

## SERMON NOTES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ministry Involvement Forms

Please place your Ministry Involvement Forms in the offering plate or drop them off at The Welcome Center

### BBC Online Shop

Scan the QR code to order your  
"I Love My Church" gear!



### 2026 Capital Campaign

Our goal is to raise \$49,000 this year for the nursery project, camp scholarships, and special missions projects  
Please prayerfully consider what God would have for you to give

# BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

LOVING MY CHURCH THROUGH  
CONNECTING



# TO KNOW, TO GROW, TO SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD

Welcome to Bible Baptist Church! We are a community of believers committed to knowing, growing in, and showing the love of God as we work together to change the world, one person at a time.

*Senior Pastor. Mike Spann*

## SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### Life Groups All Ages

9:00 am

#### Worship Service

10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

#### UNASHAMED Student Ministry

6:30 pm

#### Bible Kids' Clubs

6:30 pm

#### Single Moms

6:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY MIDDAY

#### Adult Bible study

11:00 AM

#### Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm

*And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

*Mark 1:17*

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

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### Wednesday or Sunday Evening Adult Bible Studies -

Beginning this evening with Dr. Lawrence, we have several 10-week Bible Studies for you to choose from on Sunday or Wednesday evenings, sign-up at The Welcome Center. Ladies currently in the Fervent study will complete that study.

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### I Love My Church - Sunday, February 8, after the worship hour

Represent your favorite sports team that day and join us for family fun, food, and fellowship!

Let us know what you're bringing at The Welcome Center today.

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### Church Workday - Saturday, February 21 at 8am

We need your help on several projects around BBC

## 1/25/26 GIVING

GENERAL	\$6,665.77
MISSIONS	\$2,779.04
BUILDING	\$323.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,768.64</b>

## Loving My Church Through Connecting Rooted and Belonging

**John 15:1-12**

**Our purpose:** \_\_\_\_\_ connection with Jesus and the church community is foundational  
“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving” (**Col. 2:7**)

**Big Idea** - We connect by being \_\_\_\_\_ in and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

**How** - What guides us along the way: what we value

- **To \_\_\_\_\_ God (Jeremiah 29:13)** (seeking with all your heart), **John 17:3** (eternal life is knowing God), and **Psalm 46:10** (being still to know Him))
- **To \_\_\_\_\_ in God (2 Peter 3:18)** (growing in grace/knowledge), **Colossians 1:9-10** (wisdom and fruitful living), **John 15:4-5** (abiding in the vine), and **Philippians 1:6** (God completes His work in you))
- **To \_\_\_\_\_ the Love of God (John 13:34)** (we are commanded to love one another), **1 John 4:7, 11** (learning to others as God loves us), **1 John 3:18** (demonstrating our love in truth)).
- **What's the Relationship between the Vine, the Husbandman, and the Branch**
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Vine
    - It's the real thing! Truth is not a concept but a \_\_\_\_\_.
      - ~ A Person who is trying to pour His life into yours
      - ~ “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6). Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - What is the job of the “True Vine” speaking of Jesus?
      - ~ He wants to keep us \_\_\_\_\_ through His Word (**v. 3**).
      - ~ He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in Him (**v. 4-5**).
      - ~ He wants to give a fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ life (**v. 7**).
      - ~ He wants to give us that \_\_\_\_\_ life (**v. 8**).
      - ~ He wants to have \_\_\_\_\_ with Him daily (**v. 9**).
      - ~ He wants to teach us how to be \_\_\_\_\_ servants (**v. 10**).
      - ~ He wants to give us His \_\_\_\_\_ that will remain so our joy might be full (**v. 11**).
      - ~ He wants to show us \_\_\_\_\_ to love one another as He loves us (**v. 12**).
      - ~ He wants to develop our \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Husbandman
    - A \_\_\_\_\_; a cultivator or tiller of the ground
    - What's the job of the Husbandman or vinedresser? Cuts away \_\_\_\_\_ wood and \_\_\_\_\_ tissue
    - How does the Father prune us? He will use \_\_\_\_\_ in our life to see if our fruit will remain or is it wood, hay, and stubble. Sin always produces death! Verses 2 and 6 means a loss. There will be a loss of a reward and ministry.
    - What's the purpose of the pruning process? Cuts off the living tissue that is \_\_\_\_\_ you of spiritual vigor... so that we might enjoy the best
  - The Branch
    - It is that shoot of a tree or plant; a limb or a twig shooting from the stem. What this passage is saying is that we are the branches. If you know the Lord as your Savior, then you are found in Him.
    - What's the job of the branch? Its job is to \_\_\_\_\_ within the vine
    - How can we abide in His love? Through our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him (**Hebrews 11:6**). That's when God will reveal Himself to us to increase our faith in Him (**v. 4-5**).

- “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (**John 14:15**). If you have an \_\_\_\_\_ problem, then you have a \_\_\_\_\_ problem. There are two ways to help build that trust and obedience is through your personal study in God’s Word (**v. 3**) and prayer life (**v. 7**). Abiding will demand sacrifice and service unto the Lord.
  - What keeps us from abiding? \_\_\_\_\_!
  - What’s the purpose of abiding? \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
- **What is the purpose of this whole process?**
  - The \_\_\_\_\_. A machine can produce results, and so can a robot, but it takes a living organism to produce fruit.
    - Note the progression here: \_\_\_\_\_ fruit (**v. 2**), fruit, more fruit, \_\_\_\_\_ fruit (**vv. 5 and 8**).
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ we abide in Christ, the more fruit we bear and the more fruit we bear, the more the Father has to prune us so that the quality keeps up with the quantity. God is glorified by a bigger crop that is also a better crop.
    - We are not producing fruit to please \_\_\_\_\_ but to serve \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A true branch, united with the vine, will \_\_\_\_\_ bear fruit.
    - Our abiding in Christ certainly ought to \_\_\_\_\_ His love, joy, and peace in our hearts.
- **How Do we do this?**
  - We need to focus our attention on our love for God through his Word and prayer. Here is how:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ down the verse(s) in a spiritual journal or diary.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ on the verse.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ it to immerse yourself in the meaning of the verse. What is God revealing about Himself, His purpose, or His ways?
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the adjustments you need to make in your personal life, your family life, your church life, and your work life so God can work that way with you.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ a prayer response to God.
    - Make the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Make sure your application is:
      - ~ Personal
      - ~ Practical
      - ~ Possible
      - ~ Provable (specific)
      - ~ Watch to see how God may use that truth about Himself in your life during the day.
    - In all honesty with yourself and before God, come to the place where you are sure that your only desire is to know God’s will alone. Then check to see what the Holy Spirit is saying in other ways. Ask yourself:
      - ~ What is He saying to me in His Word?
      - ~ What is He saying to me in prayer?
      - ~ Is He confirming it through circumstances?
    - God never will lead you in \_\_\_\_\_ to His written Word. Watch for God to use the written Word to confirm what you are sensing in prayer.
      - ~ He wants to have an intimate love relationship with you that’s real and personal. He wants for you to depend upon Him alone!

**If you are going to love your church, then you must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him so you can \_\_\_\_\_ with others!**