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Thank you for joining us for worship today! We will share communion at the end of the service....communion elements are at the sanctuary entrance.

Extra Seating for worship is available in the fellowship hall or in the nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left).

Graduation Sunday: Next Sunday, June 11, we will honor our high school graduates during morning worship. There will be cake and punch after the service in the fellowship hall.

Women's Fellowship is collecting donations during the month of June for the *BCCADSV Shelterhouse*. There is a list of current needs in the lobby. The next meeting for the Women's Fellowship is June 13.

Lifewalk and Run -- June 17 starting at 8:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. Proceeds benefit *Beginnings Care for Life Center*. There is more information in the lobby that includes a QR code that can be used to sign up or to donate or go to BeginningCare.com/life-walk-run.

VBS/Day Camp is scheduled for June 19-22. Letters to parents and registration forms are in the lobby or on the church website. The cost for the week is \$45.00. If you can help as a volunteer, please see either Pastor Jim or Pastor Dave.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, June 25 following worship service.

Blooming Faith -- Six Saturday morning devotional times at Little Hands Garden this summer. Pick up the schedule in the lobby or go to www.little-handsgarden.com/events.

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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Call to Worship: Trading My Sorrows

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Worship Songs: Goodness of God
Eyes Open
Oh Lord You're Beautiful

Leadership Profiles: 1 - 2 Chronicles

Introduction: The Greatest Temptation -- Idolatry

- I. [\(2 Chronicles 28\)](#) Ahaz
(verses 1-4) Worshipping the Baals
(verses 5-8) Divine judgement -- the wages of sin
(verses 9-15) Prophet Obed to the rescue
(verses 16-23) Compromising with the enemy
(verses 24-27) The final straw
- II. [\(2 Chronicles 33\)](#) Manasseh
(verses 1-10) Leading Judah astray
(verse 11) Divine judgement
(verses 12-20) Repentance -- a change of direction
[\(Isaiah 1:18-20\)](#) Come let us reason together....
[\(Isaiah 30:15\)](#) In repentance and trust is your salvation....

The Primary Gods of the Time

Asherah (Ishtar) -- "The Queen of Heaven"

Canaanite goddess of fertility

Baal -- "The great god of the Elements"

Chemosh -- "The Destroyer", the Moabite god of war

Dagon -- The Philistine god of fishing and farming

Molech -- The Ammonite god of power

IV. Our 21st Century Equivalents (American Idols)

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| 1. Pleasure | 3. Power |
| 2. Prominence | 4. Prosperity |

Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad"
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Application

- 1.. Are you aware of the pull of idolatry (surrogate gods) in today's world?
2. Which of the American idols is most tempting to you?
3. Which of the Judean kings will you be most like?

Communion

Closing: Create in Me a Clean Heart, 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

Family of Gary Lake -- Jeff Lake's father
Tim McKinley -- health issues
Marcia Lane -- heart concerns
Guille Alberran -- death of sister in Mexico
Sherry McNees -- heart arrhythmia
Nikki Maartin -- strength and recovery after mild stroke
L.J. Goheen -- recovering from hip replacement surgery
Amy Lonczowski -- recovering from back surgery
Dee Eley -- recovering from foot surgery

Praises:

Chance and Kylei Dules' new daughter, Charli Anae, born on May 18
James and Amanda Wickey's new daughter, Vanessa Thea, born on April 26

Continue to Remember Those in Need

de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke
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
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days