

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There is nursery care up the stairs, first door on the left, for babies 0-2. Children's church for toddlers through fifth grade will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m.

TODAY **Baptism** -- We are planning a baptismal service immediately following morning worship today at nearby Gilead Lake. Plan now to join the short ceremony as several young people commit their lives to Christ.

THIS WEEK **Music in the Park** -- The City of Bronson and Bronson area churches are sponsoring the *Buehrer Family Singers* tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park in Bronson. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some gospel music.

NEXT WEEK **Hog Roast** -- Our annual *End of Summer Celebration Service and Hog Roast* is planned for next Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. Plan now to attend and consider who you could invite to join us that morning. Please check the insert to see what you can bring for the potluck. See you then!

COMING UP **Family Promise** -- We will be hosting September 16 - 23. Please indicate on the sign up sheets in the lobby where you can help.

Linger Longer and Christian Ed classes will resume on September 16.

PLEASE NOTE **Anniversary Celebration T-Shirts** are available for \$10.00 each in the fellowship hall. Get yours now to wear to various church events celebrating our 150th anniversary.

September calendars are available in the lobby and include worship serving team schedules.

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SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

"WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD."

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FAITH TO LIFE
How to apply my faith to life

SERVING TODAY

NURSERY.....Sally Davis and Bridget Mayer
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS.....Jack Florent and Keith McGuire

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard
OPENING PRAYERDavid Minard
WORSHIP Jim Erwin
 The Gathering Song..... Chorus
 Like a River Glorious Hymn 494
 Revive Us Again (verses 1,3,4) Hymn 295
OFFERING Paul Alger
 Special Music..... Melissa Houtz
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
 Trust and Obey (verses 1,3,5) Hymn 349

Altar flowers are provided by Lynn and Jo Mayer in memory of their parents,
Richard & Marjorie Keeslar and Donald & Julia Mayer.

Next week's worship serving responsibilities:

Nursery..... Char Kaufman and Laura Jury
Greeters..... Don Ledbetter
Sound Room..... Kenny Bennett
Offering Prayer..... Solano deAraujo

Introduction

I. FAITH IS ACTIVE

Faith without works is dead ([James 2:17](#))

II. ACTIONS --- REACTIONS

1. Reveal what I'm presently believing (thermometer)
Where is your faith? ([Luke 8:25](#))
2. Reinforce what I should believe and do (thermostat)
*Reacting vs. Responding

III. "TESTING ONE. TWO THREE"

...The testing of your faith produces perseverance ([James 1:3](#))

1. Productive ([Romans 5:3-5](#), [James 1:12](#))
2. Instructive ([James 1:5](#), [Hebrews 12:7](#))
3. Reflective ([1 Peter 3:15](#)) (a witness)

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven ([Matthew 5:16](#))

APPLICATION

1. Do you realize that your actions reveal beliefs?
2. How is God testing your faith?
3. What can you learn from your reactions?



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *Annette Miller* -- tests and medicine concerns
- *Craig and Shelly Schafer* -- missionaries in Indonesia - lost house in fire.
- *Bronson Youth* -- leading prayer on Tuesday mornings
- *Arwan Mallay* -- ten year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- not doing well; tumor is growing into spinal cord.
- *Mary Jo Evans* -- recovering from knee injury
- *Eddie Miller* -- nine year old from Quincy being treated for ITP.
- *Al Miller* -- recovering from heart procedure
- *Nancy Beck* -- in Maple Lawn recovering from recent fall
- *Char Kaufman* -- heart issues
- *Jeff Craft*, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.

Continue to remember those in need

- Phyllis Minard's mother, *Jeanette Brinkman*, is in hospice care in Toledo.
- *Carmel Roberts* --recovering from surgery on July 9.
- *Family of Marcia Garr*.
- *Olivia Stoy* -- doing well after bone marrow transplant
- *Eric Smotherman* -- COPD
- *Jack Florent's brother-in-law, Ron* -- heart blockage
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- ongoing cancer treatment
- *Mason Pritchett* -- stage 3 acute GVHD
- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- stage 4 liver cancer
- *Jean LaClair* - being treated for leukemia
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, *Eric Algrim and family*, heart issues.

Praises

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Kylei Ratkowski and Chance Dules' recent engagement.
Madelyn Albright and Nathan Beers' recent engagement.

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