

01.07.2024

Welcome to you and your family! We are glad you've joined us this morning. Extra seating for the service is available in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left)

All-Church Birthday Potluck -- today following worship. Plan on staying after the service to join in.

2024 Worksheets are available in the lobby. Pick up one after the service and take some time to contemplate God's direction for your life in this coming year.

Branch County Men of Integrity's 27th Annual Steak Out: Saturday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dearth Center in Coldwater. See Pastor Jim for tickets (\$25.00 each)

2024 Night to Shine -- Volunteer training will be on Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at Hope Church, 200 North Fremont in Coldwater. See Amy Lonczkowski or Jennie deAraujo with any questions.

In Case of Inclement Weather -- Worship service will be available on Facebook or YouTube at 9:30 a.m. Pastors Jim and Dave will normally be at church for those who want to brave the weather and venture out. *Please remember those with mobility issues and leave the parking spaces closest to the entry doors open.*

Peace-today.com-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.

Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account -- contact the office.

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Live the Life
Extend the Kingdom*

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Spirit Song
The Gathering Song
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart
I Want to Be

Mission Moment

Gloria Stutzman

Jacob: A Model of Restoration and Renewal

Behold, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up. Don't you perceive it?

([Isaiah 43:19](#))

Part I: Jacob "The Deceiver"

I. Deceiving Esau ([Genesis 25:24-34](#))

- *Sibling rivalry
- *Besting your brother!

II. Deceiving Isaac ([Genesis 27:1-33](#))

- *Motherly motives
- *Pretending to be someone else
- *The power of words (Note [v. 34-41](#))

The tongue has the power of life and death. Blessed are those who eat of its fruit ([Proverbs 18:21](#))

III. Deceiving Laban ([Genesis 29-30](#))

- *A contest of con artists!
- *Wearing out your welcome ([Genesis 30:42 - 31:3](#))
- *Going home!

IV. Deceiving Yourself!

- *Do not deceive yourselves...([1 Corinthians 3:18](#))
- *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
([1 John 1:8](#))
- *Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. Whatever you sow, you will also reap.
([Galatians 6:7](#))

Application

1. Any chance that you've been living a lie as of late?
2. Is God prompting you that there could be self deception in your own heart?
3. Are you willing to submit to God's conviction and come clean from any lies or deceptive ways?

*Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins
may be wiped out, that times of
refreshing may come from the Lord. ([Acts 3:19](#))*

Communion

Closing Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart ([Psalm 51:10-12](#))

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

Veronica Hannah -- A-fib
Wanda Debolt - in hospice care
Flo Cabrera's brother; Lalo -- stage 4 stomach cancer
Sue Craft -- death of grandson, Adam

Praises

Andrew and Jennifer Labadie's new son, Hudson Ray.
Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new daughter, Olivia Rose.

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain
The Carpenter Family
Lisa Franks -- pain management
Dale Davis -- dialysis

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

Our Mission

*"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."*