



# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## August Return to Normal

As we have mentioned before, we will be worshipping outside as often as possible during June and July. This is an “outdoor first” policy to both provide space and to enjoy the property God has blessed us with. In August, we will shift to “indoor first” and prepare for a return to pre-COVID standards in September. This means we are planning to re-engage with nursery and God’s Backyard as well as return to normal greeting and communion procedures. It has been over a year since we scheduled for these aspects of ministry. If you would be willing to join a ministry team, see the following people:

Nursery - June Porbunderwala

Communion - Ray Pouliot

God’s Backyard - Ryan Oulette

Greeting - Ray Barry

## Bible Study Groups

All groups are on summer break except the Tuesday 7pm online study of Romans. This is the last week until a month break, and the online study will resume on July 27. (You can catch up on the website!)

## Action Ministry

Mike Trask is organizing a team of volunteers to turn faith into action throughout the congregation and community through kindness and charitable works. See Mike if you’d like to join the team.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*As of May 30, 2021*

*Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving of your gifts and offerings. Remember, you can give via the offering box in the back, by mail (PO Box 443 Merrimack, NH) or online at [bedfordroad.org](http://bedfordroad.org).*

Budget to Date: \$19,929

Weekly Budget: \$3,986

Offerings to Date: \$21,377

Annual Budget: \$207,260

# BEDFORD ROAD baptist church

## JUNE 6, 2021



*Creating environments where people encounter Jesus and journey together.*

## “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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### VERSE 1

Immortal invisible God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious - Your great name we praise!

### VERSE 2

To all life You give, Lord, to both great and small. In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish uncertain and frail.  
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

### VERSE 3

We worship before You, great Father of light, while angels adore You all veiling their sight  
Our praises we render, O Father, to You  
Whom only the splendor of light hides from view.

## “Worthy, You Are Worthy” “You’re Worthy of My Praise”

© 2011, Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, CCLI 6016351 (Psalm 103-104)

### INTRODUCTION

Worthy, You are worthy! King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy!  
Worthy, You are worthy! King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

### CHORUS (“YOU’RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE”)

*I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise*

### VERSE 1

I will worship (*I will worship*) with all of my heart (*with all of my heart*)  
I will praise You (*I will praise You*) with all of my strength (*all my strength*)  
I will seek You (*I will seek You*) all of my days (*all of my days*)  
I will follow (*I will follow*) all of Your ways (*all Your ways*)

REPEAT CHORUS

### VERSE 2

I will bow down (*I will bow down*) and hail You as King (*and hail You as King*)  
I will serve You (*I will serve You*), give You everything (*everything*)  
I will lift up (*I will lift up*) my eyes to Your throne (*my eyes to Your throne*)  
I will trust You (*I will trust You*), trust You alone (*You alone*)

REPEAT CHORUS 2X

## “Soul on Fire”

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### CHORUS

*God, I'm running for Your heart; I'm running for Your heart  
'Til I am a soul on fire!  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire! 'Til I am a soul on fire!*

### VERSE 1

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered bring me back.  
In this darkness lead me through until all I see is You, YEAH!

### VERSE 2

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.  
And, Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

## “Your Love, Oh Lord”

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### Verse

Your love oh Lord reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

### CHORUS

*I will lift my voice to worship You my King  
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings  
REPEAT BOTH*

### The Lord's Table

*All believers are invited to participate in the observance of the Lord's Table together. Please pick up the elements at the back prior to beginning of worship and bring them with you to your seats.*

## “Doxology”

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

# James & The Church

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- PURPOSE:** With the church being openly suppressed, James took it upon himself to offer guidance at a distance for how to thrive as a Christian community without the close connections they had enjoyed to that point.

## **STRUCTURE:**

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*James follows a chiasm structure, which means that he works toward a central idea in a sort of mirrored pattern. The first 15 verses introduce the topic and context of his presentation.*

Opening Address about Perseverance Through Trials (1:1-15)

The Tangible Character of Faith (1:16-25)

Love and Partiality in the Church (1:26-2:13)

Works and Faith in the Church (2:14-2:26)

The Spoken Word's Power to Destroy or Build (3:1-4:17)

Rebuking the Rich and the Powerful (5:1-6)

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