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**Church Council** is looking for volunteers to be on a *Safety Committee*. Please see Marcia Goheen or contact the church office if you are interested. [office@bethelgilead.org](mailto:office@bethelgilead.org)

**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-pondous* fun, friendly competition and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby or notify the office about what type of soup, chili or stew you will be entering in the competition. First and second place prizes in each of the three categories! [office@bethelgilead.org](mailto:office@bethelgilead.org)

**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](https://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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## Announcements and Opening Prayer

### Contend for the Faith

#### Introduction

Last week: Contention #1: "I don't believe in God"

Today: Contention #2: "I don't believe that the Bible is the  
Inspired Word of God!"

#### I. What does the Bible contain?

- \*Two Testaments, 66 books by 40 authors.
- \*Five basic literature types

#### II. How was the Bible composed?

- \*Men of God moved by the Holy Spirit ([2 Peter 1:21](#))
- \*Divine Revelation -- "The Word of God"  
([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), [Hebrews 4:12](#), [Psalm 119:105](#), [Matthew 4:4](#),  
[John 8:31-32](#))

#### III. Isn't the Bible outdated and hard to understand?

- \* Bible interpretations
- \* Basic hermeneutics

#### IV. Hasn't the Bible been changed through translators over time?

- \*Manuscript authority and ancient literature
- \*Quotes of the Church Fathers

#### V. Doesn't the Bible have mistakes in it?

- \*Discrepancies or paradoxes?
- \*Factual + Historical Accuracies
- \*Biblical Prophecy

#### VI. What is the central theme of the scriptures?

- \*The redemption of the world through Christ  
([Acts 17:24](#), [Hebrews 1:1-3](#), [2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#), [John 3:16](#))

#### Our Problem = Biblical Illiteracy

"The days are coming", declares the Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land -- not a famine of food, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11)

**Next Week:** *Is Jesus the Divine Son of God?*

## 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 hip surgery  
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