

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**TODAY** *Welcome Visitors. We are glad that you chose to join us as we worship together our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please let us know if we can pray for you or how we might help you.*

### **Adult Ed.—**

Adult Ed classes have been underway since January but feel free to join at any time. Fliers are available in the foyer.

### **THIS WEEK Call to Prayer —**

You are welcome to join us during this season of Lent for a time of prayer. We will be praying for the church and needs of others, each Saturday here in the sanctuary, starting at 7:30 PM.

### **Small Groups —**

Small Groups are under way, but we are still looking to start some additional groups. *See pastor Jim or Pastor David if you are interested.*

**Monday 7pm**, BRONSON B; Host-Tim and Melissa Houtz, Contact-Scott Carpenter (517) 278-3376

**Wednesday 6pm**, Tijuana Missions; Host-Salano and Jennie deAraujo, Contact-Frank Cabrera (517) 369-9783

**Thursday 6:30pm**, Bethel Gilead; Church Fellowship Hall-kid friendly, Contact- Brandon Carpenter 989-277-5988

**Thursday 6:30pm**, BRONSON A; Host-Jim and Anna Mae Wickey, Contact-Jim & Dee Eley (517) 369-6695

### **COMING SOON Small Groups —**

New Groups are starting in March. Information will be coming.

### **Roller skating —**

Get some exercise and join the youth for an outing at Skate Ranch, just south of Coldwater on Angola Rd. next Sunday, Feb. 28, 2-4 PM.

### **WAYS TO SERVE Love. Grow. Serve — Next Sunday (Feb. 28)**

- Worship Leader - Rick Hollister
- Special Music- Grace & Gloria Stutzman
- Chancel - Salano deAraujo
- Greeters - Aaron & Patricia Leggett
- Church Nursery - Bridget Mayer, Anna Mae Wickey
- Sunday Hr. Nursery - Lorinda Ratkowski
- Sound Room - Scott Carpenter, Kenny Bennett

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## FEBRUARY 21, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT EDUCATION: 11 AM



## MISSION STATEMENT

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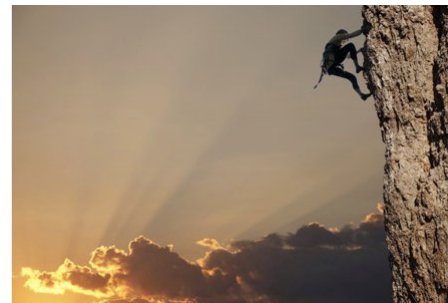
OFFERING PRAYER ..... James Wickey  
GREETERS ..... Tim and Christy Butters  
NURSERY (CHURCH) ..... Sally Davis, Zarion Parker  
(SUNDAY SCHOOL)..... Char Kaufman  
SOUND ROOM..... Frank Cabrera, Kenny Bennett

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME ..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP ..... Praise Team  
*Here I am to Worship*..... Chorus  
*Thrive*..... Chorus  
*My Saviour My God*..... Chorus  
*Ancient Words*..... Chorus  
OFFERING ..... James Wickey  
*Special Music*..... Praise Team  
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5)..... Dismissal  
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin  
*Be Thou My Vision* ..... Hymn 382

## CHRISTIAN ED.

ADULT ED. .... Three Classes (see bulletin)  
TODDLERS ..... Lisa Franks  
GRADES 1-2..... Brian DeBolt  
GRADES 3-5 ..... Brian DeBolt  
YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES)..... Danielle Tucker



## BE THOU MY VISION

[2 KINGS 6:8-17](#)

“OPEN MY EYES LORD  
THAT I MIGHT SEE”

### INTRODUCTION:

“...It’s a terrible thing to have eye sight but have no vision.” Helen Keller

### I. EYES WIDE OPEN [2 Kings 6:8-17](#)

“Lord open his eyes that he might see,” [2 Kings 6:17](#)

- “For judgment I have come into the world that those who are blind might see...” [John 9:39](#)
- I am sending you to open their eyes...” [Acts 26:18](#)
- “Believing is seeing.” [Heb. 11:1](#)

### II. LIGHT AND SIGHT

- “The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes,” [Ps. 19:8](#)
- “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...” [Eph. 1:18](#)

### III. THE VIEW FROM HERE

- Bulletin Insert: Our Purpose...Our Priorities

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...<sup>47b</sup> And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

[Acts 2:42, 47b](#)

### APPLICATION:

1. How’s your eyesight? How’s your vision?”
2. Has God given you a vision of *who He is and what He* could do in your life?
3. Are you willing to pray, “Lord open my eyes so that I might see”?
4. Do you embrace the mission of Bethel Gilead Community Church?



## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions:

- *Pat Neesley* condition has declined. The family has called in hospice.
- *Breana Dules*, had a second brain tumor removed and is suffering sight problems. She will be starting chemo and radiation treatment soon. Breana is a Bronson graduate.
- *Lita McCollum*, Mary Jo Evans' niece, is diagnosed with lung cancer.
- *Becky Gilroy* has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She is currently under treatment.
- *Dennis Voss* has been removed from a ventilator and remains stable
- *Russ Heckathorn* - lung cancer, *surgery postponed.*

### Continue to remember those in need:

- *Nancy Beck* fell and is recovery slowly from a cracked tailbone.
- *Gary Ratkowski's brother, Steve*, passed away earlier this week. Pray for Steve's family and the Ratkowski's.
- *Greg and Nikki Maertin's son in-law, Sean Duncan*, came through surgery for cancer, continue to pray for recovery.
- *Sue Craft* is home recovering from back surgery.
- *Marjorie Keeclar* is recovering from a fall. She is at [Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility](#), Coldwater and is receiving visitors.
- *Shirley Bogen* is at Drews Place room #17.
- *Earl Bower*-health concerns
- *Joe Troyer* - brain cancer
- *Carmel Roberts* - healing
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer, health is failing
- *Randy Dudley* - improved health
- *Barry Hyliard*, Janet's son suffering from malignant brain cancer and undergoing Chemo treatments

February 21, 2016

## Our Purpose

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## Our Priorities

### Worship:

*As a church, we emphasize the importance of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Prayer permeates our individual and corporate life and forms a foundation for all other focuses and activities. In worship, we praise God for His greatness and thank him for his goodness to us.*

### Discipleship:

*We take seriously Christ's commission to make disciples. In obedience to His command, we teach His word and train people to more effectively serve Him. We also involve our members in small groups, which provide nurturing, growth, and accountability.*

### Fellowship:

*The emphasis of biblical community is basic to all we do at Bethel Gilead. We concern ourselves with the joys and pains of our members and work hard at following Christ's commandment to "love one another" in practical and consistent ways.*

### Evangelism:

*At Bethel Gilead Community Church, our motto is "Each Member a Minister." We believe that God has called us to be salt and light in our generation. As Christ's ambassadors, we look for effective ways to represent Him and His purposes in the Monday through Saturday world.*