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Valentine Dinner: Today following worship service (no Sunday School classes).

Women's Fellowship meets this Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m. During the month of February, Women's Fellowship will be collecting donations for *Tommy's House*. There is a list of current needs in the lobby.

Next Sunday -- AED Training -- after worship service. **Council meeting** to follow.

Free Books -- Help yourself to books in the green basket in the lobby.

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.

Financial Update:

January regular collections	\$22796.68
January average attendance (in house)	117
January average attendance (online)	127

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 (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).



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*Be the Church
Live the Life
Extend the Kingdom*

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Call to Worship: Victory in Jesus

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Worship Songs: Confidence
One Day
Graves into Gardens
Cornerstone

Contend for the Faith

([Jude 3](#))

So far.....

I. "The Faith" = Historic Christianity

.....*Build yourselves up in your most holy faith* ([Jude 20](#))

*Theology -- Anthropology -- Ecclesiology

II. Who are we contending with?

Your adversary the devil.....([1 Peter 5:8](#))

*The Big Three -- the world, the flesh and the devil

*Agents of adversity --

(The secular culture, theological liberalism, other religions)

III. What are their primary contentions with Christianity? (next week)

*Our view of God

*Our view of the Bible

*Our view of Christ

IV. How should we handle their contentions?

.....*speaking the truth in love* ([Ephesians 4:15](#)).

Two keys

1. Clarity (truth)

2. Charity (love)

....Be patient with everyone ([1 Thessalonians 5:14](#))

....Let your conversation be full of grace ([Colossians 4:6](#))

....Be merciful to those who doubt ([Jude 22](#))

*Saint Valentine

Contend for the faith!

Special Music:

God Really Loves Us

Closing Song:

The Blessing

*The Valentine's luncheon will follow this morning's service. Join us!

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"

Prayer Concerns

Recent additions

Donna Green -- recovering from a fall
Jesse Albright -- infection in the right hand
Steve Crooks -- congestive heart failure
Al Miller - At home on hospice
de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke
The family of Russ Heckathorn
Kim Paul -- stage 4 cancer

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jonas Rigg -- home and recovering strength
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

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

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days