Who is YOUR King?!? Faithful Fathering Matthew 23:16-22

Introduction: *The pandemic of self-deception:*

- "blind guides" (v. 16)
- "fools" (vv. 17, 19; cf. 5:22)

The deceitfulness of sin obscures . . .

Cultural background:

- "swearing by " = publicly obligating . . .
- oath-keeping guidelines:

Lev. 19:11-13 -

Eccl. 5:4-5 -

The Pharisees' self-deceived practices:

- Swear by things that . . .
- Swear . . .

Jesus Christ's corrective instruction (cf. 5:37):

Applications for us:

- God's standard:
 - integrity
 - integrity
 - integrity
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 - integrity
- God's solution: (Matt. 26:72; Heb. 6:13)

Our response:

WELCOME TO BBC! Belliowe



Worship Service

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Opening Song Go		God Of Our Fathers
		Who You Say I Am
	Offering	Good Good Father
Sermon Fa		Faithful Fathering
		Lion And Lamb

Tom Hocking	Pastor	310-502-3232
Robert Johnson	Assoc. Pastor	562-842-6770
Jason Friese	Assoc. Pastor (Youth)	760-703-8459
Alfredo Vega	Assoc. Pastor (Habla Español)	562-895-5162
Martin Lopez	Assoc. Pastor (Church Planting)	714-820-0659
Allison & Courtney	Wedding Coordinators	562-896-8457
Church Office	Office number	562-925-6561





We Proclaim Christ through generous worship and grace-filled relationships

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Faithful Fathering



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Tom Hocking Matthew 23:16-22



Mark Your Calendar

Date/Time		Event	Location	
Today	9:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary	
	10:45 AM	Sunday School	All over the place!	

	Attendance	Last Week	Last Year
-	Morning Worship	176	107
1	Sunday School	116	0

Special Projects	YTD	Budget
Mexico Mission Trip	\$3,380.22	\$9000

Adult Bible Fellowships

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Class:	Tethered in Faith	Couples	Family Focus	Lost & Found	Truth Trekkers
Room #:	wetzel	200	Office	201	110
Topic:	I Corinthians There is hope for the trouble church	Jude	Eternity Is Now in Season	Hebrews	The Minor Prophets
Teacher:	Steve Cohen	Bob Clarke	Al Siebert	Paul Woodward	Jerry Bollinger

	General Fund	Mission Salaries	Mission Projects
Opening Balance 1/1/21	\$37,898	\$5,398	\$5,179
Budgeted Income	\$145,408	\$30,272	\$3,460
Actual Income	\$158,630	\$29,681	\$2,736
Budgeted Expense	\$145,408	\$30,272	\$3,460
Actual Expense**	\$145,089	\$30,872	\$2,396
Closing Balance 5/31/21	\$51,439	\$4,207	\$5,519

Fireworks stand

It's time for our annual youth fundraiser with the fireworks stand. This year our entire youth budget is coming from this fundraiser. We'd love to have your help with selling the fireworks. If you're interested in helping, contact Jason at 760-703-8459.



Mexico Ministry Trip

A mission trip is in the works for July 29-Aug. 4. The team of 15 [including 4 elders] will minister to adult, youth, and children at our daughter churches in San Antonio and Jilquilpan. Please pray that God would prepare the hearts of each team member [and supply passports to those who still need them.] Also, pray for those to whom they will be ministering "in word and deed." You can support the team financially by directing your in-person or online gift to "Mexico Mission Trip 2021". If writing a check, make it out to: Bellflower Brethren Church and do not write anyone's name on the line at the bottom of your check so you will able to take a tax deduction.. Put check or cash in a church envelope and write your name, address, and Mexico Mission Trip 2021. The Mexico Team is led by Pastor Alfredo, Ana, and Freddy Vega. Participants include Natalie Vega, Daniel Vega, David Zambrano, Pastor Robert and Stephanie Johnson with children Kate, Luke, and Chad, Pastor Martin and Patty Lopez, Mark Schrock, and Maria Martinez and her husband, Moises Hernandez.

Gospel Challenge 2021 Update

Have you signed up for the challenge yet? You can join the 30 folks who have had 275 gospel-tinged conversations so far this year by entering bellflowerbrethren.org on your smart device and clicking on "Gospel Challenge" under the "Media" tab. Just enter your name and the number of conversations you have had so far this year. Then, when you have additional conversations, re-enter your name and the number of chats you've had with folks since the last time you entered an online report. It's super easy but a great way to remember that our primary mission as Christ-followers is to be agents of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18)!

Youth Camping Trip

We're having a youth camping trip on July 9-11. We have lots of students from our community interested in coming who have never been camping before and do not have any camping equipment. Would you be able to let us borrow a tent or other camping gear? talk with Jason at 760-703-8459.

Women's Book Club

Join us as we begin our next book <u>You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power</u> by Max Lucado. In times of loneliness, it is easy to forget the gift of God's presence and His power. He is a faithful and present God. We can trust in Him and His strength. There are two ways to join us!

- 1-Facebook Group: Join us for weekly discussions on Facebook. You can post questions or favorite parts from the week's reading or comment on others posts!
- 2-Zoom Meeting: We will have two zoom meetings to discuss the book (one half-way through and one at the end).

Mark your calendars for 6/13/21, order your books, and join our Facebook Group! Questions? Contact Nicki Melara or the Women's Ministry team!

Kitchen Remodel Project

TODAY at a specially-called congregational meeting in between our two worship services, the elders will seek congregational approval to pay KneppKraft Construction Company \$86,000.00 to completely remodel the church kitchen with a TBD timetable. KneppKraft is the Christian-owned company that remodeled our upstairs bathrooms several years ago, so the elders have confidence in both the integrity of the quote and the quality of the finished product. KneppKraft is allowing us to do the demolition portion of the project to save several thousand dollars. Additionally the company cut their normal project profit margin by 50%. We have the funds on hand for the project in our Trustee savings account and General Fund overage. However, we intend to have a fundraising meal before beginning the project, in order to replenish the Trustee savings account in case of future emergencies. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the project, please connect with any of the elders prior to the congregational meeting to give them time to better address those things at the meeting.