

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 6, at the home of Natalie Harding

Women's ministry

Be sure to sign up in the lobby!

MEETINGS IN May:

- Deacon Meeting—Thurs. May 15 @ 6:30 PM
- Finance Team Meeting—Sunday, May 18 @ 4:00 PM
- Cabinet Meeting—Sunday, May 18 @ 4:30 PM

Weekly Budget Offering Required:
\$10,107.91

Online thru April 27 : \$3,630.24

Budget offering through April 27

Budget Offering: \$26,371.57

Designated: \$1,996.00

Total Offering: \$28,367.57

**OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 26,
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!**

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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
Meal - 6 PM



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Message from Bro. Travis



Dear Church,

Hello! I wanted to inform you about the upcoming study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity, and encourage them grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the first of a three lesson unit called *The Earth and Creation*. The lesson was entitled "The Bible's Account of Creation" which takes a deep dive into the Creation narrative found in Genesis.

Lesson 1 Overview: The creation of the world and its contents has been the root of many conversations since the very first person dared to ask, "Where did this all come from?" From the Big Bang to the idea that we are all a part of some strange simulation, every non-biblical view lacks a realistic answer that is both possible and meaningful. The Bible gives us information about creation that no other source can.

What We Want Your Student To Learn: That God's creation of the world was intentional. The world is here by design, and its Designer is eager to be seen by all.

What We Want Your Student To Do With What They've Learned: To examine the Bible's account of creation in a way that helps them see how God has revealed Himself through His work.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 1-2, Hebrews 3:4, Colossians 1:15-16, John 8:12

The purpose of lesson 2 is to help students understand that science does not threaten our faith but can, in many ways, help us see the intentional design of our Creator.

Lesson 2 Overview: By examining scientific discoveries alongside biblical truths, students will begin to think about how science reveals God's handiwork in the Universe, from the fine-tuning of cosmic forces to the intricacies of ecosystems on Earth and life itself. Through Scripture and scientific insights, students grasp the purposeful intent behind God's design while also recognizing that they are intricately designed by God for a specific purpose. Ultimately, this lesson emphasizes the integration of science and faith, showcasing how understanding God's creation can lead to a deeper appreciation of His wisdom and purpose in our lives.

What We Want Your Student To Learn: Everything that we can learn and see through scientific discoveries points to God's design.

What We Want Your Student To Do With What They've Learned: Always look for ways that we can understand more about how God has created this world while remembering why He created it.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Job 38, Psalm 104:5-18, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:18

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Lesson 3 is aimed to help students grow more confident sharing their faith with people who hold opposing views of creation. Students had an opportunity to learn about three other views, and why those differ from our own.

Lesson 3 Overview: As we wrap up this unit on The Earth and Creation, it is vital for students to know that there are many people out there with different opinions about the Universe and how it was created. As people who are anchored in our faith, we can stand firm in the truth that God is the intelligent designer of the Universe, the world, and even us. Believers will face hard questions throughout their spiritual journey, but it is with love and boldness that we can have open conversations about many topics. This lesson will reinforce what we have learned about God's Creation while also giving us a glimpse into some other popular theories about the Universe's existence.

What We Want Your Student To Learn: There are quite a few theories as to how the Universe and everything in it came to be; however, only one can be true. As Christians, we believe that God is the Creator of the Universe.

What We Want Your Student To Do With What They've Learned: Be able to have open, honest, and loving conversations with others who may have differing opinions regarding the creation of the Universe.

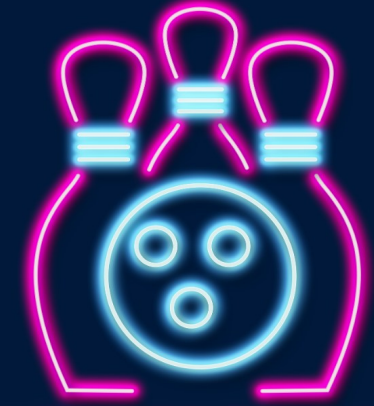
Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 1:1, Psalm 104:16-24, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Revelation 21:1-5

Bro Travis



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YOUTH BOWLING Night



MAY 2ND FROM 7PM-9:30PM

WE WILL TAKE THE BUS FROM
THE CHURCH @ 7PM



Mother's Day 2025 baby dedication

Contact the office if you are interested



Message from Pastor Bob

Growing as Joyous and Faithful Members of Bellview Baptist Church

At Bellview Baptist Church, our vision is to nurture a community of believers who are both joyous and faithful in their walk with Christ and their involvement in the church family. To grow in this way, members must cultivate excitement and purpose in coming to church, actively support our staff and fellow members, and engage in sincere self-reflection guided by Scripture.

Cultivating Joy and Excitement for Church Life

Attending church with joy and enthusiasm begins with setting our hearts on God's work among us. The Bible encourages us to rejoice always (1 Thessalonians 5:16), reminding us that joy is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). When we come together, it should be with gladness as we worship and fellowship, echoing the words of Zephaniah 3:14: "Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Rejoice and be glad with all your heart". This joyful participation strengthens our faith and inspires others.

Supporting Our Church Staff

Our pastors and church staff labor faithfully for the spiritual growth and care of the congregation. Scripture calls us to honor and obey those who oversee us (Hebrews 13:17): "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls". We support our staff through prayer, encouragement, and practical help. As Paul commended Timothy for faithfully following him in ministry, so too should we learn from and support our leaders who shepherd us (1 Timothy 4:12-16). Practical support includes praying for their wisdom and protection, offering encouragement, and appreciating their efforts (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Loving and Supporting Fellow Members

Our connection as members is a reflection of the body of Christ, called to serve and build up one another (Romans 12:9-11). Love for our brothers and sisters should be sincere and visible: "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" [Romans 12:10]. Supporting each other means bearing one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and encouraging those who struggle (Hebrews 3:13). The church is a family where we weep and rejoice together (Romans 12:15) and grow spiritually through mutual care and accountability.

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Looking Inward for Change Through Self-Reflection

Spiritual growth requires honest self-examination and repentance. Paul urges believers to examine themselves (2 Corinthians 13:5): "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves". This inward look is essential to identify areas for growth and align with God's will. Through prayer and meditation on God's Word, we can ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what needs to change in our hearts (Psalm 139:23-24): "Search me, O God, and know my heart... and lead me in the way everlasting."

Self-reflection should lead us to rely on God's faithfulness and grace, remembering that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us" (1 John 1:9). It is also a source of joy when we see God's work transforming us from the inside out.

By embracing joy in worship, supporting our church staff and fellow members with love, and practicing honest self-reflection, we at Bellview Baptist Church can grow into the faithful, joyous family God desires. Let us encourage one another, rejoice together, and commit ourselves fully to the work and fellowship of this local body, living out our faith with glad hearts, consistent perseverance, and humble service.

May the Lord fill us with "all joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13) as we continue in faithful membership here at Bellview Baptist Church.

Pastor Bob



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Donating Kleenex to Morgan Elementary

Drop off in the lobby!



Baby Bottle Campaign for Hope Unlimited

Mother's Day May 11

To

Father's Day June 15

Mission Trip
July 13-19



\$75 per person/\$125 per family

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SPOTLIGHT.....

Spotlight on Mothers: Embracing God's Divine Calling

Motherhood, as revealed throughout Scripture, stands as a sacred and vital role ordained by God. It is a calling far greater than mere biology or cultural tradition; it is a divine ministry where the very fabric of family, faith, and future is woven. As we shine this month's "Spotlight" on mothers in The Vision, the rich Christian values that underpin their role and the profound responsibility of raising children according to God's Word will receive our heartfelt attention.

The Bible establishes motherhood as a central and honorable vocation within the God-ordained order of life and family. The Proverbs 31 woman embodies this truth vividly: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, But you excel them all'" (Proverbs 31:28-29). This passage extols the virtues of a mother who demonstrates strength, dignity, wisdom, and above all, reverence for the Lord. Such a mother nurtures her children not only with love and care but also with a godly example that inspires respect and gratitude.

A mother's role is inseparable from her spiritual influence and faithfulness. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to Titus, commands older women to "train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children" (Titus 2:4). This directive highlights the vital responsibility mothers carry: fostering a Christ-centered home where love, discipline, and godliness flourish. This training goes beyond physical provision to spiritual mentorship, anchoring children in faith that withstands the adversities of life.

The Scripture further instructs the household leadership of mothers in Ephesians 6:4: "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord". While this verse addresses both parents, it underscores the principle that nurturing children must be coupled with careful guidance rooted in the Word of God. Mothers, in particular, often cultivate both the tender affection and patient instruction necessary to shape not only behavior but also hearts that yearn for God's will.

Central to raising children in the way they should go is the timeless wisdom of Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it". This promise affirms that mothers who diligently and lovingly teach their children

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the ways of the Lord impart a spiritual foundation that endures throughout life. It reminds us that the early years are formative, and that a mother's teaching has eternal consequences.

The heritage of godly motherhood is well illustrated in the lives of biblical women who exemplify faith, courage, and devotion. Consider Hannah, whose fervent prayers and dedication shaped the future prophet Samuel. Her faithfulness to God's calling and her willingness to entrust her son to the Lord's service attest to the depth of a mother's spiritual impact (1 Samuel 1). Likewise, Mary, the mother of Jesus, entrusted God's divine plan within her womb and modeled faithful discipleship as she nurtured the Savior in wisdom and grace (Luke 2:52).

Mothers today embrace a similar calling, though within a rapidly changing world often hostile to biblical values. The Christian mother's task remains vital: to shepherd her children toward Christ by prayer, by the consistent modeling of faith, and by training them in the ways of righteousness (Proverbs 1:8; 29:15). As Psalm 127:3 reminds us, "Children are a heritage of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward". This truth calls for reverence and gratitude, viewing children not as burdens but as precious gifts entrusted to maternal care for God's glory.

It is essential to acknowledge that the Christian mother's strength is neither inherent nor isolated. Rather, it depends on a daily dependence on God's grace and wisdom. A godly mother, therefore, is "clothed with strength and dignity" (Proverbs 31:25) because she leans on the Lord, seeking His guidance through prayer and Scripture to navigate the trials and joys of raising a family. This spiritual posture equips her to offer both compassion and firm instruction, nurturing children who will honor God in all their ways.

In a practical sense, loving mothers invest time and energy in creating homes that are sanctuaries of peace and faith. They discipline with kindness and consistency, fostering environments where children learn to respect authority because respect for God is taught first in the home. This work is often unseen and underappreciated by the world, yet known and treasured by the Lord. As Paul reminds us in 2 Timothy 3:15, children who have been deeply acquainted with Scripture "from childhood... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". The faith imparted by godly mothers echoes through generations.

Finally, it is crucial to remember the ultimate priority in the life of every Christian mother: her commitment to Christ above all. Jesus instructed, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37).

SPOTLIGHT CONTINUES...

This call to place God first serves as the foundation upon which all other maternal responsibilities are built. Only by prioritizing the Lord can a mother truly fulfill her high and holy calling to raise children who love and serve Him. As we honor the mothers in our congregation and community this month, let us give thanks to God for their faithful devotion. Their sacrifices, prayers, and diligent training knit the tapestry of faith that will shape the church, culture, and kingdom for generations to come. May every mother continue to embrace her God-given role—not as a burden, but as a noble ministry designed by the Creator for the glory of His name. In closing, may we echo the Psalmist's prayer for mothers everywhere: "Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways" (Psalm 128:1). Indeed, blessed is the Christian mother who walks in the fear of the Lord and lovingly shepherds her children in His ways. Let this month's spotlight be a celebration, a call to encouragement, and a heartfelt reminder of the divine and life-changing ministry of motherhood.

Graduation....

If you know someone, (church member) who is graduating this May, from Kindergarten, High School or College, please contact Bro Travis by May 1st.

2025 Youth Events

Yes Conference - Feb 7th-8th

Youth Sunday - March 30th
(Lunch & Skating to fellow AM service. Bring \$25)

Glow Bowling @ Superbowl - May 2nd
(7PM-10PM Cost is \$7.50 Per Person)

Summer Swim Parties
(Look for information last week of May)

Centrifuge Camp - June 9th-13th

Youth Sunday - June 29th

Youth Sunday - August 31st

Hearts on Fire - November 21-23

