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**Adult Ed Classes** -- There are three classes available to adults after worship service. *Grief Share* meets in the Overflow Room behind the sanctuary, *Biblical Financial Principles* meets in the Fellowship Hall and *Membership Orientation* meets in the Church Library. Plan now to participate in one of these groups.

**Women's Fellowship** is accepting applications for their 2023 *scholarships*, which will be awarded on Graduation Sunday. The applications are in the lobby (or contact the office) and are due by May 28. During the month of April, they are collecting donations for the *Kinderhook Blessing Box*. There is a list of current needs in the lobby.

**National Day of Prayer** -- Thursday, May 4. See the enclosed flier for local events.

**Church Directory** -- There are updated directories in the lobby. If you need to make a correction or add something, please use a "Connect" card, available in the lobby, and place in the offering plate.

**Extra Seating** for worship is available in the Fellowship Hall.

**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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Live the Life  
Extend the Kingdom  
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**Call to Worship:** Come Now is the Time to Worship

**Announcements and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Worship:** My Savior My God  
Mighty to Save  
Great Are You Lord  
Lord I Need You

**Special Music:** I Speak Jesus

**I - 2 Chronicles: Leadership Profiles**

- I. Rehoboam -- Good Advice/Bad Advice (2 Chronicles 10:1-15)  
\*Succession to power  
\*The will of the people  
\*Following whose advice?
- II. The Importance of Wise Counsel  
*Plans fail for lack of counsel (Proverbs 15:22)*  
*Many advisors make victory sure (Proverbs 11:14)*  
*A wise man listens to advice (Proverbs 12:15)*  
*Make plans by seeking advice (Proverbs 20:18)*
- III. Scripture = The Counsel of the Lord  
*First seek the counsel of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 18:4)*  
*I will praise the Lord who counsels me (Psalm 16:7)*  
*You guide me with your counsel (Psalm 73:24)*  
\*Compare all counsel, advice and guidance with scripture --  
"Does God speak to this matter? What does God say?"
- IV. Advising the Next Generation  
*My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight (Proverbs 5:1)*  
*Fathers, do not exasperate your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)*  
\*Rules without relationship => Rebellion  
\*Relationship without rules => Rejection
- V. Rehoboam -- Limping Across the Finish Line!  
\*Civil war? Almost! (2 Chronicles 11)  
\*Abandoning God (2 Chronicles 12:1-5)  
\*Eating humble pie (2 Chronicles 12:6-12)  
The final tally:  
*He did evil because he had not set his heart on seeking the Lord (2 Chronicles 12:14)*

**Application**

1. Where do you turn for advice in life?
2. Have you learned to seek God for direction in making decisions?
3. What will your final tally be?

**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

Sherry McNees -- heart arrhythmia  
The family of Steve Crooks  
The family of Barbara Olmsted (Michele Lake's mother)  
Nikki Maartin -- strength and recovery after mild stroke  
The family of Neil Hannah  
L.J. Goheen -- recovering from hip replacement surgery  
Amy Lonczkowski -- recovering from back surgery  
Dee Eley -- recovering from foot surgery  
The family of Bill Bryan  
The family of Al Miller  
de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke

Continue to Remember Those in Need

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

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days