

Celebration Sunday 2026

The God of New Beginnings

Pastor Chris Engel — January 11, 2026

WELCOME TO CELEBRATION SUNDAY.

Today we're celebrating something bigger than numbers, programs, or events. We're celebrating the fact that God is building a dynamic church among us. We aren't just busy—but we're alive! And we are becoming a people changed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ and sent out by the Holy Spirit.

To be clear, this isn't about what we've accomplished but what God has done. So today we give Him the glory and we step forward in faith for what He's still going to do. Because Bible Fellowship Church isn't a place you attend—it's a people transformed and sent out by God.

Psalm 105:1-4 (NIV)

¹Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ²Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

What is the Mission of Bible Fellowship Church? Why do we exist as a church?

"Our mission is to love the people of the Hemet and San Jacinto Valley and our primary goal is to bring these people into a life saving relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage them to embrace a missional life of service to Him."

Luke 4:16-19 (NIV)

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

What is BFC's Vision? Who do we want to become?

"Our vision is to be a dynamic church that is living as a missional community in the Hemet and San Jacinto Valley and beyond where, together, we advance the Kingdom of God by bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost world."

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.