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Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence your electronic devices during worship service. Extra seating for worship is available in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Memorial Service: The congregation is invited to Neil Hannah's memorial service this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

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 May they will be collecting donations for *Joppa Recovery*. A list of current needs will be made available soon.

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

Save the Date: VBS/Day Camp is scheduled for June 19-22.

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.

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 (contact the office).

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Live the Life
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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: *Light of the World*
 Jesus Loves Me
 You Are My All in All

Leadership Profiles: I - 2 Chronicles

Introduction: *"Wars and Rumors of Wars"*

I. Three Battlefield Scenarios

2 Chronicles 13: Judah vs. Israel

*Good vs. Evil?

*"The Sins of Jeroboam" (1 Kings 12:26-33)

2 Chronicles 14: Judah vs. Cush

*National defense

2 Chronicles 16: Judah in league with the Aramites

*An act of unbelief

II. St. Augustine: The Just War Theory

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| 1. Last resort | 5. Right intention |
| 2. Legitimate authority | 6. Proportionality |
| 3. Just cause | 7. Civilian casualties |
| 4. Probability of success | |

III. The Reality of the Spiritual Battle

*Battling demonic forces (Ephesians 6:10-12)

*Armed with the resources of God (Ephesians 6:13-18)
(Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, scripture)

*The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth
to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*
(2 Chronicles 16:9)

Application

1. *What is your heart committed to?*
2. *Are you aware of the spiritual warfare taking place around you?*
3. *Like King Abijah, are you willing to stand down evil?*

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 REPRESENTA-
TIVES 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

Continue to Remember Those in Need

de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke
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