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Weekly Budget Offering Required:

\$7,842.52

Online thru August 25— \$1,990.68

Budget offering through August 23

Budget Offering: \$21,211.01

Designated: \$942.00

Total Offering: \$22,153.01

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

- Deacon Meeting— Thursday,
September 17 @ 6:00 PM
- Finance Team Meeting—Sunday,
September 27 @ 4:00 PM
- Cabinet Meeting—Sunday, September 27
@ 4:30 PM
- Special Called Business Meeting—Sunday,
September 27 @ 10 AM

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SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday Bible Study - 9 AM
Sunday Worship Service - 10 AM
Sunday Evening Service - 6 PM
Wednesday Night Service &
Children's Activities - 6:30 PM



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Women's Ministry Retreat

Sat., Sept. 12
Departing from the
church at 9:45



FILL THE GAP

EPH 4:15-16

ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING

Collecting
throughout
September

Goal: \$1200

Revival

Sept. 20: 10 AM & 6 PM

Sept. 21 – 23: 6 PM

Special Guests:

Ian Carrico, Evangelist

Jay Orazine, Music Leader



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

What Our Calendar Can Teach Us About Humility

Have you ever stopped to wonder where the names of our months came from? We use them every day—January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December—but most of us probably never stop to think about their history. Our calendar can teach us more than what day it is. It can also teach us an important spiritual lesson about **humility**.

As we come to the end of August and prepare to enter September, we are reminded that September gets its name from the Latin word *septem*, meaning “**seven**.” That may seem strange because September is our ninth month. However, in the early Roman calendar, September was the seventh month. The earliest Roman calendar was based largely on the lunar cycle and began the year with March. Later, January and February were placed at the beginning of the year, but many of the old month names remained.

This is why September, October, November, and December seem to have numbers that do not match their present positions. October comes from *octo*, meaning eight; November comes from *novem*, meaning nine; and December comes from *decem*, meaning ten. They were named according to their position in the older Roman calendar.

Our modern calendar is based on the **solar year**, which follows the Earth's journey around the sun. The Earth takes approximately **365.242190 days** to complete one orbit. That extra fraction of a day creates a problem. If we simply used 365 days every year, our calendar would slowly drift away from the seasons. To correct this, we add an extra day to February in most years divisible by four. That is why February normally has 28 days but has 29 days during a leap year, such as 2028.

The development of our calendar brings us to one of the most famous men in Roman history: **Julius Caesar**.

Caesar recognized that the old Roman calendar had become badly out of alignment with the seasons. In 46 B.C., he introduced major reforms that became known as the **Julian calendar**. His reforms established a 365-day year with a leap-year system designed to keep the calendar aligned with the solar year.

Caesar's name lives on in our calendar through the month of **July**, which was originally called *Quintilis*, meaning “fifth,” because it was the fifth month in the old Roman arrangement. After Caesar's death, the month was renamed July in his honor.

There is an interesting story connected to Caesar's death. Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 B.C. by a group of Roman senators, including **Brutus**. Caesar was attacked during a Senate meeting held at the Theatre of Pompey. The famous words traditionally

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associated with Caesar—“Et tu, Brute?”—have become part of history and literature, although we cannot know exactly what Caesar said at that moment.

But here is where our calendar illustration becomes especially interesting.

Caesar began a great calendar reform, but he did not live to see all of its later developments. The calendar continued to be adjusted after his death. His successor and adopted son, **Augustus**, was honored with the month of August, which had previously been called *Sextilis*, meaning “sixth.” Over time, the Roman calendar developed into the arrangement of months and days that is familiar to us today.

It is sometimes said that Augustus took a day from February so that August would have the same number of days as July. The actual history is more complicated than that popular explanation. The lengths of the months had already undergone changes, and the modern pattern of 31- and 30-day months was not simply created by Caesar and Augustus taking days from February. Also, **October was to reflect the month and after Octavian**. October comes from the Latin *octo*, meaning “eight.” Octavian was the original name of Augustus, but October's name comes from the old Roman numbering system. Still, there is something spiritually valuable in this history.

Think about the desire of powerful men to leave their names behind. Julius Caesar had July. Augustus had August. Their names became connected to the calendar that millions of people would use for centuries. Human beings have always struggled with the desire to be remembered.

We want our names on buildings. We want our accomplishments recognized. We want people to know what we have done. We sometimes want credit even when we did only a small part of the work. We can become offended when somebody else receives recognition that we think belongs to us. That is where **humility** becomes essential. The Bible gives us a completely different example. Our greatest example of humility is not found in Julius Caesar, Augustus, or any other earthly ruler. It is found in **Jesus Christ**.

Philippians 2:5-8 teaches us:

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...”

Jesus had every right to receive glory. He was not seeking a name because He was insecure.

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He did not have to prove Himself. He did not need to compete with the Father. Instead, Jesus willingly humbled Himself. This gives us a beautiful contrast. Human rulers can become concerned about who receives the credit, whose name is remembered, and who receives the greater honor. But the Father and the Son do not compete against one another. The Father sent the Son. The Son willingly came. The Holy Spirit works to glorify Christ.

There is no rivalry within the Godhead. There is perfect unity, love, and harmony. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not trying to outdo one another. They are perfectly united in the work of redemption and in the glory of God. Jesus Himself said in John 6:38: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

What an example for us!

If Jesus, the Son of God, willingly humbled Himself and submitted to the Father's will, how much more should we be willing to humble ourselves?

The calendar can remind us of something important: **our time on this earth is temporary.**

Every September that comes is one September closer to eternity. Every birthday, every anniversary, every new year, and every passing month reminds us that our days are moving forward. Psalm 90:12 says. "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

We should not spend our limited days trying to make sure everyone knows our name. Instead, we should spend our days making sure people know **His name**. That is the change God wants to make in us.

Instead of asking, "How can I receive recognition?" we should ask, "How can I serve?"

Instead of saying, "Why didn't they thank me?" we can say, "I am thankful God allowed me to serve." Instead of becoming jealous when someone else succeeds, we can rejoice with them.

Instead of competing with other Christians, we can work together for the glory of Christ.

Instead of trying to build our own kingdom, we can help build God's kingdom.

John the Baptist gave us the right attitude when he said of Jesus in John 3:30: "**He must increase, but I must decrease.**"

That is humility.

Julius Caesar wanted to reform the calendar, and his name became attached to one of its months. Augustus received similar

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recognition. But their names, accomplishments, and earthly kingdoms eventually passed away.

God's kingdom will never pass away.

So as we turn the page from August to September, let us allow the calendar to teach us something more important than the names of the months.

Let it remind us that **our time is limited, our accomplishments are temporary, and our names will eventually be forgotten by many people. But the name of Jesus Christ will endure forever.**

We do not need to outdo one another.

We do not need to compete for recognition.

We do not need to demand the spotlight.

We simply need to be faithful.

Let us follow God's example of humility. Let us serve one another. Let us rejoice when God uses someone else. Let us give God the glory when He uses us. And above all, let us make our lives point people away from ourselves and toward Jesus Christ.

As we enter another month, may we be able to say with sincerity:

"Lord, You must increase, and I must decrease."

That is the kind of change that honors God.

And that is a lesson worth remembering every time we look at the calendar.

Pastor Bob



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Congratulations to Dan & Diane Whiteside
Everyone is invited



September 19, 4 PM – 7 PM
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Our Revival

There is something exciting about the word **revival**. Revival is not simply a series of services on a church calendar. Revival is a time when God's people awaken, renew their commitment to Christ, and become more passionate about reaching others with the Gospel. Revival begins when hearts are prepared for God to work.

As we prepare for our upcoming revival at Bellview Baptist Church, I want to encourage every member to begin getting ready **now**. We should not wait until the first service to prepare our hearts. We need to begin praying, seeking God, and asking Him to do a great work in our lives and in our church. The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face..." Notice where revival begins. It begins with **God's people**. Revival is not primarily about changing the world around us; it is about allowing God to change us.

Pray for Revival

The first way we prepare for revival is through prayer. We need to pray for our church, our families, our community, and especially for those who need to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We need people who will make revival a matter of **serious, personal prayer**. Pray that God's hand will move upon our congregation. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict hearts, encourage the discouraged, strengthen the weak, and draw lost people to Jesus Christ.

Pray for our preaching evangelist, **Ian Carrico**. Brother Ian serves as the Kentucky Baptist Convention Regional Consultant for the West Region. He has many years of pastoral experience and has been preaching for years. God has given him a heart for ministry and a desire to see churches reach people for Christ.

Pray that God will give Brother Ian wisdom, boldness, clarity, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit as he preaches God's Word. Pray that every sermon will speak to hearts and that people will respond to God's invitation.

We also need to pray for our music evangelist, **Jay Orazine**. Brother Jay serves as Executive Director of IT Operations at Baptist Hospital, but his ministry reaches far beyond his professional responsibilities. He is also a preacher and church musician. Brother Jay is bringing a great deal of excitement

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and enthusiasm to our revival, and we are looking forward to how God will use him.

Pray that our music will not simply entertain us but prepare our hearts to hear from God. Worship should point us toward Jesus Christ.

Help Promote the Revival

Revival is something we should be excited to share with others. **We need people who are willing to help hand out flyers and promote our revival throughout our community.**

A flyer may seem like a small thing, but God can use small things to accomplish great purposes. We need people willing to take flyers to friends, neighbors, businesses, family members, and others in our community. We need to talk about the revival and personally invite people to attend. Don't assume someone else will do it. **You can help!**

If every member of Bellview Baptist Church would invite just one person, imagine what God could do. We are not simply trying to fill the church building. We are trying to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prepare Your Heart

Revival requires more than attending a service. We must examine our own hearts. Is there sin that needs to be confessed? Is there bitterness that needs to be surrendered? Is there someone we need to forgive? Is there a commitment to Christ that we have neglected?

Psalms 139:23-24 says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Before asking God to revive someone else, we should ask Him to revive us.

Revival begins when we become willing to say, **"Lord, whatever You want to change in me, I am willing."**

Invite Someone

One of the greatest ways to prepare for revival is to invite someone who needs Jesus.

Think about the people God has placed around you—family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and acquaintances. Some may never walk through the doors of Bellview Baptist Church unless someone personally invites them.

Do not underestimate the power of a simple invitation: **"I would love for you to come to revival with me."**

We are praying that God will bring people who are lost, hurting, discouraged, searching, and spiritually hungry.

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Come Expecting God to Move

Finally, come expecting God to do something. We should never approach revival with the attitude of simply attending another church service. Come praying. Come worshipping. Come with your Bible. Come ready to hear God's Word. Come expecting God to speak to your heart.

We need an army of prayer warriors asking God to place His hand upon **our entire congregation**. Pray for our children and youth. Pray for our families. Pray for our senior adults. Pray for every Sunday School class and every ministry of Bellview Baptist Church. Pray for those who are struggling spiritually. Pray for those who have become discouraged or distant from the Lord.

Most of all, pray that God's presence will be evident and that **God's will—not ours—will be accomplished.**

God is still in the business of saving souls, restoring lives, strengthening families, calling Christians back to faithful service, and stirring His church.

Bellview Baptist Church, **let's get ready for revival!** Let's pray for Ian. Let's pray for Jay. Let's pray for our church. Let's pray for the lost. Let's hand out flyers. Let's invite our friends and neighbors. Let's tell our community about what God is going to do.

Most importantly, let's ask God to move His mighty hand upon our congregation.

Revival does not begin with a preacher, a musician, or a schedule. **Revival begins when God's people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and become willing to obey Him.**

Let's get our hearts ready. Let's get our church ready. Let's get our community invited.

And then let's see what God will do!