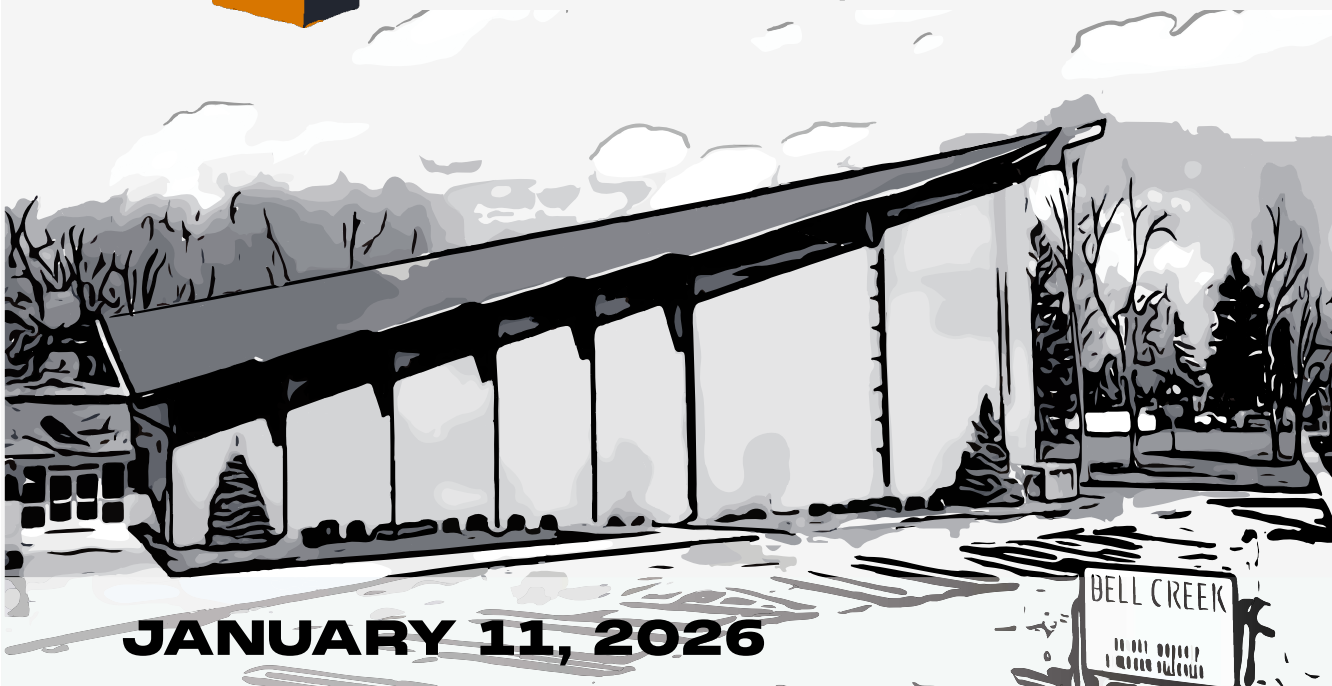


WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK

Community Church



JANUARY 11, 2026

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

ROMANS 15:13

SERMON BY: PASTOR ADAM SOUTHERN

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: SERIES:
FOLLOW — OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

ROMANS 15:13

Who is He?

How do I Walk in the Spirit?

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read John 14:15-27 and Ephesians 1:11-14

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

JANUARY 11: JOB 29-31
JANUARY 12: JOB 32-34
JANUARY 13: JOB 35-37
JANUARY 14: JOB 38-39
JANUARY 15: JOB 40-42
JANUARY 16: GENESIS 12-15

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

EVOLUTION: FACT OR FAIRY TALE

Join Bill Durkee for a seminar on Evolution on January 11 & 18 in the Prayer Room during both services.

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY CLASS

Join Pastor Dylan to explore the history, literature and theology of each book of the New Testament on Sunday evenings at 6:00 in the Prayer Room.

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

Come join us for a new small group starting January 23, meeting every other Friday from 6:45-8:15 PM at the Schmitt house. We will be studying "Seeing the Supernatural" by Lee Strobel and growing our faith by the amazing demonstration of God's power all around us for those who seek him. If you have ever wondered whether God continues to answer prayer or looked for evidence of the Bible's promises of heaven/hell, this book will reinforce your faith. Childcare is available (\$3 per child). Contact Dave Schmitt (313) 805-7227, dcschmitt6@sbcglobal.net for details.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Our next Baptism will take place on Sunday, January 25 during both services. If you are interested in being baptized as a believer, please contact Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org).

NIGHT TO SHINE

We are so excited to be an official host church, partnering with 242 -Livonia, for this year's "Night to Shine" sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation! The event will be Friday, February 13th from 6:00-9:00 PM at 242 Church on Five Mile. Night to Shine is an unforgettable worldwide celebration event, centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with special needs. On one night, hundreds of churches of different denominations from all over the world will come together to celebrate people with special needs! To find out how you can be a part of this worldwide movement, visit the information table located in the back of the gym or contact dylan@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

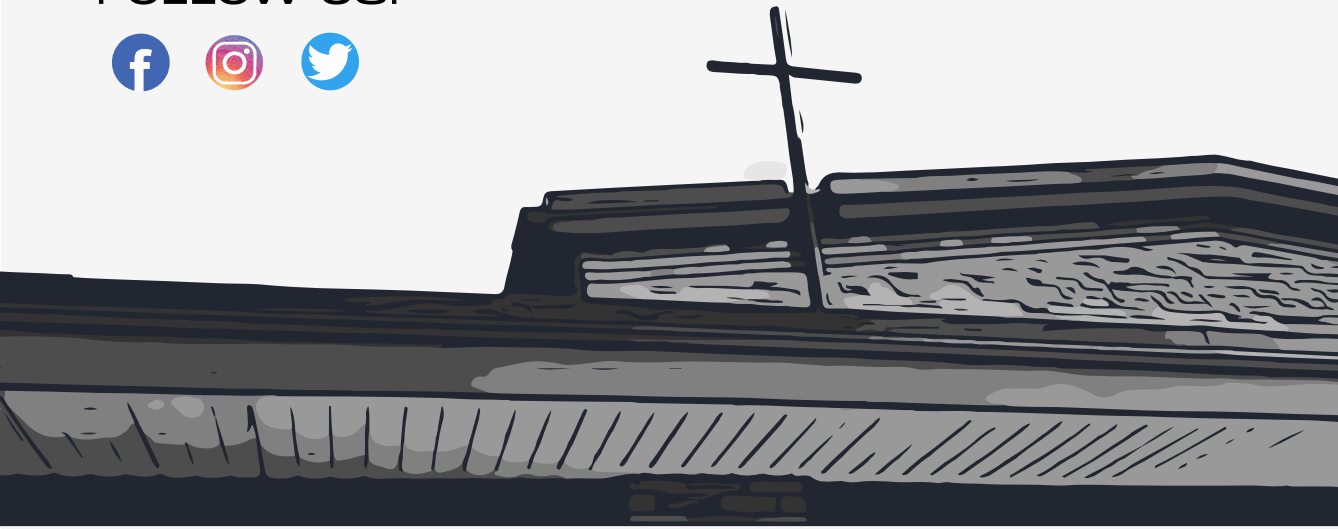
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

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Walking in the Spirit

Romans 15.13

I. Introduction & Big Idea

a. We Struggle with the Holy Spirit...but that Ought not be!

- i. If the Spirit is God (He is!) the we need to treat (worship) him as such.
- ii. But many Christians are uncomfortable with or confused by the Holy Spirit.
- iii. In order to worship and walk in the Spirit we first must know Him.

b. Big Idea

In order for us to walk in, worship, rely on and be sanctified by the Spirit, we must first know Him as God.

- i. The Holy Spirit is the confirmation of the Hope (forgiveness of sins, purification, assurance of eternal salvation, etc.) that God the father promises through the atoning death of the Son.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15.13

II. Who is the Holy Spirit?

a. He is HE, not IT

- i. The Spirit demonstrates all the characteristics of a person
 - 1. Intellect
 - 2. Sensability
 - 3. Will
 - a. The lack of a permanent physical body does not detract from His personhood
- ii. His personhood has been assumed throughout Scripture
 - 1. Only person's can be grieved or offended in being lied to
 - a. Grieving the Spirit (Ephesians 4.30)
 - b. Annanias & Saphira (Acts 5.1-11)

b. He is God, full stop.

- i. On equal footing with the Father and the Son
 - 1. Matthew 28.19
- ii. Called God (Adonai)
 - 1. Isaiah 61.1
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 3.17
 - a. Adonai is the word used of God himself
- iii. Proceeds from God as God (of the same essence)

As the vital breath of a man has a continual emanation from him, and yet is never separated utterly from his person, forsaketh from him, so doth the Spirit of the Father and the Son proceed from them by a continual Divine emanation, still abiding one with them.

Dr. Owen (Schaffers Systematic Theology, pg. 400)

- iv. All the Attributes of God apply to the Spirit
 - 1. Eternal
 - 2. Omnipresent
 - 3. Omniscient
 - 4. Gives Life
 - 5. Inspires Scripture
 - 6. Teaches
 - 7. Regenerates

c. The Ministries of the Holy Spirit

- i. The Spirit Purifies & Sanctifies
 - 1. John 16.8-11
 - 2. Acts 7.51
 - a. Does the Initial Work of Purification
 - i. 1 Corinthians 6.11
 - b. Continues the Process (Sanctification)
 - i. Galatians 5.22-23
- ii. The Spirit Unifies the Diverse
 - 1. The Spirit falls on the ENTIRE body of Believers not just one select leader
 - a. Acts 2.16-18
 - i. The Church was marked by novel unity
 - 1. Acts 2.44-47
- iii. The Spirit Guides & Directs
 - 1. Leads our decision making (even guides our actions!)
 - a. Isaiah 30.1
 - b. Mark 1.12 (The Spirit leading Jesus into the desert)
 - c. Acts 8.29 (Phillip and the Eunuch)
 - 2. Can be much more subtle in our day-to-day interactions

- a. Being led to decisions that are aligned with God's moral law (thereby fulfilling the Spirit's will AND God's will)
 - i. Very similar to Sanctification
 - ii. Occurs on a daily occurrence

III. How do I walk in the Spirit?

- a. **More than a Feeling**
- b. **Reading and Beyond**
 - i. Meditate on Scripture (different than *just* reading)
 - ii. Memorizing Scripture
- c. **Quiet your mind and Heart**
 - i. Hard to hear someone in a noisy room
- d. **Obey What the Spirit leads you to**
 - i. Listening to the Spirit is great...but Obedience is what really counts
- e. **Pray to be Led**
 - i. We are all stubborn mules, and we must learn to WANT to submit to God's will.



FOLLOW – Walking in the Spirit

1. What did you think of the sermon "FOLLOW – Walking in the Spirit"?

2. Why is it impossible to truly walk in, worship, or rely on the Holy Spirit if we do not first know Him as God? How does misunderstanding who the Spirit is limit our spiritual growth?

3. Scripture shows the Holy Spirit has intellect, will, and can be grieved. How does recognizing the Spirit as a personal, divine being change the way you listen to and respond to Him?

4. The Holy Spirit, both purifies us and continues sanctifying us over time. Where do you see evidence of the Spirit's ongoing work in your life? Where do you resist it?

5. Walking in the Spirit involves Scripture, attentiveness, obedience, and prayer. Which of these do you most neglect, and what practical step can you take this week to walk more faithfully in the Spirit?

