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

Women's Fellowship -- 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.

Save the date -- March 12th -- "*Soup-a-thon Sunday*". Plan now to join this year's congregational cook-off for a *soup-er* time of *stew-pendous* fun, friendly competition and fellowship. More information coming soon.

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.

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
Extend the Kingdom*

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Call to Worship: *This is My Commandment*

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Worship Songs: *Jesus Messiah*
Jesus Name Above All Names
My Jesus I Love Thee
Give Me Jesus

Special Music: *Heather Lytle*

Contend for the Faith

(Jude 3)

Passing the baton of faith

Worldview Wars: Handling contentions about God

- I. Does God exist?
 - *What is the evidence for and against God?
 - *A False Dichotomy: Science vs. Faith
 - A. Cause and effect B. Design C. Intelligence D. Morality
- II. What is God like?
 - *Pantheism, polytheism, monotheism
 - *Revelation and divine attributes
 - In the beginning God.....([Genesis 1:1](#))
- III. If God made everything, who made God?
 - *Space-time reality and the laws of nature
- IV. If God can do everything, can he make a rock so big that he can't lift it?
 - *Limitations and the laws of logic
- V. If God is good, why does evil exist?
 - *Love, free will and the problem of pain.
- VI. Don't miracles contradict the natural laws of science?
 - *Normal occurrences and divine interventions
- VII. How can I know God personally?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. ([Proverbs 9:10](#))

 1. Learn about God (Revelation)
 2. Follow God's instruction (Salvation)
 3. Relate to God daily (Devotion)

Next week: Handling Contentions (Part II)
Is the Bible divinely inspired?

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

Billman family -- special needs daughter, baby Kay
The family of Al Miller
Donna Green -- recovering from a fall
Steve Crooks -- congestive heart failure
de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke
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