



**BELLVIEW**  
Baptist Church

Week of June 7, 2026

*Welcome*

# Pastor Bob's Message...



## Vacation Bible School 2026: A Week Filled with Light, Laughter, and Learning

What an incredible week we experienced during Vacation Bible School at Bellview Baptist Church! As we look back on the days we spent together, our hearts are filled with gratitude, joy, and excitement for all that God did in the lives of our children, workers, and families.

This year's VBS was truly a wonderful success. From the moment the doors opened each evening, the church was filled with energy, excitement, and anticipation. We were blessed to see both familiar faces and many new ones in our classrooms. It was encouraging to watch children and families gather together to learn about Jesus, build friendships, and experience the love of Christ through every activity.

One of the greatest blessings of the week was hearing the laughter that echoed through our hallways and classrooms. Smiles could be seen everywhere as children participated in Bible lessons, crafts, recreation, music, and fellowship. The sanctuary was filled with excitement as children sang songs, learned Scripture, and discovered important truths from God's Word. There is something special about seeing young people excited to come to church and eager to learn more about Jesus.

Our theme this year focused on the truth that Jesus is the Light of the World. Throughout the week, the children learned and repeated our VBS motto: **"Jesus is the Light of the World!"** This simple but powerful statement reminded everyone that true hope, guidance, and salvation are found only in Christ.

The children also memorized and studied John 8:12 from the King James Version:

*"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*

What a wonderful promise! In a world that often seems filled with confusion and darkness, Jesus continues to shine as the Light that leads us to truth, forgiveness, and eternal life. Our prayer is that every child who attended will remember this verse long after VBS has ended and will continue to follow the Lord Jesus Christ throughout their lives.

A special highlight of the week occurred on Thursday evening when Gideons International visited our church. We are thankful for their ministry and their commitment to placing God's Word into the hands of people around the world. The Gideons generously provided Bibles for every child who attended in memory of Dan Phelps, and they also offered Bibles to any adults who wished to receive one. What a blessing it was to see so many leave with a copy of God's Word in their hands! We appreciate the partnership and ministry of the Gideons and their dedication to spreading the Gospel through Scripture distribution.

Of course, an event like Vacation Bible School does not happen by itself. It takes an army of faithful servants who are willing to give their time, energy, talents, and hearts to serve the Lord. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to every person who helped make this year's VBS a success.

Thank you to our teachers who faithfully prepared lessons and shared God's Word. Thank you to our directors who organized and coordinated countless details. Thank you to our food servers who made sure everyone was fed and cared for

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Thank you to our recreation teams who kept our children active and engaged. Thank you to our media and sound team, safety teams and housekeeping volunteers who worked behind the scenes to provide a secure and clean environment. Thank you to our Youth Department for their willingness to serve wherever needed. Thank you to the WOW Wagon team for their faithful support and participation throughout the week, the cooks, teachers and the leaders and directors.

Every volunteer played an important role, and every act of service helped create an atmosphere where children could learn about Jesus and experience His love.

Yet above all else, we give our greatest thanks and praise to Jesus Christ. It is His church, His Gospel, and His truth that we shared throughout the week. He is the One who touched hearts, encouraged families, and allowed us to have such a wonderful and successful Vacation Bible School. Every smile, every lesson learned, every Scripture memorized, and every seed planted for the Gospel is ultimately because of Him.

As we celebrate what God has done this year, it is also time to begin looking ahead. After a little rest and recovery, we will start preparing for next year's exciting adventure.

The theme for Vacation Bible School 2027 will be:

**"Take Flight: Trusting God's Faithfulness Above All."**

We are already excited about the opportunities that await us as we continue to teach children about God's faithfulness, His promises, and His unfailing love. We hope you will begin praying now for next year's VBS, for the volunteers who will serve, and for the children and families who will attend.

Thank you, Bellview Baptist Church, for your faithful support, prayers, and participation. Together we witnessed another wonderful week of ministry. May we continue to shine the light of Christ in our community and point others to the One who truly is the Light of the World.

To God be the glory for all He has done!

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BELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
**WHERE IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bellview Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-teaching church with a warm, family atmosphere where all generations feel welcomed. Our church family has seeks to love God, love people, and share the hope of Jesus with our community and the world.

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## Meeting Needs

### Connecting With Others Like Jesus Did – Session One

Several years ago while attending Bible college, one of my professors challenged our class to define ministry in a single statement. The assignment was designed to help us think deeply about what ministry truly is and what principles would guide our future service for Christ. After much prayer, study, and reflection, I wrote the following definition. It has remained a guiding principle in my ministry ever since and serves as a reminder of what I believe God has called His people to do:

*"Meeting the needs of others, whether they be physical, emotional, or spiritual in the name of Jesus for the glory of Jesus, and the salvation of Jesus."*

As we begin our new summer series, "**Connecting With Others Like Jesus Did**," we start with one of the most important truths found in the ministry of Christ: meeting needs. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus continually met people where they were. He saw their hurts, understood their struggles, and ministered to them with compassion and truth. Whether a person was suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually, Jesus demonstrated that genuine ministry involves caring for the whole person.

Luke chapter 5 gives us three powerful examples of Christ meeting needs. In these passages, we see Jesus touching the untouchable, calling the unlikely, and welcoming the rejected. Through these events, we learn valuable lessons about how believers should connect with others today.

### Jesus Meets the Need of the Outcast

#### Luke 5:12-16

The first example involves a man suffering from leprosy. In the ancient world, leprosy was among the most feared diseases. It was not simply a medical condition; it affected every aspect of a person's life. Those diagnosed with leprosy were isolated from society, separated from family, excluded from worship, and forced to live in quarantine for the duration of their illness.

The Law of Moses provided detailed instructions concerning leprosy. Leviticus chapters 13 and 14 describe how individuals were to be examined and isolated. Once healing occurred, a priest had to inspect the person and oversee an extensive purification process. Leviticus 14:1-32 outlines these requirements in great detail.

When this leper approached Jesus, he came with humility and faith. He fell before the Lord and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus immediately responded with compassion. He touched the man and declared, "I am willing; be cleansed." Instantly, the leprosy disappeared.

What makes this miracle especially significant is that Jesus touched the man. Most people would have recoiled in fear. Society viewed lepers as untouchable. Yet Jesus was never afraid of human brokenness. Instead of the leper's uncleanness affecting Jesus, Christ's holiness transformed the leper.

After healing him, Jesus instructed the man to tell no one and to go directly to the priest as Moses commanded. Some have suggested that because the man later spread the news, Jesus somehow caused him to sin by giving him this instruction. Such a claim is unfounded.

First, Jesus had every authority to direct the man because He is the Great High Priest. Hebrews 4:14 declares:

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**"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."** (NKJV)

Jesus was not acting contrary to the Law. In fact, He was fulfilling it perfectly. He instructed the man to follow the requirements established in Leviticus by presenting himself to the priest.

Why did Jesus tell him not to spread the news? Several reasons appear evident from Scripture.

First, Christ wanted the man to obey the Law immediately. Delays could create complications. The priest needed to examine the man and verify the healing.

Second, if hostile individuals reached the priest first, they might attempt to prejudice him against acknowledging the miracle because it was performed by Jesus. An official declaration from the priest would provide undeniable evidence that a genuine healing had occurred.

Third, Jesus understood that excessive publicity would create obstacles for His ministry. Mark 1:45 tells us:

*"As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to Him from everywhere."*

The crowds became so large that Christ had to shift portions of His ministry away from populated areas.

Most importantly, Jesus never wanted people to focus solely on His miracles. The miracles authenticated His identity as the Messiah, but His primary mission was to proclaim the Kingdom of God and ultimately die for the sins of the world.

The same principle applies today. While God still works in remarkable ways, our focus should remain on the greatest miracle of all—the salvation found through Jesus Christ. Physical healing is temporary, but spiritual healing is eternal.

## **Jesus Meets the Need of the Lost**

### **Luke 5:27-28**

The second section introduces us to Levi, better known as Matthew, the future Gospel writer and one of Christ's original disciples.

Tax collectors were among the most disliked people in Jewish society. Many viewed them as traitors because they collected taxes for Rome. They were often associated with dishonesty and corruption. Consequently, they became social outcasts. As Jesus passed by, He saw Levi sitting at the tax office and simply said, "Follow Me." What happened next is remarkable. Luke records that Levi immediately left everything behind and followed Jesus.

This moment reminds us that Jesus sees potential where others see failure. Society saw a tax collector. Jesus saw a disciple, an evangelist, and a future author of Scripture.

To fully appreciate this event, we must connect it with another well-known story found later in Luke's Gospel. In Luke 19:1-10, Jesus encounters another tax collector named Zacchaeus. There, Jesus clearly explains His mission:

**"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."** (Luke 19:10)

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That statement helps us understand why Jesus called Levi.

The Lord was not interested merely in changing Levi's occupation. He came to change his life. Jesus specializes in seeking lost people. He pursues those whom society rejects and offers them hope, forgiveness, and purpose.

Tax collectors were not beyond God's grace, nor were they somehow worse than everyone else. The truth is that all people need salvation. The Bible teaches that all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

Levi's response demonstrates genuine repentance and faith. He left his old life behind and embraced a new life of discipleship.

As believers, we must remember that Jesus still seeks the lost today. We should never allow social status, reputation, background, or past failures to determine whom we are willing to reach. If Jesus was willing to call Levi, we should be willing to share the Gospel with anyone.

## **Jesus Meets the Need of the Many**

### **Luke 5:29-32**

The final section reveals the immediate impact of Levi's conversion. After following Jesus, Levi organized a great feast in his home. Many tax collectors and others gathered together. This was more than a celebration; it was an opportunity for others to meet Jesus.

One of the first things Levi did after being saved was introduce his friends to the Savior. This simple act teaches a powerful lesson. People who have experienced God's grace should naturally desire others to experience that same grace. Unfortunately, not everyone was pleased.

The religious leaders began complaining. They criticized Jesus for eating and associating with tax collectors and sinners. Instead of rejoicing that lost people were hearing the truth, they focused on preserving their own traditions and prejudices. This response mirrors what happened in the story of Zacchaeus. Once again, religious people grumbled because Jesus spent time with someone they considered unworthy. Jesus answered their criticism with one of His most profound statements:

*"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

Jesus was not endorsing sin. He was explaining His mission. A doctor goes where sick people are found. Likewise, the Savior came to rescue sinners.

The Pharisees viewed ministry as avoiding certain people. Jesus viewed ministry as reaching them.

This remains one of the greatest challenges facing churches today. It is easy to minister to people who look like us, think like us, and live like us. It is much harder to intentionally reach those who may be different. Yet Jesus consistently demonstrated that every person matters. Yet Jesus consistently demonstrated that every person matters.

Whether the need is physical, emotional, or spiritual, Christ calls His followers to engage people with compassion and truth.

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As we begin this summer series, we must ask ourselves an important question: Are we meeting needs the way Jesus did?

Are we willing to touch the untouchable, welcome the outcast, and share the Gospel with the lost?

Jesus met the needs of the leper. Jesus met the needs of Levi. Jesus met the needs of countless sinners who came seeking hope. Now He calls us to do the same.

The ministry definition I wrote years ago in Bible college still challenges me today because it reflects the example of Christ found throughout the Gospels. Ministry is not merely holding a position, teaching a class, or serving on a committee. True ministry is seeing people as Jesus saw them and responding to their needs for His glory.

May our churches, our Sunday School classes, and our individual lives reflect the heart of Christ as we seek to connect with others like Jesus did.

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## BRIEF CABINET MEETING

Sunday, June 7 | following the morning service

Need all cabinet members to attend

Meet with Randall Boggess, Bub Harding and Andy Pegram

Sunday, July 5 @ 5 PM

# 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

★ ENRICHING THE LIVES OF AMERICA'S VETERANS ★

GOOD FOOD & GREAT FUN

Hospitality Team—#5—Natalie & Bub Harding

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# LOOKING AHEAD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sunday, June 7

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:00AM Worship Service/Graduate Sunday  
11:00 AM VBS Meeting  
6:00 PM Evening Service/Observance of the Lord's Supper

## Tuesday, June 9

6:00 PM Women's Ministry Meeting

## Wednesday, June 10

6:30 PM Mid-Week Service/Mission Friends/TeamKid/Student Ministry  
7:40 PM Adult Choir Practice

Mission Trip Meeting ( July 26—July 31)

Sunday, June 14 | following the morning service

If planning to go on the mission trip in July, please make plans to attend this meeting.

## **Baby Bottle Campaign**

**This campaign will end on Sunday, June 21 on Father's Day.  
Please return all bottles on Sunday, June 21!**

**All proceeds go to Hope Unlimited!**

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**FOOD PANTRY**

Saturday, June 20 @ 9 AM

4875 OLD MAYFIELD ROAD, PADUCAH, KY



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Tuesday, June 9 @ 6 PM  
Bellview Baptist**

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**Bring non perishable cans and boxes of food.  
Bring sandwiches, chips and desserts!**

**Cost:**

**\$125 per family**

**\$100 single**

**Deadline is June 22**

**Mission Trip—July 26—July 31**

**ARK  
ENCOUNTER**



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE/GIVING

## LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7—10 AM

Sunday, June 14—10 AM

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

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

## Last Sunday's Report for May 31 2026

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

Offering Received.....\$5,838.76

Designated Received.....\$156.00

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

### Deacon of the Week

Mark Wilkins – 270-543-7927

### Greeters/Welcome Center

Mark & Tracie Jackson | Pam Courtney | Tracie Jackson

### June Ushers

Ronnie Adams—Keith Byers –Garrett Harding  
Kenneth Harper—Jason Olroyd—Richard Sawyer

Safety Team for Sunday, June 07 – #2

*Card Ministry for June—Linda Meadows*

Please NO food or drinks in the Worship Center.

THERE WILL BE  
NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL ON  
Sunday, June 7, DURING THE  
WORSHIP HOUR.