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**Night to Shine volunteer training:** Next training is Monday, 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:** Next Sunday, January 29 during Adult Ed hour.

**Women's Fellowship's** 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. Their next meeting is February 14 at 1:00 p.m.

**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](https://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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Live the Life  
Extend the Kingdom*

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## Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: JEWISH MEDLEY

### Contend for the Faith

(Jude 3)

Introduction Dangerous Detours ([Galatians 1:6-9](#))

### THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

#### I. History

- \*Charles Taze Russell 1879 "*The Herald of the Morning*"
- \*The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society
- \*Focus on End Times prophecies

#### II. Jehovah's Witness Activities

- \*Door to door witnessing
- \*Literature distribution (Watch Tower, Awake.....)
- \*Free home Bible studies
- \*"True" witnesses and their "No No's"

#### III. Basic JW Doctrines

- \*The New World Translation
- \*God is singular, not triune
- \*Jesus is Michael, the Arch Angel
- \*Salvation requires works
- \*The second coming is imminent

#### IV. JW Contentions with Christianity

- \*"The apostate church"
- \*The Trinity = The devil's doctrine
- \*The Name of Jehovah

### Contend for the faith!

- \*How to answer Jehovah's Witness (Adult Ed class next hour)
- \*Resources: [carm.org](#), [Living Water/Jehovah Witnesses](#),  
[blueletterbible.org/Jehovah's Witnesses](#)  
Book: *Kingdom of the Cults* by Walter Martin

## Prayer Concerns

### 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 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"