

12 JULY
Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

THIS WEEK -- Pastor Jim is leading a six week group study based on the Henry Blackaby book, *"What the Spirit is Saying to the Churches"*. Meetings are on Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall or via Zoom.

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Restroom Signs -- there are small, disposable "in use" tabs at the Sanitizing Station to use to indicate that the bathroom is occupied. Please discard when you are leaving the restroom.

Morning Devotional Time -- Pastor Dave is on Facebook ([BGCC Live](#)) Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m. leading a devotional time. **Spiritual Disciplines** are available on the church website, www.bethelgilead.org. or the office can mail you a copy.

Contact Information -- please make sure you notify the office of any changes to your home address, phone number or email address so we can stay connected!

En Gedi Music Festival -- a two day outdoor event featuring Christian music, family activities, food, and crafts. July 24-25 in Leonidas, MI. Go to www.engedimusicfest.com/ for artist and ticket information.

LifeWalk & Run -- There is information in the lobby about *Beginnings Care for Life Center's* upcoming fundraiser on August 1 at First Baptist Church starting at 7:30 a.m.

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. If you would like an automatic debit once a month, ask the office for an authorization form.



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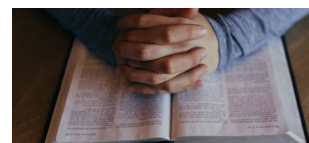
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The Church in Action (The Book of Acts)

Introduction

Opposition, Adversity and Persecution

"In this world you will have tribulation....."

Jesus Christ

([Acts 3-4](#)) Peter and John vs. the Sadducees

([Acts 5](#)) The Apostles vs. the Sanhedrin

([Acts 7](#)) Stephen Martyred

([Acts 12](#)) Peter vs. Herod

Facing Opposition Today

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. ([1 Peter 5:8](#))

....Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ([1 Peter 3:16](#))

Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life. ([Revelation 2:10](#))

Application

([1 Peter 4:12-19](#))

What should be our posture in persecution?

1. Clarify the cause
2. Count the cost (Commitment)
3. Accept the consequences.

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions



Ron Will -- surgery on Monday

Bob Knowlton, Shanda Carpenter's dad -- recuperating from surgery

The family of Paul Crawford -- business partner of Tyson Franks

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, 22 year old with leukemia - stem cell transplant on July 10

Pastor Terry Siler -- recovering from surgery for aneurysm

Marcia Wilcox's granddaughter, Ashley, recovering from surgery

Kim Burnside - recovering from heart surgery

Jan Carpenter's Aunt Jean -- recovering from surgery

John Stutzman -- recovery from a fall

Jay Brinkman -- brain tumor

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Co-worker of Marcia Albright -- loss of 9 month old child

Dan Minard -- Dave's brother, pancreatic cancer

Mary Butters -- high blood pressure concerns

Sharon Shyrigh -- kidney concerns

Kathy Will's sister, Chris -- heart problems

Shane and Jessie Harris -- loss of newborn

Charlie Nussbaum -- 7 year old with brain tumor

Frank Cabrera's brother - Tito, cirrhosis of liver

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer

Some "new additions"

James, Jr and Amanda Wickey's new baby boy, Thaddeus James, born May 22.

Scott and Jan Carpenter's new granddaughter, Mabel Lillian Brown, born May 8

Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new baby girl -- Makaya Ann, born April 28

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Sarah Jane Fair - back and hip pain

Jim Wickey -- several health issues

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn

Bob Rogers --Aperion Care in Angola

Suette Burnside -- The Laurels

Rick Wilcox - Alzheimer's

Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Eric Smotherman -- COPD

And All the People Said Amen

You are not alone, if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
but thank God it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken, but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fal
And so He loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and
the pure in heart
Blessed are the people longing for another start
For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
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Living Hope

How great a chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness
tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One
who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain
there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours in the victory!
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope.

Take My Life (Holiness)

Holiness, holiness
is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness
is what You want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness
is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness
is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

Righteousness, righteousness
is what I long for
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