julie, Daniel and Esther lead us in kicking off the new program year!

September

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Sunday

Youth Fellowships are Back with a Full Sunday Schedule

Middle School Fellowship will arrive at 7:15 a.m. to help cook and serve breakfast for Rally Day and Sr. High will arrive at 9 a.m. to do the cleanup shift. This is the first fall Sunday where Middle School Fellowship meets at their regular time at 4:00 p.m. at the church and Senior High at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Double dose of FBC Fellowship today, hooray!

October

2

Friday

October's Parents' Night Out

PNO is back for fall, running tonight from 6:00-8:30 p.m., and is open to FBC and our greater community.

October

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Sunday

World Communion Sunday Worship

Join us for the celebration of Communion this Sunday in worship.

Word Searchers & Youth Class both Start Back

Daniel will be back in action leading Word Searchers again starting today after worship. Julie will kick off our Youth Class for those in Grades 5-12 immediately after worship, held every other Sunday just like last year.

October

6

Tuesday

Theology On Tap

Join us at 8 p.m. at Kitchen Table in Beverly and bring your thirst for fellowship and hunger for lively conversation about life and faith!

October

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Monday

Church Office is Closed

The Church Office is closed today in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

October

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Friday

The + Club Meets for October

Join The + Club in painting/carving pumpkins this evening starting at 7:30 p.m.

October

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Monday

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October

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Tuesday

FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The men of FBC will gather this month at Steph's at their usual 7:00 a.m.

October

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom Luncheon

FBC's favorite retirement-aged group meets at 11:30 a.m. for their monthly lunch and time of fellowship together. Stay tuned for more details!

October

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Thursday

Beverly's Downtown Trick-or-Treat

See church folks & friends in costume handing out candy and treats from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as Esther eerily accompanies on the organ for this beloved local tradition!

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