

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower

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

Friend Day Bookmark

Please begin praying for God to lay people on your heart and in your path to invite to Friend Day, grab yours at The Welcome Center

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

Ministry Need

Our Watchmen Ministry is currently looking for men and women to serve in this very important ministry
Please see Brad Carter for more information

Bridal Shower

Bridal shower in honor of Jessica Smith
Saturday, September 5th at 10:30am at 1325 Dr. Campbell Drive, Wiggins
Registry is on Amazon and Target, please RSVP to 228-326-3869

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

A BLUE PRINT FOR OUR
CHURCH

DEALING WITH THE PAST

August 16, 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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Teen Take Over - Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30am
Support our teens as they serve throughout our morning
Worship Service

30

Guest Speaker, Ben Schettler - Sunday, August 30th
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

8/9/26 GIVING

GENERAL	\$9,990.08
MISSIONS	\$2,896.24
BUILDING	\$407.53
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$13,293.85

Dealing with the Past

Ephesians 2:1-6

Dealing with our past can be difficult. There are memories that we don't want to remember. There are people, places, and things that we just want to forget. Remember, Paul is writing to born-again believers who had to remember where they came from to appreciate what they have now in Christ!

But the story that matters most to you is yours. God's good plan for your life is not buried under the mistakes of the past. God has a plan for your life, a good plan, a wise plan, a loving plan, a sovereign plan, and that plan is still in effect. You haven't missed it. He is working out that plan in your life right now, today. Will you believe that? And will you renew your commitment this morning to seeking God, and following Him, and serving Him with your whole heart; free of the past, no longer weighed down by regret?

You say how in the world can I do that? It's impossible! My reply to you is you are absolutely correct when you do it on your own. Satan is an "accuser of the brethren" (Rev. 12:10). He will remind you of your past, shame, and guilt. He will play on your emotions, circumstances, and your vulnerabilities. **But rest assure child of God, you can deal with your past by overcoming its barriers from what _____ has done!**

- **Barrier of my _____ (v. 1)**
 - To be spiritually dead means to possess no spiritual life within. The word trespasses in the Greek means "a falling aside when one should have stood upright." It conveys the idea of when Adam fell away from the truth and uprightness by being disobedient to the command of God. The word sins in the Greek means "to miss the mark, to wander from the right path, to go wrong, to do wrong." Sin entered the world when Adam fell (Rom. 5:12).
 - This is the cause of spiritual death, the "trespasses and sins" (v. 1). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). [Romans 3:19-20, 23, 6:23a; Rev. 21:8]. In the Bible, death basically means separation from the body but also spiritually, as the spirit separated from God (Isa. 59:2; Matt. 7:23). The barrier of our problem is that we are dead spiritually separated from God!
- **Barrier of my _____ (v. 2)**
 - Before I accepted Jesus as my Savior, my utter deadness to spiritual things was evident in my behavior. The word course means an age or a period during which certain things happen or a certain spirit or attitude prevails.
 - The Bible makes it clear that there is an unseen world of the air, and it has a master's name is Satan! He is the one who brings evil influences to bear upon the world of men. Our state of spiritual death was demonstrated by the fact that we walked according to the spirit of the power of the air. In our unregenerate state, we were completely deceived by Satan. We walked according to the course of the world and according to the spirit of the power of the air.
 - The barrier of our past was that we lived according to the prince of the power of this air. We lived under the influence of the world, the flesh, and the devil!
- **Barrier of my _____ (vv. 2-3)**
 - This was the beginning of man's spiritual death – his disobedience to the will of God. God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4), and because they believed a lie, the first man and woman

sinned and experienced immediate spiritual death and ultimate physical death. Since that time, mankind has lived in disobedience to God. There are 3 forces that encourage man in his disobedience – the world, the devil, and the flesh. “The spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” is what we are still seeing today. The word “children” means “a son” has special reference to one’s origin, nature, and relationship to his father.

- Why does a sinner behave like a sinner? Because that is his nature. “The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies” (Psalm 58:3) The word lust means strong desire and not necessarily referring to something evil. We do what we do because we want what we want. His actions are sinful because his appetites are sinful.
- Our past condition: we were without God, without Christ, without hope. We were sinners by birth, by choice, and by practice. Our lot was cast in a world controlled by the evil one, and our eternal destiny was to live forever under God’s wrath and curse. The barrier of our pride lived only please ourselves – Frank Sinatra song ‘I did it my way!’
- **Blessing for my _____ (vv. 4-5)**
 - But the Holy Spirit does not leave the matter there! Even though the sentence has been passed but God in His mercy is staying the execution of the sentence “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).
 - By nature, “God is love” (1 John 4:8). God defines loves. Love has never defined God. If love defines God, then we can make love define whatever we want to justify our actions. Understand that God would still love even if there were no sinners on this earth! The word “but” draws our attention to God’s mercy and love.
 - Love is one of God’s intrinsic attributes, but when this love is related to sinners, it becomes grace and mercy. God is “rich in mercy” (v. 4) and in “grace” (v. 7), and these riches have made it possible for sinners to be saved. Do you realize that we are not saved by “God’s love”? We are saved by God’s mercy and grace. In His mercy, He doesn’t give us what we deserve, and, in His grace, He gives us what we don’t deserve. This is all made possible because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Understand that it was at Calvary that God displayed His hatred for sin (Rom. 5:8) and His love for sinners (John 3:16).
 - The blessing that we have or can have is that God’s rich mercy was offered to save a sinner like me. When I chose Jesus, He saved me but also has raised me out of the grave so that when I die, I will have a home in heaven!
- **Conclusion**
 - **The barriers from my problems, my past, and my pride has been met by God’s _____.** It’s new every morning because He is faithful. No more do I have to try to figure how to deal with those barriers when the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that has saved me and raised me from the grave (1Co 15:52-58) He has given me the victory through Jesus Christ my Lord!