

Communion -- We will share communion during opening worship this morning. Be sure to pick up a cup with bread in the lobby.

Daily Devotions -- Pastor Dave will be on vacation this week. The daily devotions will be posted on the Bethel Gilead CC's Facebook page each morning.

Harvest Table -- "Leave some, take some" extra produce from the garden on the table in the lobby.

Summer Baptisms -- If you haven't been baptized and want to be, please contact Pastor Jim about a baptismal service coming up in August.

En Gedi Music Festival -- a two day event in Leonidas featuring artists Mandisa, Colton Dixon and Rhett Walker is on July 23-24, 2021. For more information, go to www.engedimusicfest.com or see Melissa Houtz.

LifeWalk&Run -- Saturday, August 7 at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. A 5K run and 1 mile walk, plus lots of other activities, all to benefit Beginnings Care for Life Center. Registration forms are in the lobby or go to www.beginningscare.com

Branch County Right to Life will have a booth at the 4-H Fair, August 8-14 and could use some volunteers for shifts 11-3, 3-7 and 7 til closing. Please see Jennie deAraujo (or call 517-260-9962) if you can help.

Financial Update:

June giving (regular):	\$17986.05
June average attendance (in-house):	125
June average attendance (online):	97

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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Extend the Kingdom

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Opening Worship:

Psalm 18 -- I Will Call Upon the Lord
Psalm 117 -- Praise the Lord All Ye Nations
Psalm 97 -- We Exalt Thee
Psalm 51 -- Create in Me (Communion)
Psalm 32 -- Hiding Place

Message:

21 Great Saints

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

Introduction: Esther -- The Will to Risk

- I. ([Esther 1-2](#)) King Xerxes in a Royal Pinch
 - *Queen Vashti Dethroned
 - *The "Miss Persia" Pageant
 - *The Influence of Cousin Mordecai
- II. ([Esther 3-4](#)) Haman's Henious Plot
 - *An Ancient Enmity ([Genesis 3:15](#))
 - *A Call to Prayer
 - "For such a time as this"
- III. ([Esther 5-7](#)) Chancing Destiny
 - *Courage in the face of danger
 - *Justice is served!
- IV. ([Esther 8-10](#)) Divine Providence
 - * Purim
- V. Faith, Risks and the Christian Life
 - Faith involves risk ([Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 5:7](#))
 - *Comfort zones
 - Risks represent rewards ([Hebrews 11:6](#))
 - Risks reveal values ([John 14:15, 15:13](#))
 - Risky Business!

Application

1. Where are you being tempted to play it safe?
2. What do you value most in life?
3. What risks are you presently considering? What would it look like to step out in faith?

Closing Song: Psalm 18 - I Will Call Upon the Lord (reprise)

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Diane Tagert - recovering from knee surgery
Lynn Mayer -- recovering from surgery
Donna Green-- recovering from a fall
Jen Byler -- diverticulitis
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Sue Craft -- sciatic nerve issues
Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues
Lisa Franks -- pain management
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Praise

Tim and Kristi Long's new son -- Mark Emmanuel -- born May 28
Emily Britton -- successful knee transplant

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, pray for strength and immunity
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
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."

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised (echo)
I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised (echo)
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted

Praise the Lord All You Nations

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

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

And the faithfulness of the Lord
Endures forevermore
Yes, the faithfulness of the Lord
Endures forever

And the faithfulness of the Lord
Endures forevermore
Yes, the faithfulness of the Lord
Endures forevermore

We Exalt Thee

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods

We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee
We exalt Thee, O Lord!

We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee
We exalt Thee, O Lord!

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods

We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee
We exalt Thee, O Lord!

We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee
We exalt Thee, O Lord!

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of my salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

Hiding Place

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart with songs
of deliverance whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.