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Night to Shine volunteer training: Next training is January 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Hope Church, 200 North Fremont Street, Coldwater. Volunteer registration forms are in the lobby. Please see Amy Lonczkowski or Jennie d'Araujo if you can help. Night to Shine is on February 10, 2023.

MINNET Meeting: Sunday, January 29 during Adult Ed hour.

Thank you to all who helped with the Celebration of Life for Russ Heckathorn on January 8.

Women's Fellowship will not meet in January. Their 2023 schedule of meetings and ministry collections is available at the Information Center in the lobby. Ask one of the greeters if you need one.

Church Directory Update -- We are updating our directory and need everyone's most up to date contact information and birthdays. There are *Connect* cards under the sanctuary seats or in the lobby that can be placed in the offering plate.

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.

For the parents of our little ones: There is a room behind the sanctuary for parents of restless toddlers. The **nursery** (up the stairs, first door on the left) is also open and the service is available to be viewed and listened to there. Kids through fifth grade will be dismissed for **Children's Church** during worship if they wish to participate.

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 by completing a form (at the information desk in the lobby -- ask one of the greeters -- or contact the office).



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*Be the Church
Live the Life
Extend the Kingdom*

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Call to Worship: *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: *Lord Reign in Me
Holy is the Lord
Shadow of Your Hand
Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Contend for the Faith

(Jude 3)
"Kudzu"

I. Worldliness within the church

Review: Egocentrism, materialism, hedonism, relativism

*A byproduct = Theological Liberalism

1. It directly challenges the authority of scripture (Revelation)
2. It mars the image of God in mankind (Human nature)
3. It lowers standards of moral imperatives (Godliness)

II. Some fruits of worldliness in the church

1. It cancels God's blessing and spiritual authority within a church
2. It negates the church's mandate and mission to the world
If salt loses its saltiness.....(Matthew 5:13)
3. It blurs the distinction between light and darkness
4. It opens the door to theological error and non-Christian "spiritualities"

III. Countering darkness with light

*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness,
rather expose them (Ephesians 5:11)*

*The Power of the Holy Spirit

*For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you
put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. (Romans 8:13)
So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the
flesh. Galatians 5:16*

Application

Contend for the faith!

1. Do you recognize the dangers of theological liberalism?
2. Are you aware of the ways worldliness is slowly creeping into the church?
3. Will you allow the Holy Spirit to use you as an instrument of God's righteousness and truth?

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

de Araujo family -- grandson Luke due at end of February
with life-limiting diagnosis, parents Emily and Aaron
The family of Bart Burnside
The family of Russ Heckathorn
Jonas Rigg --hospitalized with heart and kidney problems
Kim Paul -- stage 4 cancer
Al Miller - recurrence of cancer

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Lynn Mayer -- dealing with double vision, balance issues
Dawn Lane -- breast cancer
Don Rubley -- bladder cancer
The Carpenter Family
Dale Davis -- dialysis and gall bladder issues
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Neil Hannah -- at home on hospice
Betty Carpenter -- Laurels

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."*