

May 24 2026



Interim Pastor Jeff Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL (for all ages)—9:00am

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:30am

Prelude No. 347 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
 Welcome|Announcements|Prayer Requests
 Song No. 339 "Standing on the Promises"
 Song No. 122 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
 Scripture Reading—Psalm 78:1-8
 Song "Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"
 Song "Ancient of Days"
 Noisy Offering~Summer Mission Trip
 Message Matthew 13:1-23 Jeff Brown
 "Seeking the Kingdom of God: A Mystery Solved"
 Song of Response No. 359 "People Need the Lord"
 Benediction

VOLUNTEERS

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

NURSERY (Birth to 2 years of age)

SS—Hannah Wilkerson, Carol Taylor
AM—Ashley Osborn, Jill Spalding, Ethan Moss

SS—Jill Spalding
AM—Kelley Cowan, Lori Kohl

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (3 years of age to 1st grade)

Angel Vollrath, Phyllis Olson, Makenzie Chapman

Ava Yutzky, Mya Martin, Taegyn Johnson

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Jeremy Moss

Richard Harrison

LIVE STREAM

Carter McNeill

Ethan Moss

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

Amanda McNeill

Brittany Johnson

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Dennis Carson, Roger Pennewell

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HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Joe & Amanda McNeill

Rusty & Georgia Rothweiler

To contact Pastor Jeff please email at jbrowndlc@gmail.com or text at 405.220.9583 and he will get back with you.

Reminder: BBA Summer Camp Registration is open online @ www.bethelassociation.org until June 15 at midnight! Makes checks payable to Bethel Baptist Association and give to church office.

BUDGET GIVING

BUDGET OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$94,800

ACTUAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$101,519

WEEKLY GIVING TO MEET BUDGET: \$4,740

MAY 17: BUDGET GIVING: \$1,920

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 127

ATTENDANCE ON MAY 17: 86

Visitors/Ministry Needs—We want to remind us all that there is a Connect card located in pew pockets. This card is for our guests to fill out and drop in the offering plate so we can minister to our guests. It is also possible for members to use it to make known needs that we can minister to.

Offering Plates—The Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary on both the left and right side inside the double doors. Please feel free to place your contributions in the plates before/after the morning worship service.

Fragrance-Free Area of the Sanctuary—The far-right section of the sanctuary is dedicated as a fragrance-free area for those who struggle with reactions to fragrance. Feel free to sit on this side of the church if you are not wearing perfume or fragranced products.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: 6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)

MONDAY: Memorial Day

TUESDAY: 6:30pm—Hebrews Bible Study

WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)

THURSDAY: 4:30pm—Bus leaves church Trammell concert



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Carry-in Meal~ Sunday, May 31~ immediately following Morning Worship Service~Bring your favorite dish~Missionary Speakers after meal



Women's Prayer Brunch (Carry-in)

June 2 @ FBC Monroe City

9:30-11:30am

Bring your favorite brunch dish and a friend!

Guest Speaker: Brenda Poinsett

Adult Helpers Needed for VBS—VBS will be held August 3-7 from 9:00-11:30 am, with lunch being served at 11:30 on Friday, August 7. This will be the brightest week of the year! Kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects & reveals while discovering Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world. Would you be willing to volunteer? Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Child Dedication—We would like to have a child dedication on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. This is for anyone who has a child (any age) that has not been dedicated before, as well as we need to pass this along to some of our new members. Please let church office know so we will know how many and who will be dedicated. This has not been done for a few years in our church.

“Seeking the Kingdom of God: A Mystery Solved” Matthew 13:1-23

Main Point: Jesus spoke in parables so that those who are _____ to understand God's Kingdom _____.

I. THE GOSPEL AFFECTS PEOPLE _____ (1-9)

Jesus warns a large crowd that seed cannot grow anywhere:

- Road seeds were _____ by birds
- Rocky place seed were scorched by the Sun
- Thorn seeds were eventually _____ to _____
- Good ground seeds were _____ in varying levels

Note: nothing is mentioned here about the spiritual meaning of the parable. Therefore, the story would seem either _____ or _____. The disciples were quite concerned . . .

II. PARABLES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE _____ (10-17)

1. _____ can understand the mystery of the Kingdom
2. Others cannot and _____.
3. You have a place of historical and eternal _____

III. ETERNAL TRUTHS ARE NOT ALWAYS FOUND IN OBVIOUS PLACES (18-23)

- Road seed represents those who hear and do not understand (enemy snatches it away)
- Rocky ground represents those who hear and temporarily receive it (trials cause them to fall and lose the joy)
- Thorns represent those who grow and eventually have it choked out of them (worry of world and deceitfulness of wealth)
- Good ground is the one who understands and grows:
 1. _____ the word
 2. _____ it
 3. _____ at varying levels