

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice

Every Sunday this month there will be choir practice immediately following the Worship Service

Easter Candy Donations

We need your candy donations to fill 5,000 Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt (no large candies, lollipops, or chocolate please)

Easter Sunday Schedule

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service at 8am

Breakfast at 8:30am

Main Service at 9:45am

Easter Egg Hunt to follow Main Service

Dessert Auction & Lunch Plate Senior Camp Fundraiser

Sunday, April 26 after the Worship Service

Mark your calendars now!

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2026

A BLUE PRINT FOR OUR CHURCH
KNOWING WHO YOU ARE AND
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO



TO KNOW, TO GROW, TO SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD

Welcome to Bible Baptist Church! We are a community of believers committed to knowing, growing in, and showing the love of God as we work together to change the world, one person at a time.

Senior Pastor, Mike Spann

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY MORNING

Life Groups All Ages

9:00 am

Worship Service

10:30 am

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY

Adult Bible study

11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING

UNASHAMED Student Ministry

6:30 pm

Bible Kids' Clubs

6:30 pm

Single Moms

6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Matthew 20:27

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MARCH EVENTS

21

Church Workday - Saturday, March 21 at 8am

Bring the whole family to help with several projects on campus

29

Lord's Supper - Sunday, March 29 at 4:30pm

The Lord's Supper is for saved and baptized members of BBC
This is a time for corporate unity and individual scrutiny of our walk with Jesus and remembrance of what He has done

3/8/26 GIVING

GENERAL	\$9,044.63
MISSIONS	\$1,667.15
BUILDING	\$308.70
TOTAL	\$11,020.48

Study of Ephesians
A Blueprint for Our Church
Knowing Who You are and What You Should Do

Story Behind Ephesians

Paul is the human author of this book. He visited Ephesus at the end of his second missionary journey where he left Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:18-21). This strategic city was the commercial center of Asia Minor, but heavy silting required a special canal to be maintained so that ships could reach the harbor. It was located on the Cayster River, not far from the Ionian Sea. Since it was a commercial center, it attracted merchants from all around the eastern Mediterranean. Ephesus was a religious center, famously known for its magnificent temple of Diana (Roman name) or Artemis (Greek name), a structure considered to be one of the seven wonders of the ancient world (Acts 19:35). The practice of magic and the local economy were clearly related to this temple. As one might guess, everything about this religion was a violation of modesty and purity. The temple erected in her honor was 220 years in building. And in contrast to this licentious female deity, Ephesians shows the God-ordained place of woman, the glory of a building not made with hands, and the superiority of riches in Christ to those gained by trade.

Theme of Ephesians

Every believer's _____ to walk in accordance with his heavenly calling in Christ Jesus (4:1).

Paul's _____

Paul begins this letter by addressing who He is and why He is writing the church at Ephesus. He is an apostle meaning one who is sent out. Qualification to be an apostle:

- The candidate was required to be someone who followed Jesus during his entire earthly ministry, beginning from Jesus' baptism by John to Jesus' ascension into heaven (1:21–22a).
- The candidate was required to have seen Jesus after His resurrection (1:22b).
- The candidate needed to have been appointed by the Lord Jesus himself (1:24–25).

Paul admits that he was one because He saw the resurrected Jesus. "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." (1 Cor. 15:8). And that he was appointed by Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:1; 15-24). Therefore, he was sent out by Jesus, and any power that he possessed was a delegated power from the Lord.

We have a blueprint to know what the _____ should look like and how it should _____ within the church

- **Truth about being a _____**
 - Nine times in this brief letter, Paul addresses his readers as saints (1:1, 15, 18; 2:19;3:8, 18; 4:12; 5:3; 6:18). These were alive, not dead, though once they had been "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1-3). The word saint described in the N.T. is "one who has trusted Jesus Christ as Savior." You will find Christians called disciples (Acts 9:1, 10, 19, 25-26, 36, 38), people of the Way (Acts 9:2) and saints (Acts 9:13, 32, 41).
 - **The word saint means "one who has been _____."** When the sinner trusts Christ as their Savior, then he is taken out of "the world" and placed "in Christ." The believer is in the world physically, but not of the world spiritually (John 17:14-16).

- **Truth about _____**
 - **Grace is used twelve times in Ephesians and refers to “the _____ of God toward undeserving people.”** It is an infinite capacity of giving.
 - The God the Father is the fount of grace (1 Pet. 5:10). The Son is the channel of grace (2 Cor. 13:14). The Spirit is the administrator of grace (Heb. 10:29). And it is His Saving Grace – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8) – that gives us something that we don’t deserve
 - The other word that has made an impact in their life is “faithful.” The word faithful carries the meaning of “believers _____ Christ Jesus.”
 - These people were not saved by living faithful lives; rather they put their faith in Christ and were saved. This is clear from (1:12-14, 19).
 - **The phrase “in Christ Jesus” is used twenty-seven times in this letter! It describes the spiritual _____ of the believer he is identified with Christ, he is in Christ.**
 - A traditional/cultural identity is the identity or feeling of belonging to a group.
 - Modern Identity says this is who I say I am and I’m forcing myself upon you to accept me for who I am.
 - Gospel Identity is Jesus redefining you and reconstructing you into being what He wants you to be.
- **Truth about _____**
 - Because of God’s grace and their faith in Jesus, the result is peace with God through Jesus Christ. The word “from” in verse two means “of origin... of the place whence anything is, comes.” In the Bible, peace is never purely negative word; it never describes simply the absence of trouble. Shalom means everything which makes for a person’s highest good.
 - **God’s peace is something quite _____ of outward circumstances.**
 - “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1). We are to be declared righteous (Rom. 3:24; 5:1, 9). God judges us according to His standard of righteousness the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ!
 - **Therefore, the God is by _____ and placing one’s _____ in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

The blueprint for our church is to know that you are _____ Christ!

Do you know Him? If you do, then who are you telling about Him?