

**Today --** We remember and honor those who served our country this *Memorial Day* weekend. May God bless all our veterans.

**Date postponed --** Brandon and Shanda Carpenter's invitation to sign the framework of their house with a favorite scripture verse has been postponed. We will notify you as soon as it is determined.

**Money Matters --** The fourth class on *Biblical Finances and Stewardship* meets today in the fellowship hall after worship. Join Pastor Jim with guest presenter, Dan Parker, to talk about saving and investing.

**Graduation Sunday --** next Sunday, June 6, we will honor our high school graduates during worship service with cake and punch to follow.

**VBS/Day Camp --** Registration forms (for kids entering kindergarden through 6th grade) are in the lobby and are available on the church website [bethelgilead.org](http://bethelgilead.org). Registration is \$25.00 up to June 1; \$30.00 after June 1. *Cookie donations (cookies without nuts please) are needed and can be brought to the church starting June 13)*

**Women's Fellowship --** The drawing for the *Blanketmakers quilt* will be next Sunday, June 6. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (checks can be made to *Women's Fellowship*). Donations go to their scholarship fund.

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

**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.

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](http://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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### ***Patriotic Hymns:***

*Pianist Mark Foos*

*Doxology -- Hymn 624*

*America, the Beautiful -- Hymn 572*

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee -- Hymn 571, verses 1,4*

*The Star Spangled Banner -- Hymn 576*

### ***Guest Speaker:***

*State Representative Andrew Fink*

### ***Message:***

#### **21 Great Saints**

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

### ***Introduction:***

*Let There Be Light*

HEZEKIAH: Light in a Dark Time

#### **I. The Context of Hezekiah's Reign**

\*The wicked rule of King Ahaz ([2 Kings 16:1-4](#))

\*The Exile of the Northern Kingdom ([2 Kings 17](#))

#### **II. A Standout Among Contemporaries**

\*Religious Reform ([2 Kings 18:1-4](#))

\*Personal Integrity ([2 Kings 18:5-6](#))

*There was no one like him among the kings of Judah (verse 5)*

\*National Sovereignty ([2 Kings 18:7-8](#))

#### **III. The Test of Integrity**

\*The Assyrian Assault ([2 Kings 18:13-19:19](#))

\*The Threat of Death ([2 Kings 20](#))

\*Note: The Ministry of Isaiah

#### **IV. A Light Shining in Dark Places**

*.....Let your light shine before men that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. ([Matthew 5:16](#))*

### **Application**

1. Are you a standout among your contemporaries?
2. How might God be testing your personal integrity these days?
3. Can others see the light of Christ in you?

***Closing Song:*** *Battle Hymn of the Republic -- Hymn 569, verses 1,3,4*

## **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

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."*

### 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

### America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown Thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!

America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self-control  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown Thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

### My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrim's pride  
From ev'ry mountain side  
Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to Thee  
Author of liberty  
To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedoms holy light  
Protect us by Thy might  
Great God, our King!

### The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
that our flag was still there  
O say does that star spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made  
and preserved us a nation?  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

## **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword --  
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!  
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His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

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His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free  
While God is marching on.

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His truth is marching on.