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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

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the fellowship meal following Al Miller's memorial service.

Women's Fellowship meets on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Soup Cook-Off -- March 19th (please note date change) . Plan now to join this year's congregational cook-off for a *soup-er* time of *stew-pendous* fun, friendly competition and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby or use the card in your bulletin and place in the offering plate to indicate 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!

Church Directory Update -- Please make sure we know the best way to contact you. We are updating our directory and would like to include everyone's 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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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Come Let Us Worship -- Hymn 14
Come, Thou Fount -- Hymn 2, verses 1-3
Fairest Lord Jesus -- Hymn 88, verses 1-4
Because He Lives -- Hymn 213, verses 1-3
He is Lord -- Hymn 105, chorus only

Contend for the Faith

Introduction

Two weeks ago: 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 30+ authors.
- *Five basic literature types: Law, history, poetry, prophecy, doctrine

II. How was the Bible composed?

- *Men of God moved by the Holy Spirit... ([2 Peter 1:21](#), [Hebrews 1:1-2](#))
- *Divine Revelation -- "The Word of God" (Supernatural)
([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), [Hebrews 4:12](#), [Psalm 119:105](#), [Matthew 4:4](#),
[Matthew 24:35](#), [John 8:31-32](#))

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 Isn't the Bible outdated and hard to understand?

- * Modern Translations
- * 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 17:24-31](#), [Hebrews 1:1-3](#), [2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#))
For God so loved the world.....[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)

Resources: Book -- "Evidence That Demands a Verdict" by Josh McDowell

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

Closing Song: *Standing on the Promises* -- Hymn 271 -- verses 1-4

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

Bob Mayer -- kidney stones
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