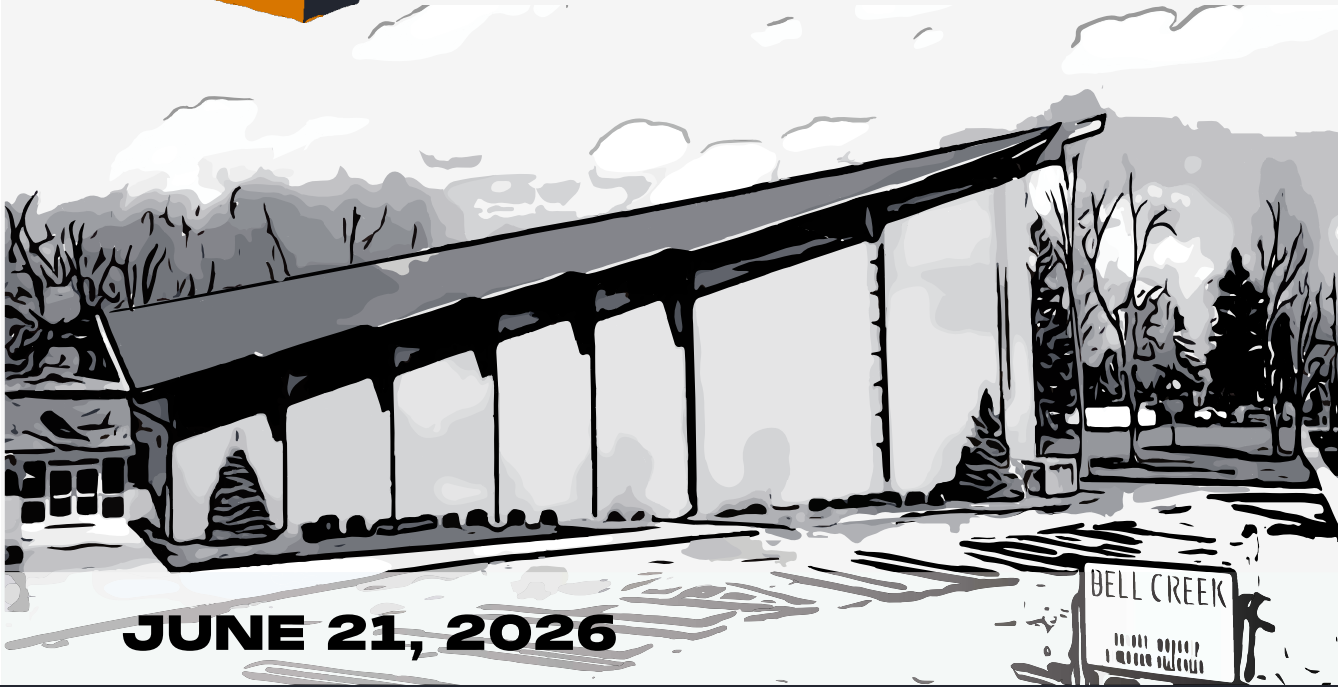


WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK
Community Church



JUNE 21, 2026

GOD BLESS YOU, DADS!
PSALM 128

SERMON BY: PASTOR FRED WRIGHT

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
JUDGES—THE GOD WHO DELIVERS

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God's Blessings Reach Far Beyond Us

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Judges Chapters 7 and 8 to prepare for next week's sermon.

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

JUNE 21: 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chron. 9

JUNE 22: Proverbs 30-31

JUNE 23: 1 Kings 12-14

JUNE 24: 2 Chron. 10-12

JUNE 25: 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chron. 13-16

JUNE 26: 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; 2 Chron. 17

JUNE 27: 1 Kings 17-19

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

KIDS' CREEK MIDWEEK

Children ages 4 through 4th Grade are invited to the Large Group Room to enjoy Bible Lessons, discussion, activities, worship, and games four times this summer. Please register your child at www.bellcreek.org/calendar to join us for the following classes:

June 24-The Problem of Evil
July 8-Can We Trust the Bible?
August 5-Did God Create the World?

Each class will meet from 6:30-7:45 PM. If you have any questions, please reach out to elyse@bellcreek.org or rachel@bellcreek.org.

VBS VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

If you are volunteering for VBS or are interested in volunteering, please join us for a VBS Volunteer Workshop on June 25 at 6:30 PM. We will review important details regarding our Emerald Crossing VBS 2026, reveal and train you on your roles/responsibilities for the week. We will meet in the church gym and dessert will be provided. Please contact Elyse Quint (elyse@bellcreek.org) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized, our next celebration will be on Sunday, June 28. If you are interested in baptism, please reach out to Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org).

BELL CREEK DAD COMMUNITY

DadCo is a community just for dads that gives an opportunity to build real friendships, share honest advice on parenting and life, and helps dads find encouragement through monthly meetups and events. Whether you are a new dad or your kids are grown, DadCo equips you to thrive as a father, husband, and man-together in community! The ministry meets the first Monday of each month. Join us at our next gathering on Monday, July 6 at 6:30 PM in the Prayer Room. Please reach out to Alex Quint or email info@bellcreek.org to learn more.

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.

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God Bless You, Dads!

A Father's Day Sermon on Psalm 128

06.21.2026

Scripture Reading:

“A SONG OF ASCENTS. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!” (Psalm 128, ESV)

Introduction

God the Father is for Dads. He loves fathers and fatherhood because He is a Father and he is the Creator of human beings, marriage, and families.

Being a Dad is a God-Given role of Leadership and Love. Who do your children need? They need you, Dads! God wanted your children to have you as their father.

Fathers are at the center of discipleship. They affect not just their own children but their children's children on to generations.

When fathers live with dependence and faith in Jesus, their integrity and courage flourish. Churches grow stronger and entire cultures and nations are blessed.

Fathers Are Faithful Providers, like our heavenly Father.

Fathers Are Protectors and Warriors Against Evil, like our heavenly Father.

Spiritual Fathers Are Vital in the Church. Not all men are biological fathers, but many are spiritual fathers. The church depends on older men who mentor, teach, and set a Godly example. Where would David have been without Samuel? Where would the disciples have been without Jesus? Where would Luke and Timothy have been without Paul?

However, we must remember, Dads, Fathers are not the Savior of their homes. Christ is. Every one of us who are Dads have sinned. Every one of us has failed to be the fathers we ought to be. But, that's why Jesus came. He came to save Dads from their sins, and set them free from the bondage of sin and shame.

So, if a Dad raises the white flag to Jesus and says, “Forgive me, Lord Jesus and save me” Then Jesus says “Yes! I forgive you and I will be with you now to help you and I will be with you forever.” Christ restores Dads. In Him, we are renewed to reflect God's character to our wives and our children.

God Blesses Us as We Walk with Him

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

This is a true statement for everyone, but as we shall see, this Psalm is particularly addressed to fathers.

First, note that this is a wonderful promise. The one who fears the Lord and walks in His ways will be blessed. What does it mean to be blessed? It means to have the love, favor, delight, presence, protection, and provision of God. It means God is for us, not against us. And if God is for us, who can be against us? Who wouldn't want to be blessed by God?

What does it mean to "fear the Lord and walk in His ways?" It means to acknowledge that He IS and that He is GOD. But it means more than that. It means to worship Him, trust Him, submit to Him, walk with Him, listen to Him, depend on Him, talk to Him, and live life in His presence.

For that person, for that father who fears the Lord and walks in His ways, God is going to meet the needs of that person.

God Blesses Our Homes

Psalm 128:2a "You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;"

Dad's, our work will be blessed. It won't be in vain, it won't be futile. We will see a return for the work of our hands. We need that as men. We're designed to work. We were given the task to form and steward the earth, and cultivate and guard the Garden of Eden in the very beginning of all things. When we work, and we work well, and work hard, and work as unto the Lord, there is a deep satisfaction that we feel because we're designed to feel it. But work is hard in this fallen world, and it's often hard to get, or frustrating, and it can feel futile. But when we work in a way that honors God (no matter what we do), then He takes care of our work. It's never in vain because He doesn't let it go to waste! And Jesus helps us in our work. He KNOWS how to work hard.

Psalm 128:2b "you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you."

God re-affirms that we shall be blessed if we fear Him and walk in His ways, but He adds that "it shall be well with you." This means our need to feel settled and satisfied in our emotions and our inner being will be met by God.

Psalm 128:3a "Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;"

Our marriages will grow and flourish when we fear the LORD. Why? Because God will bless our marriages. And because as husbands and wives we will seek the Lord together. We will thank Him together, in good times and in hard times, rather than turning on each other, we'll turn to Him, and then, even the hard times will bring us closer to Him and to each other as a husband and wife.

Psalm 128:3b "your children will be like olive shoots around your table."

Our children will grow and flourish when we fear the Lord and walk in His ways. They will see and hear from Dad that there is a God, and this God created them, and this God has a purpose for them, and that He sent His only Son to die for their sins and save them from the Enemy, death, and hell, and be with Him forever. Our children learn from us, Dads, that "Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord and walks in His ways."

A Challenge and an Encouragement for Fathers:

If we're married and our children are still at home: Pray with your wife. Begin to sit down with your wife and your children and read the Bible – even if it's only a verse or two. Even if it's only 5 minutes. Discuss it with them. Read a verse and ask them what they think it means. Pray for them and with them. This will change your home and it will change our church.

What if our children are already grown and out of the house? IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Pray for them. (As They Go ministry). If the Lord leads you, you might want to say to them, "Knowing Jesus is the most important thing in my life. I'm sorry I wasn't that Dad that read the Bible with you and prayed with you. But now I'd like to start talking with you about the Scriptures and praying with you if you're willing?" Nowadays you can text Scriptures to your kids and say, I'm praying for you! If you have grandkids, you can ask your grown kids if you can read the Bible to them.

What if you're a man who's not married and you don't have kids: Your prayers and your input into the lives of other people is essential. Jesus wasn't married and He didn't have biological children but His impact is immeasurable.

Psalm 128:4 "Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD."

This is the third time God has promised us we will be blessed if we fear Him and walk in His ways! Do you think it's true? He says it's true.

God's Blessings Reach Far Beyond Us

Psalm 128:5a "The LORD bless you from Zion!"

This is the fourth time that we hear that God wants to Bless us! And Zion is the pinnacle of the temple mount, the symbolic place where God dwells with man. So here, Psalm 128 is saying that the blessing of God comes from the very throne room of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Psalm 128:5b "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!"

May your place of worship (the temple was in Jerusalem) and your community (the community of God's people and the community in the city) be blessed!

Psalm 128:6 "May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!"

May you see your grandchildren (and beyond) and may your nation and all the people of God (Israel) be blessed!

BENEDICTION

"May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!" (Psalm 115:14–15, ESV)