



**BELLVIEW**  
Baptist Church

Week of April 12, 2026

*Welcome*

# Pastor Bob's Message...



In a day when many are more comfortable speaking about blessings, success, and even Heaven, there remains a sobering truth that must not be ignored—Hell is real. The Word of God does not present Hell as a metaphor, a temporary state, or a symbolic idea. Rather, Scripture clearly teaches that Hell is an eternal place, a place of punishment, a place of torment, and most tragically, a place where God is not.

The Bible speaks plainly concerning the reality of Hell. In Matthew 25:41, Jesus Himself declares, *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”* From this we learn that Hell was not originally created for mankind, but for the fallen angels—Lucifer and those who rebelled with him. Yet, because of sin and rejection of God’s provision of salvation, mankind will also face this eternal destination apart from Christ.

Hell is described in Scripture as a place of eternal punishment. Jesus said in Matthew 25:46, *“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* Just as Heaven is eternal, so too is Hell. There is no end, no escape, and no second chance once a person enters into eternity. This truth alone should cause every individual to seriously consider their standing before God, for eternity is not something that can be reversed or relived.

Hell is also a place of torment. In Luke 16:23-24, the rich man who died and went to Hell cried out, *“And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes... ‘I am tormented in this flame.’”* This is conscious suffering that never ends. There is awareness, memory, and understanding. Those in Hell will fully comprehend why they are there, and that realization adds to the anguish. There will be no distractions, no relief, and no escape from the reality of judgment.

The Scripture further describes Hell as a place of unquenchable fire. In Mark 9:43, Jesus warns, *“It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched.”* This fire represents the unending justice of God. It is not a momentary punishment but an eternal condition. The seriousness of sin is revealed in the severity of its consequence.

Another terrifying aspect of Hell is “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” In Matthew 13:50, *“There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”* This speaks of overwhelming sorrow, deep regret, and intense anguish. It is the expression of those who realize too late the value of what they rejected. Opportunities to be saved will be remembered, sermons once heard will come back to mind, and the weight of missed grace will be fully realized.

Hell is also described as outer darkness. In Matthew 8:12, *“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* This darkness symbolizes complete separation from truth and righteousness. It is a place devoid of the light of God’s presence, where there is no comfort, no guidance, and no hope.

Perhaps the most sobering truth about Hell is that it is a place of separation from God. In 2 Thessalonians 1:9, *“These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.”* To be separated from God is to be separated from all that is good. Every blessing that humanity enjoys ultimately comes from Him, and Hell is the total absence of those blessings.

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psalmist anchors this truth in creation itself: God laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of His hands. Everything that exists had a beginning, except for God. alm 102:23–25, presents a striking contrast between the weakness of man and the permanence of God. The psalmist expresses human frailty—strength fades, days are shortened, and life is brief. This is the reality of the human condition. We are limited, dependent, and bound by time.

here is no such thing as purgatory. Hebrews 9:27 declares, *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."* There are no second chances beyond this life. The time to respond to God is now.

God does not desire that any should perish. Hebrews 9:22 teaches that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. This is why Jesus died on the cross.

Consider the depth of that sacrifice. Jesus endured suffering so that we would not have to face Hell. Through His resurrection, He offers eternal life.

Salvation is received by faith. When a person repents and trusts in Christ, they are forgiven and given eternal life.

In closing, God desires for every person to spend eternity with Him. However, this is only possible through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, today is the day of salvation. Do not delay. You are not promised tomorrow. Right now, where you are, you can call upon Him. The Bible says that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Turn from your sin and place your faith in Jesus Christ. Believe that He died for you, was buried, and rose again. Ask Him to forgive you and to save you. He will not turn you away.

Do not leave this decision for another time. Eternity is real. Heaven is real, and Hell is real. Choose life today. Choose Christ.

Next week, we will turn our attention to the glorious hope of Heaven.



**Bring  
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**Join Us at  
the Altar**

# Pastor Bob's Message....

As we conclude the first section of our Sunday School series, "God Is: Understanding the Character of God," we arrive at one of the most profound and foundational truths concerning the nature of God: God is eternal. This doctrine is both deeply theological and intensely practical, stretching the human mind beyond its natural limits while grounding the believer's faith in the unchanging nature of God.

To say that God is eternal is to affirm that He has no beginning and no ending. He does not exist within time as we do; rather, He exists outside of it. Time does not govern Him—He governs time. This stands in stark contrast to humanity. Man had a beginning, created in Adam, and yet will have no end. Every human being will exist forever, either in the presence of God in Heaven or separated from Him in Hell.

While we can somewhat grasp the concept of living forever into the future, we find it exceedingly difficult to comprehend a being who has existed forever in the past without origin. Everything we know has a starting point. Every story has a beginning. Every life has a birth. Yet God has no such beginning. He simply is. This truth is not something we discover through human reasoning; it is something revealed to us through Scripture. Though our finite minds cannot fully understand eternity, we are called to accept it as truth on the authority of God's Word.

Psalms 102:18–28 provides a rich and layered presentation of this doctrine. The psalmist contrasts the frailty of man with the permanence of God, ultimately exalting the Lord as the One who endures unchanged through all generations.

The first section, Psalm 102:18–22, emphasizes the enduring testimony of God's works across generations. The psalmist writes that this will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. The truths about God are to be preserved and proclaimed for future generations. This reminds us that biblical truth is never meant to be temporary or confined to one moment in history. It is meant to endure because it reflects the eternal nature of God Himself.

God's eternal nature connects all generations. He is not merely the God of the past, but the God of every generation that has ever lived and every generation yet to come. Because God is eternal, His character does not change. What He was in the past, He remains in the present, and He will be in the future. This gives great confidence to believers, knowing that the God who was faithful in Scripture is the same God who is faithful today.

Even the most stable things we see in the world are temporary. Mountains erode, stars burn out, and the universe itself will one day be changed. But God stands above it all, unaffected and unchanging. This provides incredible comfort for the believer. In a world that is constantly changing, God remains constant.

The second section, Psalm 102:25–28, contrasts God's years extending endlessly across all generations. The

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He alone is uncreated and stands outside of the created order. Time itself began when God created the heavens and the earth. Therefore, God existed before time began and remains unaffected by its passage.

This truth is essential for understanding the greatness of God. He is not subject to the limitations we experience. He does not grow tired. He does not weaken. He does not age. He is eternally the same in His power, wisdom, and holiness.

The final section, Psalm 102:26–28, declares that even creation will perish, but God will endure. The heavens and the earth will grow old and be changed, but God remains the same. His years will have no end. This captures the essence of God's eternity and immutability. God does not change. He is eternally perfect and complete.

As we reflect on this doctrine, we must acknowledge our limitations. We struggle to grasp eternity past and eternity future. We cannot fully understand what it means for something to have no beginning or no end. Yet our inability to understand does not make it untrue. Instead, it reminds us that God is greater than our understanding.

This truth has profound practical implications. First, it reminds us of the brevity of life. Our time on earth is limited, and we must use it wisely. Second, it reminds us that our struggles are temporary. No matter how difficult life becomes, it will not last forever. Third, it assures us that God's promises are secure. Because He is eternal, His Word will never fail.

Additionally, the eternity of God calls us to a deeper level of worship. When we worship God, we are not simply participating in a moment—we are joining an eternal reality. Our praise is connected to believers of the past and will continue with believers in the future.

Finally, the doctrine of God's eternity should lead us to humility and reverence. We serve a God who is infinitely greater than we are. He is not limited by time, and He is not dependent on anything. He is the eternal, self-existent God.

In conclusion, the declaration that God is eternal is foundational to our understanding of who He is. He has no beginning and no ending. He exists outside of time and remains unchanged. Though we cannot fully comprehend eternity, we can trust the One who is eternal. And in that trust, we find stability, hope, and assurance for both this life and the life to come.

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**FOOD PANTRY**

Saturday, April 18 @ 9 AM

4875 OLD MAYFIELD ROAD, PADUCAH, KY



# LOOKING AHEAD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:00AM Worship Service/VBS Meeting following the Morning Service

6:00 PM Evening Service

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 PM Mid-Week Services / Student Ministry, TeamKid, Mission Friends

7:40 PM Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16

6:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Saturday, April 18

9:00 AM Food Pantry



Hope Unlimited Baby Bottle Campaign

Change for Life

Mother's Day, May 10, 2026

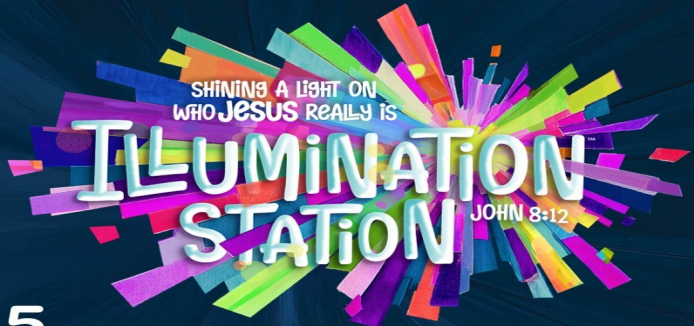
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Father's Day, June 21, 2026



VBS  
2026

June 1 – 5  
6 – 8:30 PM



Grades K – 8

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE/GIVING

## LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 12—10 AM**

**Sunday, April 19—10 AM**

**Sunday Bulletin and the  
monthly newsletter are online!**

Go to

[www.bellviewbaptistpaducah.com](http://www.bellviewbaptistpaducah.com)

Only newsletters that will be sent out are  
the members with no email addresses.

## Last Sunday's Report for April 5, 2026

Required Weekly.....\$7,842.52

Offering Received.....\$5,962.95

Designated Received.....\$141.00

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

### Deacon of the Week

Ronnie Adams — 270-556-5387

### Greeters/Welcome Center

Randy & Paula Walls | Linda Lowe | Paula Walls

### April Ushers

Keith Byers — Kenneth Harper — Jason Olroyd

Andy Pegram — Richard Sawyer — Ray Shelton

Safety Team for Sunday, April 12 — #2

*Card Ministry for April—Linda Hatley*

Please NO food or drinks in the Worship Center.

THERE WILL BE A  
NURSERY on  
Sunday, May 3rd