

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Shopping Trip

Ladies' shopping trip to The Lucky Rabbit on Saturday, November 7th
Meet us here at 9am and we will carpool to Hattiesburg

Boston Butt Fundraiser

CCA Bulldog Athletics and PTO Fundraiser
Cost is \$45 and pick-up is Saturday, November 14th from 10am - 12pm
These are ready to eat and serve approximately 20 people
To complete the order form, please scan the QR at The Welcome Center
Available only by presale until November 6th

Bridal Shower

Ladies join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Emma Hoffmann
Saturday, November 21st at 10am at 19583 Champion Circle in Gulfport
Please RSVP to Carol Roberts at 228-806-0349 by November 15th
Emma & Michael are registered on Amazon and Target

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN
A BLUEPRINT FOR OUR CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 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

*Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:
Psalm 50:14*

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

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Veteran's Recognition Service - Next Sunday, November 8th
at 10:30am we will have a special gift for all Veterans

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Church Workday - Saturday, November 14th at 8am
Bring the whole family and help us work around our campus

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Lord's Supper - Sunday, November 15th at 4:30pm
The Lord's Supper is for saved and baptized members of BBC
This is a time of corporate unity and individual scrutiny of our walk with Jesus and remembrance of what He has done

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Service Time Change - Wednesday, November 25th
There will be no midday or evening services

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Service Time Change - Sunday, November 29th
There will be no Life Groups
We will have our 10:30am Worship Service

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Christmas Decorating - Sunday, November 29th at 4:30pm
Come help us put up our church Christmas decorations

10/25/26 GIVING

GENERAL	\$2,780.82
MISSIONS	\$1,369.14
BUILDING	\$288.83
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$00.00
TOTAL	\$4,438.79

Outside Looking In

Ephesians 2:11-13

Sin promises _____, but it only brings slavery (John 8:34); it promises _____, but brings failure; it promises _____, but “the wages of sin is death” (Rom.6: 23). The boy thought he would “find himself,” but he only lost himself! When God is left out of our lives, enjoyment becomes enslavement. (Warren W. Wiersbe, Warren Wiersbe’s “Be” Series: Old & New Testaments).

We, as a believer in Christ, shouldn’t have to worry about being the outsider looking in because God wants you to _____.

- **Remember Who You _____ (vv. 11-12)**

- Keep in mind that Paul is still addressing believers at the church at Ephesus, and most of them were Gentile converts who knew that much of God’s program in the Old Testament involved the Jews.
- Ever since the days of Abraham the rite of circumcision had served as a covenantal sign of the unique relationship that existed between God and the Israelites, the Jews gloried in this relationship. For centuries, the “circumcision” (Jews) had looked down on the “uncircumcision” (Gentiles) with an attitude that God had never intended them to display. The fact that a Jew had received the physical mark of the covenant was not proof he was a man of faith (Rom. 2:25-29; Gal. 5:6; 6:15). Those who have trusted Christ have received a spiritual circumcision “made without hands” (Col. 2:11). Even in the Old Testament, God told Israel that circumcision of their _____ was far more important than the physical mark (Deut. 10:16; Jer. 4:4) It was God’s way of saying humble yourself before me. With the Jews God gave us His Word, and through the Jews He gave the world the Savior (Rom. 9:1-5). Israel was to be a light to the _____ that they too might be saved.
- There is one word that best describes the Gentiles is _____. They were the “outside” in several aspects
 - Without _____ – the Ephesians worshipped the goddess, Diana, and before the coming of the Gospel, knew nothing about Christ.
 - Without _____ – they were withdrawn from the community and freedom that Israel had. God called the Jews and built them into a nation. He gave them His laws and His blessings. A Gentile could enter the nation as a proselyte, but he was not born into that very special nation. Israel was God’s nation, in a way that was not true of any Gentile nation.
 - Without _____ – While the blessing of the Gentiles is included in God’s covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), God didn’t make any covenants with the Gentile nations.
 - Without _____ – Historians tells us that a great cloud of hopelessness covered the ancient world. Philosophies were empty; traditions were disappearing; religions were powerless to help men face either life or death.
 - Without _____ – the heathen had gods-galore to pick from, as Paul discovered in Athens (Acts 17:16-23). Understand that the spiritual plight of the

Gentiles was caused not by God but by their own willful sin. Paul said the Gentiles knew the true God but deliberately refused to honor Him (Rom. 1:18-23).

- Before you and I came to know Christ, we were dead in our trespasses and sins
 - We were known as the children of disobedience and wrath.
 - We were without Christ withdrawn from the community and the freedom that Israel had from God.
 - We were foreigners and strangers to God's covenant promises with Israel, because we were without God having no hope. We were just hopelessly wandering throughout life.
- It's no wonder that so many Gentiles looked longingly at the Jewish religion. But at the same time, they were attracted, they were repulsed by the hypocrisy, exclusivism, and pride of the Jews. The Gentiles were attracted by the Scripture but repulsed by the traditions and explanation of Scripture. They were drawn to the synagogue but repelled by the thought of circumcision. They were attracted by the noble teachings – the moral, spiritual, and ethical content of the bible – but dismayed by the Jews that their traditions were the only way. I have to wonder is our life the same. Are we sending mixed messages? Are we attracting people by our doctrine but pushing them away by our _____ and our _____?
- **Conclusion**
 - Without _____ and the miracle of His _____, the individual, the tribe, or the nation follows the flesh and dies in the flesh, eternally lost!
 - The Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well, and He asked her for a drink. She couldn't understand His being a Jew – yet asking a Samaritan woman for a drink. Jesus said to her, "If thou knewest... who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water."
 - What a beautiful picture of salvation continues here, until the woman who came to the well, bringing an empty water pot, returned to the city with wells of living water flowing forth from her innermost being. Therefore, in this marvelous dispensation of the grace of God, it is no longer Jew or Gentile: It is all nations, one in Christ, meaning all who believe. There is no difference.
- **Application**
 - Friend, you are the _____ vessel that is waiting to be filled with meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. Everything you are looking for is in Jesus Christ. Would you allow Him to fill you with His peace and joy? The only thing you have to offer is your repentance and faith. This way you are no longer on the outside looking in.
 - Child of God, are you _____ Him so that you can point others to Him? Or are saved and satisfied? Remember, you once were without God, and you know what that was like. Who is going to tell your family, friends, co-workers, fellow-students, or neighbors about Christ if you don't? Who will help them to be on the inside looking out for others to do the same?