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Welcome to you and your family! We are glad you've joined us this morning. The service can also be viewed in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left). Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship.

Two New Adult Ed Classes starting today:

Couples Class: Attention married couples, we are offering a marriage and family class in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided for babies and toddlers under two.

The Modern Church in Revelation: This class will look at each of the seven churches from Revelation 2 and 3, discern God's message for each and apply that message to our modern times. Meets in the church library (up the stairs at the end of the hall)


Women's Fellowship: Meets on March 12 at 1:00 p.m. Schedules and reminder cards are in the lobby. All women are invited!


Right to Life Annual Benefit Dinner -- March 19 at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Genevieve Marnon, Legislative Director for Michigan Right to Life. Reservation slips and information is in the lobby or see Pastor Jim for a ticket to the table that Bethel Gilead is sponsoring.

Missions Update: Check on the tables in the fellowship hall for updates on Gloria Stutzman's missions work in Ensenada, Mexico.

Financial Update:

February regular collections	\$ 17241.13
February average attention (in house)	137
(online)	192

 **Peace-today.com**-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.

 **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 -- contact the office.

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Be the Church
Extend the Kingdom*

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Call to Worship:

Come Now is the Time

Announcements and Opening Prayer**Opening Worship:**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/Tis so Sweet
 Soon and Very Soon
 Lord I Need You
 How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art*

Spring Forward!**THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL**

(Introduction)

I. Three Preliminary Questions**1. Why study the Bible?**

- * The Revelation of God ([Hebrews 1:1-2](#))
- * The message of salvation ([Romans 1:16-17](#))
- * Wisdom for life ([Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))

2. How do we study the Bible?

- * Read the Bible to know what's in it
 (History, Doctrine, Poetry, Prophecy)
- * Study the Bible to apply its truths ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#))

3. What should we study from the Bible?

- * Interests, concerns, needs, modern issues ([Matthew 11:28-30](#))
- * The daily discipline of study ([2 Timothy 2:15](#))
 Testimony -- Kim Erwin

II. Introducing the Apostle Paul

- * "Apostle" = Apo (from) stelos (sent) ([Mark 3:13-14](#))
- * Paul = Saul of Tarsus ([Acts 7:57; 8:1-3; 9:1-2](#))
- * Apostle to the Gentiles
- * Author of 13 New Testament books

IV. Saul's conversion and commission ([Acts 9:1-22; Acts 26:1-18](#))

- * The Damascus experience
- * A 180 degree turnaround!

Application

1. Choose to become a "student of the Bible"
2. Get a good personal translation of the scriptures
 (Study Bibles: NIV, ESV, NAS, NKJV)
3. Start studying weekly with us!
 (The Spiritual Disciplines Guide)

Closing Song:

The Blessing

Our Mission

*"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord,
 study and obey 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**

Pastor Luis Otero -- recovering from stroke
 The family of Ron Hagaman
 Frank and Flo Cabrera -- passing of Flo's brother, Lalo
 Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia
 Wanda Debolt - in hospice care

Continue to Remember Those in Need

The Carpenter Family
 Lisa Franks -- pain management
 Dale Davis -- dialysis

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels
 Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days