

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY *We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today!!
If you have a prayer need, or would like to talk to a pastor,
please feel free to fill out one of the cards in the chair rack in
front of you or at the Information Center in the lobby.
The cards may also be used to update a current prayer request.*

Dan and Jill Courser and their family are leading our worship today. Join us for a potluck after Christian Ed time.

NEXT WEEK **Family Promise** -- We will be hosting the week of October 8. Please use the sign up sheets at the Information Center to indicate how you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **Beginnings Care for Life** annual fundraising banquet is Thursday, October 12 at the Dearth Center. This year's theme is "Family Connections". The purpose of this dinner is to introduce you to the ministry and to share how God is working through Beginnings to make a difference in the our community. Please use the sign up sheet at the Information Center if you can attend. Call the office with any questions.

CEF Banquet in Auburn, Indiana on October 30 will feature guest speaker Gracia Burnham, a missionary in the Phillipines who was held captive for over a year by a terrorist group. See Jennie deAraujo with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE **Church Library** -- Check out the new book rack in the lobby, which features some items from the church's library. There is a huge selection of books and DVD's available to borrow in the library, up the stairs and at the end of the hallway.

Small groups -- See the bulletin insert if you are interested in joining a samll group for the schedule of groups and meeting times. Small Group outline is on the back side of the insert.

Altar Flowers -- please check the sign up sheet at the Information Center if you would like to supply flowers for worship.

Sabbatical -- Pastor Jim and Kim are on their fall sabbatical. If you are need of pastoral care or in case of an emergency, please contact Pastor David at 517.756.8000 or the church office at 517.369.1588.

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OCTOBER 1, 2017

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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NURSERY.....Sally Davis and Laura Jury
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett and Scott Carpenter

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... The Courser Family
 Hosanna (Praise is Rising)..... Chorus
 Our God is Greater..... Chorus
 Jesus Messiah..... Chorus
 O Come to the Altar..... Chorus
OFFERING..... Jim Wickey
 Mission Moment..... Dan Gerard, CRU
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) Dismissal
MESSAGEDavid Minard
CLOSING SONG..... *Revelation Song*
 Altar flowers are provided by Sharon Shyrigh
 in memory of her grandson, Blane Hicks.

CHRISTIAN ED.

TODDLERS.....Marcia Albright
GRADES 1-5.....Michelle Lake
 (Room B)
JUNIOR HIGHSharon McMeen
 (Room D)
SENIOR HIGH..... Solano and Jennie deAraujo
 (Youth Room downstairs)
YOUNG ADULTS..... Ronda Falknor and Dawn Bennett
 (Library)
THE TRUTH PROJECT Paul Alger
 (Blanketmakers Room downstairs)
FOUNDATIONS David Minard
 (Fellowship Hall)



COUNTERING LIES THAT DESTROY LIVES

*Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you."
[\(Matthew 24:4\)](#)*

INTRODUCTION:

*"In the beginning God..." God is infinite: immeasurably or inconceivably great or extensive :inexhaustible. Man is finite: having definite or definable limits. God had no birth, no beginning and no end. The infinite God **describes** himself as the great "I AM." Therefore, we at best can only know God in a finite way and as He reveals himself to us. Even His actions must be interpreted at best in light of His attributes.*

I. "I AM WHO I AM"

- A. God said to Moses, "... I AM has sent me to you." [\(Exodus 3:13-16\)](#)
- B. Jesus said to the Jews "Before Abraham, I AM." [\(John 8:56-59\)](#)

II. WHO DOES THE WORLD SAY "I AM"?([Mark 8 22-33](#))

- A. "God either doesn't care or he is not in control"
- B. "Jesus leads him out...What do you see?...His eyes were open-RESTORED
- C. "Who do you say that I AM?" Jesus ask his disciples.

III. JESUS SAID "I AM" THE...

- Bread of Life [\(John 6:35, 41, 48, 51\)](#)
- Resurrection and the Life [\(John 11:25\)](#)
- Light of the World [\(John 8:12\)](#)
- Way, the Truth and the Life [\(John 14:6\)](#)
- Door of the Sheep [\(John 10:7, 9\)](#)
- True Vine [\(John 15:1, 5\)](#)
- Good Shepherd [\(John 10:11,14\)](#)
- Alpha and Omega [\(Rev. 22:13\)](#)

IV. WHO THEN "AM I"?

- A. *The world says I AM...a product of chance, pond scum, biology, derived from apes, what others think, without purpose, without design....*
- B. God says I AM his, *the apple of His eye*
[Deuteronomy 32:9-11; Psalm 17:8; Proverbs 7:2; Zechariah 2:8](#)

APPLICATION:

- 1. *Can I say "I AM recreated in God's Image"?*
- 2. *Have I recreated God in my image?*
- 3. *What lies have I believed about God, myself and life?*

A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- Church members and families affected by the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida.
- *Wanda DeBolt* -- recovering from heart surgery
- *Dorothy Gorell* --Carpenter's son-in-law's grandmother -- recovering from open heart surgery
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- recovering from surgery to remove intestinal tumor.
- *Dawn Leno*, Melissa Houtz's sister -- seeking treatment for brain aneurysm
- *Kerry Skinner* -- safety as he helps restore power in Florida.
- *Steve Russell* -- upcoming surgery on September 29.
- Rick Hollister's mother, *Kathleen*, upcoming heart valve replacement.
- *Jim and Kim Erwin* -- fall sabbatical
- *Mary Stall* -- Dale Davis' cousin; Don and Carlene Davis' daughter -- stage 4 cancer.
- *Jim Comb's mother* - loss of daughter.
- *Lee Bidwell* -- healing for leg.
- Shanda Carpenter's cousin, *Nick* -- blood clot on brain

Continue to remember those in need

- *Joe Smotherman* -- recuperating from knee surgery.
- Kristi Long's mom -- heart issue.
- The family of *Margaret Lasky*.
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, *Eric Algrim and family*, major heart issues.
- *Jim Eley* is at Maple Lawn, room 508.
- *Kylie Demogte*, friend of Jeff and Sherie Ward, several medical issues.
- *Jennie Williamson* -- ALS
- *Carmel Roberts* - battling infection
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer's, failing health

Praises

- Keith Jackson's mother, *Ellen*, doing better.
- Mason Pritchett, Severe Congenital Neutropenia, home from hospital.

Live. Grow. Serve.

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Special Music/ Offeratory</u>	<u>Giving Thanks</u>	<u>Musician</u>	<u>Tech. Support</u>
<u>Sept 3</u>	<i>Jim Erwin</i>		<i>Jim Wickey</i>	<i>Jim Erwin</i>	<i>Brian Eley</i>
<u>Sept 10</u>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Jim Barron</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Scott Carpenter</i>
<u>Sept 17</u>	<i>Tim Butters</i>		<i>Paul Alger</i>	<i>Mary Butters</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>
<u>Sept 24</u>	<i>Melissa Houtz, Sharon McMeen</i>	<i>Melissa Houtz</i>	<i>Solano deAraujo</i>	<i>Melissa Houtz</i>	<i>Brian Eley</i>
<u>October 1</u>	<i>Courseur Family</i>	<i>Mission Moment</i>	<i>Jim Wickey</i>	<i>Courseur Family</i>	<i>Scott Carpenter</i>

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	<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
<u>Sept 10</u>	<i>Steve and Jen Byler</i>	<i>Char Kaufman Linda Penn</i>	<i>Grades 1-5 D. Minard</i>
<u>Sept 17</u>	<i>Solano and Jennie deAraujo</i>	<i>Sherry Neesley Anna Mae Wickey</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget Mayer Grades 1-5 Lisa Franks</i>
<u>Sept 24</u>	<i>Sue Craft and RoyAnn Sheets</i>	<i>Shanda Carpenter Char Kaufman</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget Mayer Grades 1-5 Lisa Franks</i>
<u>October 1</u>		<i>Sally Davis Laura Jury</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget Mayer Grades 1-5 Lisa Franks</i>
<u>October 8</u>	<i>Lee and Mary Jo Evans</i>	<i>Deb Springer Linda Penn</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget Mayer Grades 1-5 Lisa Franks</i>

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you.

–Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.

–Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

–Revelation 21:3-4

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.

–Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus.

–John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed.

–John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being.

–Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you.

–Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.

–2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled.

–2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you.

–1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love.

–Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me.

–1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.

–Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen.

–Luke 15:7

I have always been Father, and will always be Father.

–Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is...Will you be my child?

–John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you.

–Luke 15:11-32

A photograph of a rustic wooden cross made of two weathered logs, set against a background of a cloudy, overcast sky. The cross is positioned on the right side of the image, with the vertical post extending from the bottom towards the top and the horizontal beam extending to the left. A piece of rope is tied around the horizontal beam, hanging down.

**Nothing speaks more clearly
of God's **LOVE** than the cross.**

From Genesis to Revelation...

*God's message has been
a Father's Love*

*Read the following verses
prefaced with
My Child...*

You may not know me, but I know everything about you.

–Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up.

–Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways.

–Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered.

–Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image.

–Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being.

–Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring.

–Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived.

–Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation.

–Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book.

–Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live.

–Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

–Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb.

–Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born..

–Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.

–John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love.

–1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.

–1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father.

–1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could.

–Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father.

–Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand.

–James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.

–Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.

–Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love.

–Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.

–Psalms 139:17-18

And I rejoice over you with singing.

–Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you.

–Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession.

–Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul.

–Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great and marvelous things.

–Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.

–Deuteronomy 4:29

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.

–Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires.

–Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine.

–Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager.

–2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.

–2 Corinthians 1:3-4