

Family Fun -- Join Scott and Emily Smith at their *Little Hands Garden* at 442 Gilead Lake Road in Bronson for a fun and creative open house today from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pick up a flier in the lobby (or check them out on [Facebook](#)) and plan to participate.

August Sermon Series -- Back by popular demand “*Four More Hot Potatoes*”. Plan to pick up on Pastor Jim’s next sermon series, continuing to address four more controversial current issues from a biblical perspective. More information coming soon.

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.

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.

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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Opening Worship:

Confidence
Days of Elijah
Waymaker
Heart of Worship

Special Music: He Knows My Name

Message: **21 Great Saints**

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

Introduction: Nehemiah -- Building for Posterity
Reformation

Three Old Testament "Reformers"

1. Zerubbabel ([Ezra 1-6](#))
*National Identity = Worshippers of God!

2. Ezra ([Ezra 7-10](#))
*National Sanctity = Chosen People of God!

3. Nehemiah ([Nehemiah 1-6](#))
*National Security = Jerusalem, The City of God!

Building for a Future Generation

*The things you have heard from me, entrust to reliable men who
will be able to teach others. ([2 Timothy 2:2](#))*

*You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house ([1 Peter 2:5](#))
Build up one another in your most holy faith ([Jude 20](#))*

Application

1. What in your life needs re-formation?
2. In what tangible ways is the world a better place because you have lived?
3. Whose life are you building up in the faith?

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."*

Confidence

I am not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to
But Lord with Your strength I've got no excuse
'Cause broken people are exactly who You use
So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense
So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory
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I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls
I won't stop until I see them fall
I'm gonna stand up, step out when You call
Jesus, Jesus

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Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold he comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding the temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!

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There is no god like Jehovah
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Way Maker

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are
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My God, that is who you are

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

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You are here touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

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Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

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Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
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Heart of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Every single breath
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the ways things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
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