

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mandatory Training for All Next Generation Ministry Volunteers

Today, from 4:30pm - 7pm, for all 6th grade - 12th grade volunteers

BBC Christmas Show Sign-Up

Mrs. Laura Williams is directing a Christmas Show and is looking for actors of all ages, sign-up at the Welcome Center

Baby Shower

Baby shower in honor of Heather & Chris Jordan's baby girl
Saturday, August 22nd at 10:30am at 17087 River Hills Dr, Gulfport
Registry is on Amazon, please RSVP to 228-343-2752

10-Week Adult Bible Studies

Choose from several studies on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning
August 26th & Sundays at 4:30pm, beginning September 6th
Sign-up at the Welcome Center

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**HOT TOPIC:
WHY GET MARRIED?**

August 2, 2026



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

6:30 pm

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
Romans 12:1*

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AUGUST EVENTS

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Missionary Larry Alred - Next Sunday, August 9th at 10:30am
Let's welcome our Guest Speaker and Missionary to Mexico

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CCA Prayer Walk - Next Sunday, August 9th at 4:30pm
We will pray over the campus, staff, and students of CCA

15

Church Workday - Saturday, August 15th at 8am
Come lend a helping hand in taking care of our campus!

23

Teen Take Over - Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30am
Support our teens as they serve throughout our morning
Worship Service

31

Guest Speaker, Ben Schettler - Sunday, August 31st
Ben Schettler is the President & Co-Founder of The Center for Truth in Love and will be with us for combined Life Groups at 9am, 10:30am Worship Service, and a special 4:30pm service

7/26/26 GIVING

GENERAL	\$7,021.37
MISSIONS	\$989.04
BUILDING	\$73.83
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$266.00
TOTAL	\$8,084.24

Why Get Married?

Eph. 5:25-33

_____ is God's idea.

God said, "Let us make man in our image" and then, "I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 1:26, 2:18). The sovereign Creator God first made the man and the woman anatomically one (1:27) and then ordained marriage to meet the need of solitariness. According to Genesis 2:21 – 22, the man was a passive participant. The woman was God's workmanship and gift to the man. Although Adam recognized the woman's full identity with himself (v. 23), this was God's idea and handiwork. We must never take credit for what God ordained nor try to improve upon or replace God's perfect plan for a man and a woman in terms of marriage. Any of man's ideas fall short of God's ideal.

Christian marriage mirrors this: it is entered into by a _____ and _____, for one lifetime, both consenting adults, who pledge before God and others to be a loving, lifelong, exclusive, no-exist-strategy-planned spouse to each other. This commitment, foundational to God's design, sets the stage for a man and woman to grow into a deeper trust and security as they build their life together.

Reasons People Choose to Live Together

- _____.
- _____ things out.
- **Financial** _____.
- **Marriage is an** _____.

What is God's View of Marriage?

- **The _____ of Marriage**
 - Companionship (Genesis 2:18; Proverbs 18:22)
 - Completion (Genesis 2:20)
- **The _____ about Marriage**
 - A Proclamation of Acceptance (Genesis 2:23)
 - A Proclamation of Honor (1 Peter 3:7)
- **The _____ of Marriage**
 - Leaving of past relationships.
 - Cleave unto your wife (Mark 10:7-9).
 - Weaving – "one flesh"
 - God's plan is for your marriage relationship to be deeply intimate on every level.
 - Weaving _____.
 - Weaving _____.
 - Weaving _____ (1 Corinthians 7:1-4)

Marriage is _____ Work

God uses marriage for the good of conforming men and women into the image of His Son Jesus, and the lifelong commitment protects both spouses from running away when this process is painful. Marriage is a _____ from God, but it is not the ultimate gift – Jesus is! Are you willing to allow Him to be the loving Lord over this relationship and to allow your heart to be captivated with him more than the benefits you receive from the other person?

What Steps Do You Need to Take to Do It God's Way?

- **Learn to Love God from a Heart of _____**
 - *You must repent of this sin of fornication* (1 Cor. 6:9-20; 7:1-5). Our bodies are the members of Christ (1 Cor. 6:15). When we commit this sin, we corrupt the very body of Christ. This results in a tremendous amount of guilt. We are emotional creatures, and guilt must be resolved as quickly as possible, or the consequences can be devastating. God is calling you, as an unmarried person, to humbly change your heart's attitude toward your living situation (1 John 1:9)
- **_____ the Gifts of Marriage that you have been Sharing**
 - *This means a commitment to abstinence outside of marriage* (Romans 13:14).
 - *God is not a joy-killer because He designed sex but only for marriage.* And if you go outside of His design then be sure you will reap in what you sow (Gal. 6:7). God is the avenger of such according to 1 Thess. 4:3-7 because they have defrauded their brother or sister in the Lord. Obedience to Jesus always leads us to love others selflessly, pursuing what is good for them according to God's ways (1 John 5:2).
- **_____ your relationship with your future spouse according to God's Word**
 - *If both of you and your future spouse are willing and committed to go forward in this new journey, you now can grow into the best of what God intends for spouses to be.* Stepping away from living together actually has the power to draw you closer to one another. Because God's commandments are for us and are meant to lead to our growth, obedience to Him always bears good fruit in our lives.
 - *Following Christ happens when we deny ourselves and put to death what is sinful in our lives.* Can you think of a better way to cultivate trust, respect, spiritual maturity, and godly character than to follow the counsel of the One who designed relationships and knows the best way for us to have satisfying relationships?
- **Get _____ and _____ toward marriage.**
 - Marriage is a gift from God to enjoy and yet it also will bring glory and joy to our God as Christian marriage models and points to His grace, love, and eternal commitment to His people.