Who is YOUR King?!? Ready for His Return Matthew 24:15-31

The beauty and challenge of prophecy:

- poetic descriptions of God's character
- comforting messages of hope & assurance
- compelling calls to holiness & mission
- extensive use of figurative language
- translucent details about . . .

Essential lessons from Christ's teaching:

vv. 4-14

Don't be deceived by false prophets Don't be troubled by tough times Instead, endure in love, REDEMPTIVELY!

vv. 15-31

Prepare for

[vv. 15-22; 10:22; 23:28; Dan. 9:27; Jn. 16:33]

Anticipate the

[vv. 23-31; cf. 17:5; Nu. 16:42; Dan. 7:13f.]

Our response:

WELCOME TO BBC!



Worship Service		
Opening Song	Freedom	
	You Keep Hope Alive	
	From the Inside Out	
Offering	I Surrender	
Sermon	Ready For His Return	
	O Come to the Altar	

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

Church Work Day Weekend*!

Save the Date(s)! The old church kitchen is scheduled to be gutted on **August** 21 so we will need 8-10 strong volunteers to: a) remove the stainless steel shelving b) move the commercial oven and refrigerator; c) demo the old cabinets, island, and flooring; and d) remove defunct plumbing and fixtures. We also plan to empty all the kitchen drawers and cabinets the night before [Friday, August 20], so we'll need 6-8 volunteers to get that done. Please call Elizabeth [562-925-6561] if you want to volunteer! * Note, if you don't enjoy demolition, we'll have lots of other cleaning and upkeep projects to keep everyone busy ©.





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Ready For His Return



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Tom Hocking

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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	152	76
1	Sunday School	52	0

Special Projects	YTD	Budget
Mexico Mission Trip	\$4,778.52	\$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:	Answering Tough Questions	Joel	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	\$174,489	\$36,326	\$4,152
Actual Income	\$183,928	\$34,486	\$4,676
Budgeted Expense	\$174,489	\$36,326	\$4,152
Actual Expense**	\$175,287	\$37,326	\$2,815
Closing Balance 6/30/21	\$46,538	\$2,558	\$7,041

Mexico Ministry Trip

A mission trip is in the works for July 29-Aug. 4. The team of 17 [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 & Noemi Vega.

Pie with the Pastor



You can learn about the history and beliefs of Bellflower Brethren Church [and apply for membership] via a membership seminar at Pastor Tom & Tami's home [6703 Dashwood St., Lakewood 90713] Tonight, July 11 from 6-8:30 PM. Text Pastor Tom [310-502-3232] or

call the church office [(562) 925-6561] to reserve a spot. You must register in order to attend so that we can prepare the appropriate amount of seminar materials.

Bon Voyage House



Zach Hocking (Pastor Tom's eldest) will begin a new teaching job in Houston in three weeks, so Tom and Tami will be hosting an open house at their home [6703 Dashwood St., Lakewood, 90713] next Sunday afternoon to allow their many friends and family to pray Zach and his

family off into the next stage of the adventure to which God has called them. Feel free to stop by anytime between 2-4 PM to tell them goodbye and enjoy an ice cream sundae!

Hello BBC Family!

As you all know (I've been bugging you all for a while now), VBS is coming next week! So, here is the last-minute email giving you all my last-resort plea for your help!

First, please continue to pray. Constantly. Every year, we step out into faith asking God to send us children for the program. Every year, I freak out until the third or fourth day when we have 60 kids running around. Pray that God provides children. Pray for the hearts of the kiddos. Pray for their families. Pray for the volunteers that they would be able to make real connections. Pray for me that my worries will turn to faith.

Second, please register yourself to volunteer. Although we have the minimum number to run VBS, we could always use more people. We also are still looking for people to run the Carnival Booths (4 booths/8 people).

Third, please register your children! Registering early saves a lot of time during check-in, and helps me to gauge the number of supplies that we need.

If you are volunteering, we have a quick 15 minute meeting THIS SUNDAY between services in the children's classroom upstairs next to the sanctuary. It is mandatory, as we need to go over some final details about the programming changes that we made this year.

Finally, this Sunday, after second service, we will be transforming the church grounds into Mystery Island (you might see a few things up already when you arrive this week). We will need LOTS of help to accomplish this hefty goal!

Thank you all!

-Savannah Wilkinson (562) 296-7114