

Money Matters -- The third class on *Biblical Finances and Stewardship* meets today in the fellowship hall after worship. Join Pastor Jim with guest presenter, Dick Wright, to talk about the blessing of giving.

Men's Fishing Derby -- Saturday, May 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Gilead Lake Public Access; lunch at Rick Hollister's from 11:00 to noon. Use the sign up sheet in the lobby to indicate if you are going to participate.

Women's Fellowship has 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. Women's Fellowship will be collecting items for the *Shelterhouse* in the month of June. Suggested donations are personal toiletries and paper products.

VBS/Day Camp -- is June 21-24. Pick up an updated flier and use the sign up sheet in the lobby if you can help. *Cookie donations (without nuts please) are needed and can be brought to the church starting June 13.* Registration information is in the lobby and registration forms are available on the church website bethelgilead.org. Registration is \$25.00 up to June 1; \$30.00 after June 1.

Ministry Needs -- There are updated *Local Ministry Needs Assessments* in the lobby. 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).

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

05.23.2021

Opening Worship:

10,000 Reasons

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

God of Wonders

Doxology

Be Thou My Vision

"Singing Strings of Hillsdale"

Missions Moment:

Sue Saunders/Bosnia

21 Great Saints

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

Introduction:

The Power to Choose

SOLOMON: Wise Choices
Wisdom = Skill in Living

I. Wisdom comes from God

The only wise God.....([Romans 16:27](#))

Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God ([Romans 11:33](#))

In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge ([Colossians 2:13](#))

II. Asking God for Wisdom ([1 Kings 3: 3-9](#))

If anyone lacks wisdom he should ask God.....([James 1:5](#))

The Lord gives wisdom ([Proverbs 2:6](#))

Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom ([Proverbs 4:7](#))

*Wisdom literature: Proverbs + Ecclesiastes

III. Wisdom bears good fruit ([1 Kings 3:10-15](#))

If you are wise your wisdom will reward you ([Proverbs 9:12](#))

Wisdom is proved right by her children ([Matthew 11:19](#))

*The Greatness of Solomon ([1 Kings 4:29-34](#))

Application

1. Who do you consider wise?
2. Have you been making wise choices?
3. Will you seek godly wisdom for your future?

Be wise as snakes but innocent as doves ([Matthew 10:16](#))

Closing Song: Be Thou My Vision

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Becky Smotherman -- pain in shoulders and neck

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Sue Craft -- sciatic nerve issues

Emily Britton -- knee surgery complications

Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues -- in rehab in Ft. Wayne

Lisa Franks -- pain management

Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

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."

Ten Thousand Reasons

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Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy Name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your Holy Name

The sun comes up
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy Name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your Holy Name

You're rich in love and
you're slow to anger
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy Name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your Holy Name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy Name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your Holy Name

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of man
In His living, in His suffering
never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
slain by death the God of Life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord, He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes (repeat)

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation
of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your Majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the Light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your Majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
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Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me
save that thou art
Thou my best thought
by day or by night
waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom
and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord
Thous my great Father
And I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle shield,
sword for the fight
Be Thou my victory,
Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter,
Thou my strong tower;
Lift Thou me heavenward
O' power of my power

Riches I heed not
nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven
my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
my victory won
My I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart
whatever befall
still be my vision, O Ruler of all