



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.

Mark Your Calendars!

We are hoping to have cookouts on the following Sundays this summer:

June 27

July 18

August 22

Youth Group

Summer activities will be scheduled soon



FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of June 6, 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.

Budget to Date: \$23,914

Weekly Budget: \$3,986

Offerings to Date: \$26,042

Annual Budget: \$207,260

BEDFORD ROAD baptist church

JUNE 6, 2021



Creating environments where people encounter Jesus and journey together.

“Hallelujah, He Is So Good”

2021, Nichole DiVietro

CHORUS 1: *Hallelujah! Come bless the Lord. Hallelujah! For He is so good!
Hallelujah! Come praise His name - His glorious name!*

CHORUS 2: *Hallelujah! Come and rejoice! Hallelujah! Let's raise up our voice
Hallelujah! To magnify His name - His mighty name*

VERSE 1: Come, seek the Lord. He'll deliver you from your fears.
Look to Him and He'll wipe away all your tears
Cry out to Him, oh He'll hear you, Just give Him your cares
He answers prayers.

VERSE 2: Come taste and see that the Lord - He is good
He has redeemed us by mercy like He said He would
Trust in Him at all times and do good
Just as we should.

VERSE 3: Those who come and seek the Lord lack no good thing
He's our wonderful Savior - Our everything!
Come hear and fear, and be glad and rejoice in our King
That's why we sing-

CHORUS 3: *Hallelujah! We bless You, Lord. Hallelujah! For You are so good!
Hallelujah! We praise Your name - Your glorious name!*

CHORUS 4: *Hallelujah! You are our King, Hallelujah! Our everything!
Hallelujah! We come and we sing. Praises to You, our King!*

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.

“No Matter What”

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CHORUS: *The Lord is always with you, no matter what, no matter what!
The Lord is always with you, wherever you go, and whatever you do
The Lord is always with you*

VERSE 1: If you've got a problem, He can solve your problem. Pray to God.
Oh, and if you're hurt and bleeding, he can stop your bleeding.
Pray to God!

VERSE 2: If you need a good friend, He will be your best friend. Pray to God.
Oh, and if you go the wrong way, he'll show you the right way.
Pray to God.

“Your Love, Oh Lord”

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VERSE 1: There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

CHORUS: *Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

VERSE 2: Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

VERSE 3: When I stand in Glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

“I Love You, Lord”

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Martin Luther & The Canonicity of James

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Luther still quoted James often because he saw the book as instruction for believers, and therefore still containing wisdom. He could not bring himself to accept that the book was written by anyone who might have known the apostles, nonetheless interacted with the Apostle Paul. In his Preface to James, Luther referred to the author as:

“Some good pious man who took some of the sayings of the apostles’ disciples and threw them thus on paper.”

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