

## 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.*

### **Pot Luck —**

Think spring as we meet after Sunday school for a time of fellowship. If you didn't bring a dish, don't worry. We had you in mind and prepared enough. So join God's people in breaking of bread.

### **THIS WEEK Call to Prayer —**

We welcome you 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 PM.

### **Small Groups —**

**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 Two Small Groups —**

We have heard from some of you and anticipate that YOU will be joining us soon as we start two more groups. This will be a time of blessing. God promises, ([Matt. 18:20](#)).

### **Focus on Life —**

2016 Annual Benefit Dinner is March 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bronson, 6 PM. Visit the [church web page](#) for [registration forms](#) or pick up forms in the lobby.

### **WAYS TO SERVE Love. Grow. Serve — Next Sunday (March 13)**

- Worship Leader - Sharon McMeen
- Special Music- Heather Lytle
- Chancel - David Minard
- Greeters - Gary and Lorinda Ratkowski
- Church Nursery - Sherry Neesley, Kristi Long
- Sunday Hr. Nursery - Jo Mayer
- Sound Room - Brian Eley, Kenny Bennett

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## MARCH 6, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT EDUCATION: 11 AM



## MISSION STATEMENT

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# MARCH 6, 2016

OFFERING PRAYER ..... Jim Erwin  
GREETERS ..... Kerry and Elise Skinner  
NURSERY (CHURCH) ..... Char Kaufman, Shanda Carpenter  
(SUNDAY SCHOOL)..... Char Kaufman  
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Joshua Falknor

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME ..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP ..... Jim Erwin  
*How Great Thou Art* ..... Hymn 4  
*Great is thy Faithfulness*..... Hymn 43  
COMMUNION..... Jim Erwin  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ..... Hymn 185  
*Spirit of the Living God*..... Hymn 247  
OFFERING ..... Jim Erwin  
*Special Music*.....*Joanna Erwin & Melissa Houtz*  
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5)..... Dismissal  
MESSAGE..... David Minard  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* ..... Hymn 335

## 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 OUR VISION

PROVERBS 29:18

“GATHER  
OR SCATTER”

### INTRODUCTION:

*In the last thirty years a lot has been written about mission, core values and vision in regards to business, organizations and even for one's personal life. The question is always, what does God say about these three, but most importantly what does He say about vision? Proverbs 29:18a "...where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained" (NASB).*

### I. VISION BIRTHED IN PRAYER

- [Gen. 3:6-7](#) eyes opened
- [John 16:20-22](#), grief will turn to joy
- [1 Peter 4:12-19](#) suffering
- [James 1:1-8](#), joy and wisdom

### II. VISION FOLLOWED

- [Matt. 23:37](#) God desires to gather
- [John 4:34-36](#) the time is now
- Gen. 3:23-24 future not the past
- [Esther 4:13-14](#) Double Vision

### III. VISION REALIZED The Goal = Mobilize Organized Prayer

- [2 Chronicles 7](#) "...I have chosen this place," ([v.12](#))
- [Luke 12:42-44](#) Signifanctns now and for eternity
- [Eph. 3:14-20](#) "...immesuarbly more than all we can ask or imagine."
- [Proverbs 29:18b](#) "...but happy is the one who keeps the law."

### APPLICATION"

1. Are visions created or are they discovered?
2. Who is the author of your vision?
3. Does God have a vision for this country?
4. Does God have a vision for Branch County
5. What about our church?
6. What about you and your family?



## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions:

- *Carmel Roberts* had surgery Friday for her leg and is scheduled for a second surgery Monday.
- *Joe Troyer* - three different cancers. Biopsy this last week.
- *Linda Florent*, Jack's wife has been having neck and back problems
- *Diane Dudley* had a successful pacemaker surgery Friday while in Florida.
- *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.
- *Becky Gilroy* has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She is currently under treatment.
- *Russ Heckathorn* - lung cancer, *surgery postponed.*

### Continue to remember those in need:

- *Bill Neesley's family* with the death of Pat
- *Lita McCollum*, Mary Jo Evans' niece, died last week of lung cancer.
- *Nancy Beck* fell and is recovering slowly from a cracked tailbone.
- Greg and Nikki Maertins son in-law, *Sean Duncan*, came through surgery for cancer, continue to pray for recovery.
- *Marjorie Keeslar* is recovering from a fall. She is at [Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility](#), and is receiving visitors.
- *Shirley Bogen* is at Drews Place room #17. She continues to improve.
- *Earl Bower*-health concerns
- *Sue Craft* is home recovering from back surgery.
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer, health is failing
- *Barry Hyliard*, Janet's son suffering from malignant brain cancer and undergoing Chemo treatments

March 6, 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.*