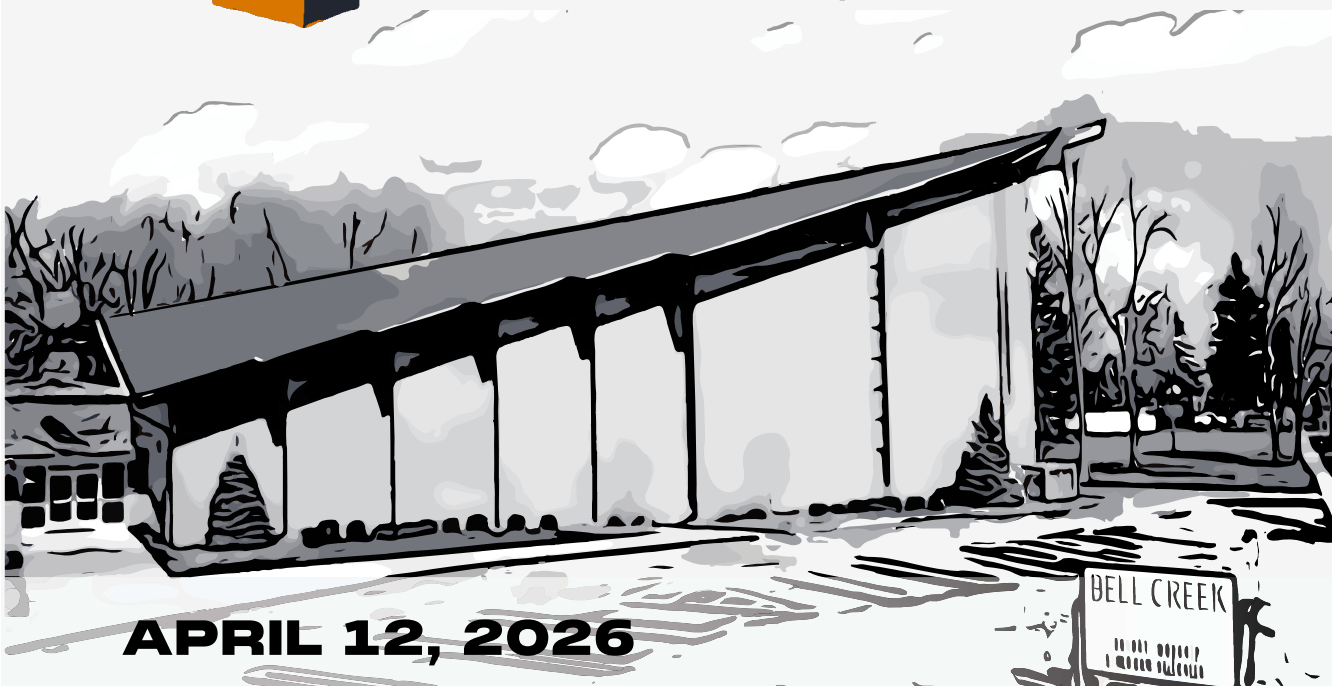


WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK

Community Church



APRIL 12, 2026

FOLLOWING JESUS BY MULTIPLYING OUR LIVES
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

SERMON BY: PASTOR FRED WRIGHT

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
FOLLOW – OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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The Journey We Joined

The Journey We Continue

The Journey We Pass On

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Acts 13:13-52 in preparation for the introduction to our new series on the Book of Judges!

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

APRIL 12: 1 SAMUEL 15-17
APRIL 13: 1 SAMUEL 18-20; PSALM 11 & 59
APRIL 14: 1 SAMUEL 21-24
APRIL 15: PSALM 7, 27, 31, 34 & 52
APRIL 16: PSALM 56, 120, 140-142
APRIL 17: 1 SAMUEL 25-27
APRIL 18: 1 SAMUEL 28-31; PSALM 18 & 1 CHRONICLES 10

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adults 18-30 years old are invited to our gathering today after 2nd service in the Prayer Room. Join us for fellowship, games, and encouragement in our faith. Other gatherings and outings will be planned for various times throughout the year. Join us as we gather and build friendships with other young adults in a fun and laid-back environment.

MOMCO RUMMAGE SALE

MomCo's semi-annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. If you would like to donate items, you can do so at the following dates and times:

Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 PM
Monday, April 13 & Tuesday, April 14 by appointment (Email Rachel@bellcreek.org to schedule)
Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday, April 16 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM and 4:00-8:00 PM
Friday, April 17 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

We will also do a presale for Bell Creek Attendees only on Friday, April 17 from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer or donate food for the volunteers, please reach out to Rachel Nash (rachel@bellcreek.org).

YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

Our young adults, ages 18-30 are invited to the Student Room for a game night on Saturday, April 18 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

APOLOGETICS CLASS

Join Pastor Dylan on Sunday, April 19 for the beginning of an Apologetics Class at 11:00 AM in the Prayer Room. If you have questions, please email dylan@bellcreek.org.

VERTICAL MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Mike & Mary King and Alex & Elyse Quint are hosting a 2-day Marriage Workshop on Friday, June 5 from 6:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM at Bell Creek. "Vertical Marriage" by Dave and Ann Wilson provides a series of videos, small group discussions, and a couples' workbook. Registration is required, so if you would like to participate, please visit www.bellcreek.org. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Dylan (dylan@bellcreek.org) or Elyse Quint (elyse@bellcreek.org) No food is provided, but we will have coffee, tea, and water. Childcare is available upon request.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM
FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE-TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP
2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
AND EVENTS AT BELLCREEK.ORG

OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37-40

He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

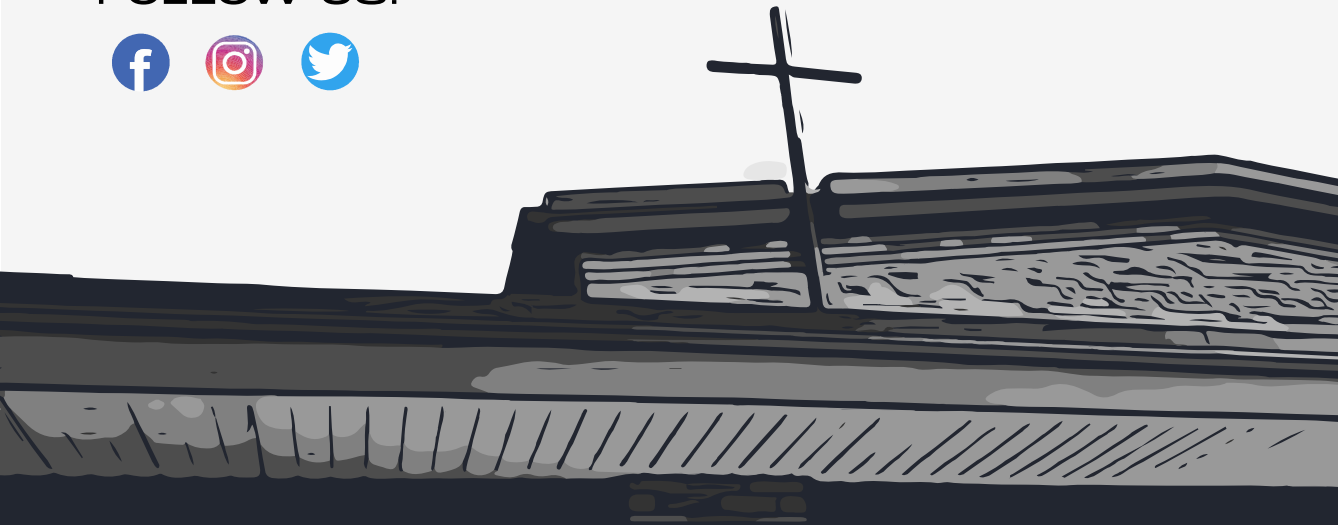
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

STAY CONNECTED

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

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FOLLOW US!



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Follow: Our Journey with Jesus

Multiplying Our Lives

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Following Jesus means passing on what we have been given — not keeping it to ourselves.

Remember the Journey We Joined

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” — 2 Timothy 2:1

Context: Paul and Timothy

Paul writes to encourage Timothy, who seems to be pulling back in fear
Paul calls him “my child” — a loving yet challenging word to a trusted disciple
The remedy: be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus

The Journey Begins: Surrendering to Jesus

Lesson 1 of this series: “Raising the White Flag to Jesus”
We come saying: “Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I am a sinner. You are my only hope.”
His answer: “I have come not to condemn, but to save” (John 3:17)
He forgives us, restores our relationship with God, and welcomes us into His family

What We Receive in Christ

Say it together: *“He gives us a new life — a new identity — a new purpose.”*

Forgiven of all sin
Beloved children of God
Citizens of heaven
Heirs of an everlasting Kingdom
Because Jesus rose, He verifies every promise — we too will rise

The Journey We Continue

Paul tells Timothy: “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses...” (2 Tim. 2:2)

What have we heard? Here is what we have covered in this series:

Lesson 1 – Surrender & Salvation: “Raising the White Flag to Jesus” — coming to Christ for the first time

Lesson 2 – The Holy Spirit: God Himself comes to dwell inside every believer
He teaches, guides, convicts, and pours out God’s love (John 14:16–17)
He is the down payment of our inheritance — our assurance of salvation

“I will not leave you as orphans” — Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 3 – New Identity in Christ: We have been changed
We were darkness; now in Jesus we are light (Col. 1:12–13)
“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of his beloved Son”

Lesson 4 – Scripture: God’s Word shapes and sustains our walk

Lesson 5 – Prayer: Conversation with God — the fuel of the Christian life

Lesson 6 – Relationships & Community: We were not made to walk alone

Lesson 7 – Sharing Our Faith: Telling others what Jesus has done for us

The Journey We Pass On

“...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.” — 2 Timothy 2:2

The Four-Link Chain of Discipleship

Paul → Timothy → Faithful People → Others Also

This is not just for pastors and professionals — it is for every believer
You have a hearing with people in your world that no pastor will ever have
Every one of us is a link in this chain

What This Looks Like in Practice

Share the gospel — tell your story, tell His story
Help a new believer take baby steps (Holy Spirit, Word, prayer, community...)
Make the deal: “I will walk with you — but you must pass this on to someone else.”
It does not take years — even a few weeks of intentional investment can change a life forever

An Illustration

Jeff Powers shared the gospel with Fred at age 18 at the University of Illinois. He spent only a few weeks doing follow-ups. Years later, he did not even remember who Fred was — yet that small investment changed everything.

The point: Simple, faithful investment multiplies beyond what we can see or measure.

Let’s Stay on Mission!

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.” — 2 Timothy 2:3–4

Paul uses three pictures of the disciple who multiplies:

The Soldier: Endures hardship; not entangled in lesser things; aims to please the One who enlisted him

The Athlete: Competes by the rules; there is a right way to run this race

The Farmer: Hard work comes first; the harvest reward follows — “it is better to give than to receive”

We have a new life, a new identity, and a new mission. This should be part of the rhythm of our lives.

The Call: Will You Join This?

Pray: Who in my life needs to hear the gospel?

Pray: Is there a new or struggling believer I could walk alongside?

Trust God for one step — a conversation, a coffee, a resource

The fields are white for harvest (John 4:35)

Resources are available — contact fred@bellcreek.org to get started

Whatever your personality or gifting, you have something to offer. Take one step of faith this week.

Reflection & Response

Someone I could share the gospel with:

Someone I could disciple or walk alongside:

My next step this week: _____

Benediction

“I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” — Philippians 1:6

*Coming Next: New Series!
Judges - The God Who Delivers*