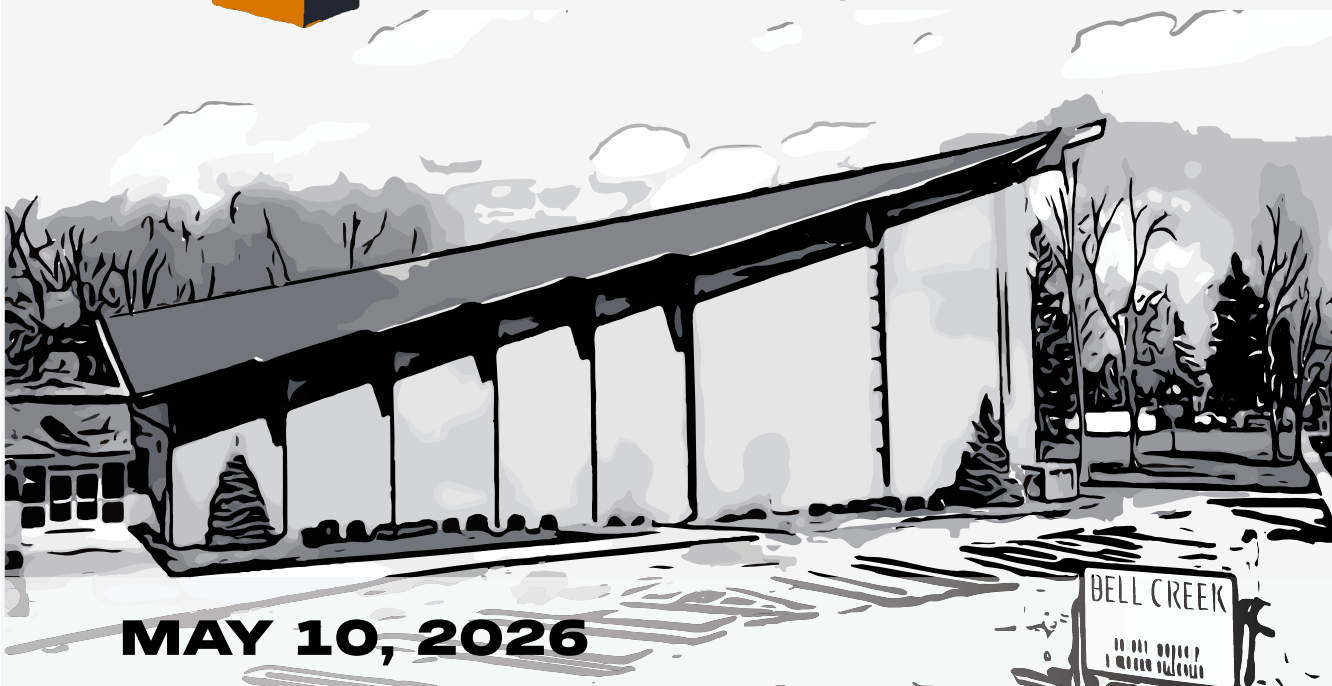


WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK

Community Church



MAY 10, 2026

FROM TEARS TO PRAISE

1 SAMUEL 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY 1:5

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
JUDGES—THE GOD WHO DELIVERS

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Bring Your Burdens to the Lord

Bring Your Praises to the Lord

Your Faith Will Shape Generations

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Judges 2:11-3:6

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

MAY 10: PSALM 50, 53, 60 & 75

MAY 11: 2 SAMUEL 10; 1 CHRONICLES 19 &
PSALM 20

MAY 12: PSALM 65-67; 69-70

MAY 13: 2 SAMUEL 11-12; 1 CHRONICLES 20

MAY 14: PSALM 32, 51, 86 & 122

MAY 15: 2 SAMUEL 13-14

MAY 16: PSALM 3-4, 12-13, 28 & 55

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

APOLOGETICS CLASS

Join Pastor Dylan in the Prayer Room at 11:00 AM for our Apologetics Class. If you have questions, please email dylan@bellcreek.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY BOWLING

All Student Ministry (5th-12th) is invited to go bowling next Wednesday, May 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Merri-Bowl Lanes. The cost is \$20 a person and includes 2 hours of bowling, pizza, and drinks. Please RSVP to Pastor Adam if your student would like to go.

KIDS CONNECTION MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT

Kids' Connection Craft and Movie Night is on May 15 from 6-8:30PM at Bell Creek Community Church. A fun night for Bell Creek kids/youth ages 4 years old through 8th grade. For the month of May we will have 3 activities happening in the church you can choose from and register for. Preschool - 4th grade Kids' Creek for craft, activities, movie and dinner with Rachel Nash & Elyse Quint; 4th-8th grade girls in Prayer Room doing diamond art together and dinner with Amanda Rice or 5th-8th grade youth group dinner and movie with Pastor Adam. If your child would like to attend, please visit www.bellcreek.org to register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A new Young Adult group is now open for adults 18-30 years old! Our next gathering will be on Sunday, May 17, after the second 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 people in a fun and laid-back environment!

THE GOOD FIGHT MEN'S STUDY

There is an exceptional opportunity for several men to attend a Bible study called The Good Fight - God's Plan for Every Man. The study provides men hope and healing through a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. God provides everything we need to win The Good Fight. Ron Peavler and Don Henderson will co-lead this Bible study. We will meet Thursday's from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for ten weeks. Our first meeting will be May 21st. To register contact Don Henderson at don.h@healinghearts.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.

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From Tears to Praise

A Mother's Day Sermon on Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sermon Texts: 1 Samuel 1 and 2 Timothy 1:5

Mother's Day has been recognized in the United States, since May 9, 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson issued the proclamation that it should be observed. so it has been a national holiday for 112 years.

But for thousands of years, God's people have been commanded to observe the word of God which says:

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

So Mom's we thank you and we honor you this morning!

Moms bring their burdens, praises, and children before the Lord, trusting in Him to help them now, and to shape the generations ahead.

Bring Your Burdens to the Lord

1 Samuel 1:1-18 – this is the story of Hannah.

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-12

Hannah's story begins with a burden that she cannot fix. She is childless. Peninnah, her rival, provokes her. Her husband Elkanah loves her, but he cannot fully understand or heal her sorrow.

Read 1 Samuel 1:13-14 and 1 Samuel 1:15-16

Eli the priest, sees her praying and misunderstands her. In fact, he thinks she's drunk. But Hannah persists. She knows where her help comes from, and she carries her burden to the Lord.

"I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD."

This section of Scripture is a beautiful account of prayer by a soul in pain. Hannah does not come pretending everything is ok. She does not come put together. She comes before God deeply, deeply distressed, weeping, and troubled in spirit.

This matters on Mother's Day because this day is not simple for everyone. Some rejoice today. Some grieve. Some long to be mothers. Some of us miss their mothers. Some moms are weary, anxious, or carrying regret. Some are praying for children who are sick, suffering or wandering away from God. Some women have poured themselves out as spiritual mothers and mentors in the church and may wonder if their labor is seen or if they're making a difference.

Hannah teaches us that the Lord sees and hears, and receives the prayers and the burdens of His people.

Moms, bring your burdens to the Lord. He sees and hears what others misunderstand. He receives the prayers you can barely put into words.

Read 1 Samuel 1:17-18 – Why was Hannah no longer sad? She knew that God had heard her prayer. Note, there was no audible voice and there was no promise of a “yes.” But what satisfied Hannah was to know that God had heard her, that He cares about her, and that her problem was now in His strong, capable hands.

Bring Your Praises to the Lord

1 Samuel 1:19–28

On Screen: 1 Samuel 1:20

The Lord remembers Hannah, and Samuel is born! Hannah names him Samuel because she had asked for him from the Lord (in Hebrew, Samuel means “God hears”). Hannah returns to Shiloh, this time not bearing a burden, but bringing praise to God.

1 Samuel 1:26-28

“For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him.”

Hannah brought her sorrow to the Lord, and now she brings her praise to the Lord. She knows Samuel is not ultimately her achievement, her possession, or proof of her worth. He is a gift from God! But Hannah brings more than praise, she brings Samuel himself!

“Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

This is the heart of the passage: Hannah receives her child from the Lord and then gives him back to the Lord. Do you know who that boy was? That boy became one of the greatest leaders in the history of Israel. He walked with God and spoke for God to the people as their prophet. He was their leader, and judge. He anointed kings, and shaped the course of the nation.

Look at Hannah’s Praise!

2 Samuel 2:8

Motherhood is a high and difficult calling. Children are a heritage from the Lord, and motherhood is a divine vocation of nurture, discipleship, sacrifice, and love. But children do not finally belong to their parents. They belong to God.

This is where covenant faithfulness begins in the home. As parents we are called to teach God’s words diligently to their children. One generation is called to tell the next “the glorious deeds of the LORD.” Mothers do kingdom work not only in public or dramatic moments, but in ordinary acts of faithful love: praying, teaching, correcting, feeding, comforting, discipling, forgiving, and bringing children again and again before the Lord.

Hannah’s surrender of Samuel is trust and worship.

The goal of being a parent is not control, but trust in the Lord. Faithful mothers bring their children to the Lord again and again, saying, “Lord, they came from You, they belong to You, and I entrust them to You.”

Your Faith Will Shape Generations

2 Timothy 1:5

Paul writes to Timothy:

“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice...”

Timothy’s faith was his own, but God used the sincere faith of his mother and grandmother to shape him.

A mother cannot save her child. Only God can do that. But a mother can believe before her child. She can pray before her child. She can repent before her child. She can worship before her child. She can open the Scriptures, speak of Christ, confess sin, ask forgiveness, and show what sincere faith looks like in ordinary life.

This also honors spiritual mothers. Not all women are biological mothers, but many women in the church nurture faith in others. Titus 2 calls older women to train younger women. Paul speaks of Rufus’s mother as one who had been a mother to him as well. The church needs mothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, and spiritual mothers.

The Gospel, the good news of Jesus frees mothers from the crushing weight of perfectionism. Christ is the perfect Savior; moms are not. Moms are not saved by their performance, their emotional strength, or their children’s outcomes. For those in Christ, “there is therefore now no condemnation.”

Hannah’s faith shaped Samuel, and Lois and Eunice’s faith shaped Timothy.

And God still uses the faith and prayers of moms to shape generations. That doesn’t mean every child will follow the Lord automatically. But it does mean that faithful motherhood is never wasted in the Lord.

The ordinary faithfulness of a mother is not ordinary in the hands of God.

Hannah prayed for a son and surrendered him to the Lord. But the greater story is that God surrendered His Son for us. After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised that the offspring of the woman would crush the serpent’s head. Motherhood is woven into the first gospel promise. And in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of woman. Samuel was a prayed-for child. Jesus is the promised Child. Samuel served as a prophet in Israel. Jesus is the Son of God, our Prophet, Priest, and King. Hannah gave her beloved son to the service of the Lord. God, the Father gave His only beloved Son for the salvation of sinners.

So Mother’s Day is about honoring mothers while worshiping the God who hears burdens, receives praise, loves our children, and works through generations to save through Jesus Christ.