

The Week Ahead at BBC (August 18-24, 2024)

Sunday	10:00 am Sunday Worship/Junior Church 2:00 pm GriefShare
Monday	9:00 am Shuffleboard (Gymnasium)
Tuesday	1:00 pm Funeral Ella Jean Porter <i>Tuesday Women's Fellowship Postponed</i> 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	9:30 am Prayer & Praise (Prayer Rm)
Friday	10:00 am Zumba Gold (Gymnasium)
Saturday	12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Rm 131)

BBC Library Update

There have been ten large print books just catalogued into the fiction section of our church library. Included in these is a trilogy written by Robin Patchen. She is a bestselling and award-winning author of Christian romantic suspense. *Look no further than your church library for some great reading material!*

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Mary and Terry Naugler blessed with two new great granddaughters! **Katherine Elizabeth Sheena** safely arrived July 12 (7lb 13oz) a sister for Lincoln. Proud parents Lindsay and Kristin Gear of Fort McMurray, Alberta. **Maeve Elizabeth** safely arrived August 9 (8lb 12oz), a sister for Ezra. Proud parents Nicholas and Melissa Gear of Truro, Nova Scotia. Join us in praying for this family including grandmother Deanna Gear and "awesome aunt" Hillary Gear. May God bless them all!

Proud grandparents Don and Brenda Lantz have been blessed with the birth of grandson **Sawyer Ethan Finley** on Sunday, August 11 at 3:42 am (6lb 12oz) to parents Tony and Sarah Lantz of Bridgewater. A brother to Malcolm and Aubrey.

On August 4, Tom and Nancy Harvey welcomed their new granddaughter **Ada Maeve Cullen** (8lb 10oz) this week to parents Joshua and Ashley Harvey. A new sister for Sebastien, Isla, & Silas.

Sunday Worship Attendance

August 4	In Person 151	Online 99 devices
August 11	In Person 137	Online 70 devices



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Bridgewater Baptist Church Worship Bulletin



Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 10 am

Prelude	Debbie Zwicker
Welcome and Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Aaron Kenny
Above All	Praise Team
Children's Moment	Rev. Keith Blair
Speak to the Mountains	
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-8	Rev. Dr. Aaron Kenny
Sermon: Sunshine for the Soul (Part 7)	
Worshipping God in Life's High Places	
Pastoral Prayer	
This is My Father's World	Hymn
Benediction	
Postlude	Debbie Zwicker

Every Sunday following the morning service our prayer team is available. Visit the team for prayer in room 140.



Welcome to Bridgewater Baptist Church!

We are delighted to have you join us in worship this week. Bridgewater Baptist is rich in gifts of caring and compassion. This is just a note to let you know that preparations are being made to reconvene and expand BBC's **Visitation/Care Team ministry**.

Many of you are caring for one another informally already as you see needs arise. This is invaluable and much appreciated. For those who would appreciate support and encouragement to help prepare you and point you in the direction of need, let me invite you to consider being a part of a regularly gathered Care Team. Some of you have served on the visitation team previously (I'll be in touch). Others of you may sense a calling to this ministry but haven't yet served with a team. Let me encourage you to be praying through the summer about possible involvement.

As the summer closes and we prepare for Fall ministry there will be an information gathering on **September 12 from 7 to 8 pm** (another gathering will take place in October) for all those planning or considering involvement. Join us as we seek to care for one another and reach out with the love and compassion of Christ.

In Him,

Pastor John Wilton, Associate Pastor of Visitation

Condolences

Ella Jean Porter (87) went to be with the Lord on August 5, 2024. Many in our congregation will have fond memories of Ella and Doug who ministered together through our Canadian Baptist family for over 60 years. Among her passions, Ella was an active member of the board of Ghana Rural Integrated Development. Together, Ella and Doug made four mission trips to Africa. Hundreds of thousands of people in Ghana were the recipients of their love and care, as they raised funds and acted as resource people and leaders, which has led to clean water, schools, churches and a modern hospital in Northern Ghana. Please join us in upholding their family, including Greg and Sandra Porter-Lowe. A memorial service followed by a reception will be held at Bridgewater Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 20, at 1 pm. To read her full obituary or to share online condolences please visit www.sweenysfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Rendell passed away this week at the South Shore Regional Hospital. Please join us in praying for her husband Gordie and all of the family. We will have more information to share in next Sunday's bulletin. A funeral service is being planned for this fall with Pastor Aaron.



GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

As Pastor Erica celebrates the conclusion of our current group this Sunday, we are happy to share that Pastor John is preparing for our next group starting this Fall.

SUNSHINE for the SOUL

Practice Six: Get Your Head into the Clouds

As we near the end of our summer teaching series, we come to the mountains. I imagine that some in our congregation have either lived in the mountains or experienced the thrill of summiting a peak. For all of us who know the draw of the mountains, we can relate naturalist John Muir "The mountains are calling, I must go!" In the Bible, high places are often seen as sacred spaces closer to the heavens and God. Throughout the scriptures, God uses mountains to draw people closer to Himself. From Moses on Sinai to Elijah on Horeb, to the disciples with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, God consistently uses mountains to change the perspectives of his people and to give them greater vision and new direction in life. Have you ever gained a new perspective from time with God in life's higher places?

You might not have the joy of climbing a mountain this summer, but I want to challenge you with a simple practice to get your head into the clouds. Throughout the busyness of your week, give yourself the gift of a mini "mountaintop retreat". Find a safe spot in your yard or on a patio where you can lie down on a blanket or sunbed. Take some unhurried time to be still, lay back, and watch the clouds move across the sky. As you are lying there, open yourself to God. Talk to Him as you would a dear friend. Thank Him for how far He has brought you through life. Name the things that you might be struggling with and ask Him for direction. Listen for the whisper of the Spirit.

The temptation of the high place is to become settled there, but God always counters that temptation by sending his people from the higher ground back to engage the world. So when you are ready, get up slowly: first you sit, then you stand, and then you walk. And remember you never walk alone!

"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

*He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing."*

Zephaniah 3:17