

WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK

Community Church



MARCH 22, 2026

FOLLOWING JESUS IN HIS MISSION
MATTHEW 28:18–20; JOHN 4:1–42

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
FOLLOW – OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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The Lord of the Harvest Says the Fields are Ready

The Savior of the World Comes to Town

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Read Matthew 28:18-20
and 2 Timothy 2:1-7.

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

MARCH 22: DEUTERONOMY 32-34; PSALM 91
MARCH 23: JOSHUA 1-4
MARCH 24: JOSHUA 5-8
MARCH 25: JOSHUA 9-11
MARCH 26: JOSHUA 12-15
MARCH 27: JOSHUA 16-18
MARCH 28: JOSHUA 19-21

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY CLASS

Our New Testament Theology Class wraps up tonight at 6:00 PM in the Prayer Room. We will look at the main themes and applications of the New Testament. Desserts will be served.

EASTER AT BELL CREEK

Road to Calvary 2026: Wednesday, April 1 from 12:00-9:00 PM.

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3 at 6:30 PM.

Easter Sunday Services: Sunday April 5 at 9:15 & 11:00

DAD-CO

A new community just for Dads is starting! DadCo is an opportunity for dads to build real friendships, share honest advice on parenting life, and 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. Join us at our launch on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 PM in the Prayer Room. Moving forward, meetings will be the first Monday of each month. Please contact Alex Quint or email info@bellcreek.org to learn more.

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).

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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Sermon Series: Follow — Our Journey with Jesus

This Week 03/22/2026: Following Jesus in His Mission

Matthew 28:18–20; John 4:1–42

Scripture Reading

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”” (Matthew 28:16–20, ESV)

When we answer Jesus’ call to follow Him, He saves us and brings us into the “very household of God.” But that is not all He calls us to be. He also makes us into “fishers of men.” We are called to share the forgiveness, hope, and joy we have found in Christ. To follow Jesus is to join Him in His mission to bring the Gospel to the world.

The Risen King and the Mission of His Church

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The mission begins with His authority over “heaven and earth,” that is, all things. The mission is clearly defined: Jesus wants us to “make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Which means that the Lord wants us to teach others as we have been taught. Who are candidates for discipleship? Who will these new followers of Jesus be? Who should we invite to follow Jesus? The answer is, “all nations.” How can we be sure that we will have help, support, and all that we need to accomplish this daunting mission? The Lord says, “behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Question: Stop for a moment and consider Jesus. Who is He to you? What has He done for you and in you?

A Broken Sinner and the Seeking Savior (Reading from John 4:4–26)

Some Jews regarded the Samaritans with contempt, considering them fools (Sir 50:25–26; T. Levi 7:2) and idolaters (Gen. Rab. 81:3 [on Gen 35:4]), who were killed with divine approval (Jub. 30:5–6, 23). Later traditions in rabbinic literature regard Samaritans as apostate, wholly unclean and destined for Gehenna. Those who chose to pass through Samaritan territory did so at great risk. According to [the ancient Jewish historian] Josephus, ‘Hatred also arose between the Samaritans and the Jews for the following reason. It was the custom of the Galileans at the time of the festival to pass through the Samaritan territory on their way to the Holy City. On one occasion, while they were passing through, certain of the [Samaritan] inhabitants of a village ... joined battle with the

Galileans and slew a great number of them.” (Ant. 20.6.1 §118; see also J.W. 2.12.3 §232). See H. G. M. Williamson and Craig A. Evans, “Samaritans,” in *Dictionary of New Testament Background: A Compendium of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000), 1059–1060.

Be amazed at how our Savior intentionally seeks those who are lost, and He does so by crashing through any barrier of sin or culture to reach us. He engages us personally, pierces through the secrets of our hearts, and reveals Himself to us as the Messiah.

Question: Who are the people God has placed around you who don’t know Jesus yet? Write down 3–5 names.

The Lord of the Harvest Says the Fields are Ready (Reading from John 4:27–38)

Jesus radically changed the disciples' perspective. When He first called the disciples and said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men,” it’s unlikely they ever thought they would be “catching” Samaritan Jews. But Jesus says the Samaritans are ready to hear and believe! In fact, it’s time for the disciples to “harvest” those prepared to embrace the Savior and enter eternal life. In fact, He says that it is His “food” to “do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” In other words, Jesus feels fulfilled and satisfied when He does and completes the Father’s will, bringing the good news of salvation to these Samaritans. Jesus and others have worked beforehand to prepare this field, and now they can enjoy the joy of bringing in the harvest.

Application: Begin praying regularly for the people on your list. Ask God to open doors and hearts.

The Savior of the World Comes to Town (Reading from John 4:39–42)

Look at how the simple report from the woman at the well turns her town upside down. The people see her amazement and they come out to see Jesus for themselves. Then, they hear Him for themselves and say, “we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” This Samaritan revival lasted! It kept going! Look at Acts 8: Philip the Evangelist goes to Samaria, he preaches Christ, and many believe and are baptized. Peter and John come and confirm the work, and the text says, “There was much joy in that city.” (Acts 8:8)

Application: Take one intentional step this week. Share, invite, or begin a Gospel conversation.

Here are some questions we can use to start Gospel conversations:

“What’s your spiritual background?”

“Do you think much about spiritual things?”

“I’ve been wrestling with some of those big spiritual questions. What do you think happens to us after we die?”

“May I share with you what I’ve been learning regarding what the Bible says about this?”

“How can I pray for you?”

“Would you like to learn more?”

When is the right time for meaningful conversations like this? Should we wait until we fully understand Jesus, the Bible, and Christian theology? No! The woman at the well didn't know everything, did she? Do we only have discussions when life is smooth? No! Often, our most impactful conversations happen during tough times. In those moments, people see that we don't have all the resources or answers, or that we haven't figured everything out, but we trust in the One who does, Jesus, the One who loves us.

So, let us move forward with the wonderful mission Christ has given us to share the Gospel, the good news of salvation in Jesus alone, knowing that the fields are ready for harvest and He will be with us in this glorious adventure until the very end of the age!

Benediction

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:20, ESV)