

Connections

The EBBC INFORMATION SOURCE † January 8, 2012
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TODAY, JANUARY 8th: Pastor Kevin preaching.

8:15 Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:15 Church Business meeting, Sanctuary, to discuss payment for damages at the Harrington Center and church due to water problems
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
2:00 Christmas Cantata *Christmas is Forever*, St. John the Baptist Church, East Brookfield



MONDAY:

11:30 AA, Harrington Center

TUESDAY:

1:00 Women's Bible Study, Cheney 10
7:00 Women's Ministry, Library
7:00 Cub Scout leaders, History Room

WEDNESDAY:

12:00 AA Discussion Group, Harrington Center
2:00 Music Lessons, Sanctuary
6:00 Family Night, Coulter Hall. MENU: Macaroni, cheese & ham, salad and ice cream
6:45 Classes
7:00 Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 Honor Court, Harrington Center

THURSDAY:

10:00 Prayer Group, Cheney 9
11:30 Community Lunch for Seniors, Coulter Hall
4:00 Wee Believers, Rooms 3 & 4
6:00 Cub Scouts, Room 10
7:00 Bible Study at the Bellerive home, led by Ted Steensen, Sr.

FRIDAY:

11:30 Living Sober Group, Harrington Center
7:00 TTL, Coulter Hall
7:00 AA, Harrington Center

SATURDAY:

8:00—10:30 Pancake Breakfast, Coulter Hall. You are invited to enjoy pancakes and sausage in the Fellowship Hall. *Pastor Kevin* and *Julie* are serving up breakfast to raise a little dough, and to be a witness to the community. Suggested donation is \$5.00 (or more) to enjoy *Linda Cross'* pancakes.



WORSHIP SERVICE: Our church offers children's worship opportunities during the 11:00 am Worship service. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Nursery, which is located just outside the Sanctuary on the right, and Junior Church is in room 11, just before the Nursery. *Michelle Hevy* will be volunteering in the Nursery, and *Courtenay Rivera* will lead Junior Church.



*From
Pastor
Kevin*

Today we begin a series of messages of three themes that are vital to the life of East Brookfield Baptist: prayer, teaching, love.

Last year as the leadership met together, we pointed to these three areas that our church highlights as our primary values. Prayer is seen as the base of all we do. A connection with God is fundamental to our life. Without God we are nothing, but with God, we are extraordinary!

As we draw nearer to God, we also want to share Him with those around us. We learn about God through our own study and by others teaching us. In turn, we teach friends and family about God and the Scriptures. I find it fascinating that we can never know everything about the Bible, which means we are always postured for learning, no matter what age we are.

As we relate to God in prayer and learn about Him, God's incomparable love fills us to overflowing. We discover what real love is in a world that often masks true love. When we are immersed in the love of God, we find that we can embrace all that comes our way. We realize that God's love is sufficient for us, thereby giving us a profound peace in our lives.

As we hear about these three themes – prayer, teaching and love, ask God to reveal how you use these three ideas in your life to know God.



Attention: If you shared items to be used as props for the Youth Musical performance, please pick them up from the office next to the church office. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- **Community Lunch for Seniors**, Thursday, January 12th at 11:30 a.m. in Coulter Hall
- Saturday, January 14th, **Secret Sister party** at the home of Chris Bellerive in Warren, from 1—3 p.m.



Anyone needing a ride or any questions, call *Kim McCluskey* at 508-885-6628. Please keep gift to under \$10. There is an insert in the bulletin to complete for next year's Secret Sister program.

- The Christian Life Committee is having a **Family Game Night**, Saturday, January 21st from 6—8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games for the young and old, such as S'mores, Go Fish, Spoons, Monopoly and more! Bring a snack to share and a game if you'd like. For more details, see *Stephanie Cross*.



- **GriefShare** support group, beginning Thursday, January 26th in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m., for those who are experiencing the grief that follows the death of a loved one. **GriefShare** seminars feature DVD sessions with Biblical teaching, followed by small group discussion. They are facilitated by caring people who understand what you are going through. This ministry is a collaboration between the Brookfield Congregational Church and E. Brookfield Baptist Church. Call *Debbie* at 508-867-7725 for more information.



- Sunday, February 5th at 12:30 p.m. in Coulter Hall, **Spaghetti & Meatball dinner fundraiser** for *Pastor Kevin & Julie Cross*' mission trip to India. Donations needed: salad ingredients and either French or Italian bread; or cash donations for these items will be accepted. See *Gerry LeBlanc*. Dessert will also be served. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children up to age 12, and there is a family cap of \$20.



Notes of thanks for Advent fruit baskets



were received from: *Bill & Marjeanne Adels, Betty Brennan, Fred Corbett, Ruth McNeaney, Regina Paradise* and *Glen & Debbie Silliman*.

"Dear Pastor Kevin—We thank the Lord for the generous contribution your congregation has made to our ministry. It is so important during our transformation to medical to know we have the support from you all..."

Kelly Wilcox, Compassion Pregnancy

"Dear Pastor Kevin and EBBC family—Thank you so much for your support of my Spirit Alive project! The Christmas Decoration drive was a huge success and it wouldn't have happened without your tremendous help. Twelve truckloads of Christmas items were delivered to the 1st Congregational Church in Brimfield and were distributed to local families affected by the June tornado...Again, thank you so much!"

Mikaela Lachapelle

PRAYER POINTS for the week...

Sara Blackwell *Sandy Perrault*
George Berry *Harold Smith*
George Cross
Patricia Gobble (*Gladys Clark's daughter*)
Dexter Jewell (*Becky Beeman's father*)
Jane Mumford (*Fekay's granddaughter*)



Area Church: Rev. Dean McIsaac and the Quaboag Valley Baptist Church

Armed Forces and families around the world.

Sponsored Child of the Week: Edwin Zaranyika from Zimbabwe, sponsored by Chris & Bill Bellerive

Annual Committee Reports:

Attn: Committee Chairs and those responsible for turning in reports for the Annual Report—Please remember to write and turn in your report by January 10th. If possible, please send them via email to the church office (ebbaptist@verizon.net). These will be compiled into the Annual Report that is distributed to our church family at the Annual Meeting on the fourth Sunday of January. Thank you!



New Sunday School classes—

Interested in finding out more about **fasting**—scriptural basis and practical knowledge? A new 5-week Sunday School class is forming, beginning today in *Pastor Kevin's* old office (next to the church office), using a *Jentezen Franklin* book. Teacher: *Linda Cross*



On Sunday, February 19th, a **marriage class** will begin during the Sunday School hour. This class will be interactive and discussion based. We will kick off this 6-week series on Saturday, February 18th with a light breakfast and DVD introduction from 9—11 am



Whether you've been married for 50 years or 5 months, this is a great class for you! More details to follow!



More thanks...

George Cross sends his thanks to EBBC for all the prayers, calls and cards he has received. He is glad to know that although he cannot make it to church at this point, he has not been forgotten. *George* is grateful to know there are people who still take the time to reach out to others with kindness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



January 8
 January 9
 January 10

Rebekah Gillmeister
 Anthony Hwalek
 Corey Arnold, Debbie Brodeur,
 Evan Couture, Ian Falardeau,
 Adair Rivera & Tanya Stonehouse