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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Today -- "Dare to Care" -- join Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall for a new Adult Ed class today as we develop another Kingdom Assignment to reach out to others. A sign up sheet is available in the lobby.

Membership Class -- meets today from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. here at the church.

Small Groups are revamping for the winter semester. See the hand-out for group times and places and plan now to participate.

Old Testament Reading Club -- Make 2021 the year that you read through the Old Testament. Reading logs are available in the lobby. We will launch next Sunday, January 31.

Winter Retreat -- *Half Day Breakaway* packets for a personal spiritual retreat are available in the lobby or on the church website.

2021 March for Life -- January 29 -- Register for this virtual event at <https://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/>. You will receive an email the morning of January 29 with a link to the event. No need for the bus ride this year -- be part of the event from your own home.

Updated Contact Information -- Please make sure we know how to connect with you! Pick up a *Connect!* card in the lobby and give to a pastor or put in the offering plate.

In case of bad weather -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.



Offering --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. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in

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Order of Worship

Opening Worship:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Thrive

Trading My Sorrows

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Goodness of God

New Sermon Series: 21 Great Saints

([Hebrews 13:7](#))

Introduction: *What kind of a person does it take to make an impact on a degenerating society?*

- I. As in the Days of Noah... ([Matthew 24:37](#))
 - *Degenerative heart disease ([Genesis 6:5-6](#))
 - *Jesus -- a man of sorrows acquainted with grief ([Isaiah 53:3](#))
 - *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit ([Ephesians 4:30](#))
- II. Noah -- God's man for the hour
([Genesis 6:9](#)) -- Righteous, blameless, spiritual humility
He has shown you, O man.....what the Lord requires ([Micah 6:8](#))
(Righteousness, mercy + humility)
God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble ([James 4:6](#))
- III. A Key Ingredient of Life = The Favor of God
But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord ([Genesis 6:8](#))
*Favor: ([1 Samuel 2:26](#), [Psalm 90:17](#), [Proverbs 8:35](#), [Luke 1:30](#); [2:14,52](#))
- IV. Old Testament Favor = N.T. Grace ([2 Corinthians 6:1-2](#), [John 1:17](#), [Titus 2:11](#))
See to it that no one misses the grace (favor) of God ([Hebrews 12:15](#))

Application

1. Have you found favor in the eyes of the Lord?
2. Could your life make a difference for others in the midst of societal upheaval?
3. To become a change agent, you may need to be changed first. What does God want to change in you?
4. Will you share the gift of God's grace/ favor with others?

Now is the time of God's favor.....([2 Corinthians 6:2](#))

Closing song: *The Blessing*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Dick Wright -- recuperating from knee replacement surgery

Rick Butters - complications after cataract surgery.

Jack Florent -- recovering from ankle surgery

Lisa Franks -- pain management during recovery from surgery

Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Bart Burnside -- health issues

Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

Praises

Sherry McNees -- recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertín -- recovered from Coronavirus

Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus

Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertín's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance

Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo

Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn

Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

*"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."*

Come,, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God.....come

One day every tongue will confess your are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who will gladly choose You now

Come,, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God.....come

One day every tongue will confess your are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who will gladly choose You now (2 x)

Come,, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
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Come, just as you are before your God.....come

Thrive

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
we never will run ddry
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire

Just to know you and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know were were made for so much more
than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Into your word we're digging deep
to know your Father's heart
into the world we're reaching out
to show them who You are

Joy unspeakable
faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
anything is possible
Oh-Oh
We were made to thrive

Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

And we say yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord
Yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord
Yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord, Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I'm blessed beyond the curse
for his promise will endure
and his joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes in the morning

And we say yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord
Yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord
Yes, Lord, yes Lord
Yes, yes Lord, Amen

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged
why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home.
When Jesus is my portion
my constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me

"Let not your heart be troubled"
He tender words I hear
and resting on His goodness
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path He leadeth
but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye in on the sparrow
and I know He watches me

I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
for His eye is on the sparrow
and I know he watches me

Goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
in the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after
it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered
now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
it's running after me

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace

Amen
Amen, Amen
(repeat)

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace

Amen
Amen, Amen
(repeat)