

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

TODAY Anniversary Celebration -- The children of *James and Anna Mae Wickey* are hosting a 50th wedding anniversary celebration today from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Church at 886 Pleasant Hill Road in Bronson.

THIS WEEK Live Nativity at Northview Christian Church in Coldwater -- December 7 and 8 starting at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT WEEK The **Church Council** meets next Sunday, December 9, after Sunday School.

Women's Fellowship will be going to Shipshewana on December 11 for lunch. All women are invited; meet at the church at 10:30 a.m.

COMING UP Family Christmas Service -- Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m. followed by "birthday cake for Jesus".

Christmas Carolling -- Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Steak Out -- January 12, 2019 at the Dearth Center. Men, contact Pastor Jim about purchasing tickets. Special speaker is Dr. Gary Rosberg, co-founder of America's Family Coaches.

PLEASE NOTE Christmas Memory Garden -- If you would like to purchase one of the poinsettias on the altar in memory or honor of someone, fill out the enclosed flier and put with \$10.00 in the offering plate. We will publish the names before Christmas.

Sunday Morning Snow or Ice Storms -- In case of inclement weather, listen to 16 TVB (AM) on your radio or watch for a text. Cancellations will be announced by 8:30 a.m.

2019 Schedules -- There are sign up sheets at the Information Center for *providing altar flowers* for each month in 2019 and for *greeting* in 2019. Thank you to all who provided flowers and served as Greeters this year!

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DECEMBER 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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SERVING TODAY

NURSERYBridget Mayer and Kendra Siefken
SOUND ROOM.....Kenny Bennett and Josh Falknor
GREETERS.....Keith Jackson and Keith McGuire

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING PRAYER David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Jim Erwin/Mary Butters
Christmas Carol Sing..... Hymns 123-166
OFFERINGFrank Cabrera
SPECIAL MUSIC Sharon McMeen
ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
Spirit of the Living God Hymn 247

Next week's worship service responsibilities:

Nursery.....Shanda Carpenter and Char Kaufman
Greeters.....Bob and Bridget Mayer
Sound RoomMatt Siefken and Scott Carpenter
Offering Prayer..... Solano deAraujo

ROMANS: HOW TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD

[\(Romans 7\)](#)

INTRODUCTION

Two Ways to Live the Christian Life [\(Romans 7:6\)](#)

I. WHO DIED HERE ANYWAY? [\(Romans 7:1-6\)](#)

I have been crucified with Christ.....[Galatians 2:20](#)

*Religion = “Man’s best efforts to reach God”

II. THE ROLE OF GOD’S LAW = REVEAL SIN! [\(Romans 7:7-13\)](#) [\(Romans 3:20; 4:15; 5:13\)](#)

So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ. [\(Galatians 3:24\)](#)

*Does God’s law matter today? What about the Ten Commandments?

III. “I” PROBLEMS [\(Romans 7:14-24\)](#)

*Sinful nature = the natural tendency (incentive, capacity) to sin

*Sin = acting contrary to God’s will

APPLICATION

1. Do you ever have “I” problems?
2. What sins in your life has the law of God convicted you of?
3. Wouldn’t you prefer to serve God in the new way of the Spirit?



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

- *Carmel Roberts* -- home recuperating from perforated stomach
- *Sharon McMeen* -- esophagus issues
- *Sara Sloan* -- breast cancer
- *Eric Smotherman* -- COPD; possible lung reduction surgery
- *Jo Mayer* -- recovering from back surgery
- *Blake Schlueter* -- recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease
- *Bob Mayer* -- ongoing health concerns
- *Bronson Youth* -- leading prayer on Tuesdays at lunch
- *Sherry McNees' mother* -- *Mary Jean Modert* -- recuperating from surgery
- *Annette Miller* -- tests and medication concerns
- *Craig and Shelly Schafer* -- missionaries in Indonesia - lost house in fire.
- *Arwan Mallay* -- ten year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- recuperating from surgery to remove tumor.
- *Eddie Miller* -- nine year old from Quincy being treated for ITP.
- *Jeff Craft*, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.

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