

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

05.09.2021

Today -- *Happy Mother's Day* to all the moms joining us today! Please be sure to pick up a small gift in the lobby (Spanish versions also available). No Sunday School classes today. The second class on *Biblical Finances and Stewardship* will resume next Sunday.

Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the church. They have a quilt on display in the lobby, made by the *Blanketmakers*, that you can win through a drawing. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (checks can be made to *Women's Fellowship*). Donations go to their scholarship fund. The drawing will be on Graduation Sunday, June 6.

Virtual Auction -- to benefit Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, May 10 - 24. Go to www.biddingowl.com/CoachEbyYouthFamily-Center to register and view the items up for bid.

Spring Clean Up -- Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come and see what projects you might be able to help with in and around the church.

VBS/Day Camp -- will be June 21-24 this year. Pick up a flier and use the sign up sheet in the lobby if you can help.

Ministry Needs -- There are *Local Ministry Needs Assessments* in the lobby, updated after the Ministry Fair last Sunday. Pick up a copy and see how you might be able to help.

Please note -- Dick Wright's "*Grace Like a River Flows*" series (books 1,2 and 3) are in the lobby to be borrowed. Dick's other books are available on *Amazon.com* (search for R. Marshall Wright).

Financial Update:

April regular collections:	\$17,222.18
April average attendance (in house):	123
(online)	117

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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Be the Church

Live the Life

Extend the Kingdom

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Opening Worship:

Psalm 103:1 Bless the Lord

Psalm 117 Praise the Lord All You Nations

Psalm 97:7 We Exalt You

21 Great Saints

....Imitate their faith ([Hebrews 13:7](#))

DAVID: A Heart for God

Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart
(1 Samuel 16:7)

I. The Heart of the Matter

Definition of Heart = The inner you; seat of personality

Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life. ([Proverbs 4:23](#))

The heart reflects the man ([Proverbs 27:19](#))

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks ([Luke 6:43](#))

The eyes of the Lord...search for a man who's heart is fully committed to him ([2 Chronicles 16:9](#))

II. A man after God's own heart ([1 Samuel 13:14](#))

(Leading from the heart)

1. David unifies the nation
2. David centralizes worship in Jerusalem
3. David fortifies national sovereignty
4. David exemplifies true leadership characteristics:
Courage -- Convictions -- Perseverance -- Mercy -- Humility

III. The Davidic Covenant

*The Promise of Posterity ([2 Samuel 7:16](#))

*Note ([Luke 1:32](#), [Romans 1:1-4](#))

IV. The Secret to David's Success

....from that day the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power ([1 Samuel 16:13](#))

And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ([Acts 1:8](#))

Application

([Psalm 139:23-24](#))

1. Do you have a heart for God?
2. What else is competing for your attention, affection and energy?
3. Is God's Spirit empowering and directing your life?

Closing Songs: Psalm 139:23-24 Search Me O God, and Know My Heart
Psalm 90:17 May the Favor of the Lord Rest Upon You

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Sherry McNees -- blood pressure issues
Ron Will -- recuperating from heart procedure
Sue Craft -- sciatic nerve issues
Carpenter family -- house fire
Emily Britton -- knee surgery complications
Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues -- in rehab in Ft. Wayne
Lisa Franks -- pain management during recovery from surgery
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments
Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

Praises

Jack Florent -- smooth recovery from ankle surgery
Jim and Kim Erwin's new granddaughter, Jemimah Geraldine, born Feb. 5
Greg and Nikki Maertin's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance
Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, discharged from hospital; pray for strength and immunity
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer
Bart Burnside -- health issues
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

"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."

Psalm 103

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And all that is within me
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Psalm 117: Praise the Lord All You Nations

Praise the Lord all you nations
Extol Him all peoples
for great is His love toward us

And the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forevermore,
Yes the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forever
Praise the Lord

Psalm 97: We Exalt You

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Psalm 139: Search Me O God

Search me O God
and try my heart
Test me and know
my anxious thoughts
See if there be
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and lead me in the everlasting way

Psalm 90: May the Favor of the Lord

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