

02.04.2024

Welcome to you and your family! We are glad you've joined us this morning. The service can also be viewed in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left). Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship.

Valentine Potluck: Plan on staying after classes for lunch today. Enjoy some time for conversation and fellowship. Plenty of food has been provided.

Upcoming February Events:

Canopy of Prayer: Thursday, February 8. Prayer Guides are in the lobby or on the church website.

2024 Night to Shine -- February 9 at 6:00 p.m. See Amy Lonczkowski or Jennie deAraujo with any questions. Donation envelopes are in the lobby.


Women's Fellowship: February 13 at 1:00 p.m. During the month of February they are collecting items for *Tommy's House*. There is a list of current needs in the lobby.


Joppa Recovery fundraising banquet -- February 16 at the Eby Center in Coldwater from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. See Jan Carpenter or Matt Siefken with any questions.

Quarter for a Cause -- benefitting *Royal Family Kids*. February 17 starting at 5:00 p.m. See Marcia Wilcox with any questions.

Council Meeting -- February 18 after Sunday School.

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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Extend the Kingdom*

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Communion Hymns We Will Glorify -- Hymn 72
The Old Rugged Cross -- Hymn 186
At the Cross -- Hymn 188 (verses 1,3,4)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross -- Hymn 185

The Faith Factor

The righteous will live by faith ([Romans 1:17](#))

Introduction:

I. The Definition of Faith ([Hebrews 11:1](#))

- *Faith involves the future
 - *Faith involves the invisible
- (Synonyms: Trust, reliance, dependence, belief in)

II. The Basic Principle of Faith

- *We are saved by grace through faith ([Ephesians 2:8](#))
- *We are to live by faith ([2 Corinthians 5:7](#), [Hebrews 11:39](#))
- *Faith, like a muscle, grows with nutrition and exercise
([Romans 10:17](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:3](#))
"When you feed your faith you starve your doubts"
- *God will test our faith at times ([James 1:2-3](#))

III. The Evidence of Faith is works ([James 2:14-26](#))

Faithfulness ---> Fruitfulness

IV. At judgement, the righteous will be deemed "Faithful" ([Matthew 25:21](#), [Hebrews 10:35-39](#))

Application

1. How has faith factored into your life so far?
2. Do you understand the basic faith principle of Christianity?
3. Will God declare you faithful in the end?

Handout: Faith Passages

Next week: *The Basic Premises of Our Faith*

Closing Song: Trust and Obey -- Hymn 349 (verses 1,3,5)

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."

Prayer Concerns

Recent additions

Ron Hagaman -- failing health
Kevin Stutzman -- healing from a broken wrist
Carl Stahly -- recovering from a fall
Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia
Wanda Debolt - in hospice care
Flo Cabrera's brother, Lalo -- stage 4 stomach cancer

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