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**Thank you** for joining us for worship today! Please remember to silence your electronic devices before service starts. **Extra Seating** for worship is available in the fellowship hall.

**Music at the Market:** Monday evenings in August at 7:00 p.m. in Bronson. On August 7 Walt Williams Jr. will be performing. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some gospel music!

**“The Chosen -- Part 3”** -- Episode 4: “*Clean, Part 1*” this Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a snack to share.

**Women’s Fellowship** is doing a “*Diaper Drive*” for Beginnings Care for Life Center during the month of August. There is information in the lobby about current needs (or go to [diaper drive information](#)) and there will be a pack-n-play in the fellowship hall for donations. Women’s Fellowship meets again on August 8 at 1:00 p.m. and it is “*bring your favorite treat*”.

**Blooming Faith** -- 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](http://www.little-handsgarden.com/events).

**Church Directory** -- The “summer edition” of the directory is available in the lobby. If you need to make changes or want to be included, please complete a “Connect” card and drop in the offering plate.

**For the parents of our little ones** -- Please feel free to use the nursery (up the stairs and first door on the left). The service is available to view in there. Young children will be dismissed for *Children’s Church* during morning worship if they wish to attend.

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made on-line 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 (contact the office).



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## **Announcements and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Worship:** Trust and Obey -- Hymn 349 (verses 1 and 5)  
What a Friend -- Hymn 435 (verses 1 and 3)  
Victory in Jesus -- Hymn 473 (verses 1 and 3)

### **The Sufficiency of Faith**

*"Self Forgiveness"*

**Talking Points:** 1. Does the Bible specify self forgiveness?  
2. What is the cost of forgiveness?  
3. What is cost of withholding forgiveness?  
4. Am I forgiven if I withhold forgiveness?  
5. Did Jesus die for all sin?  
6. Does sin separate us from God?

- I. Is faith sufficient enough to forgive one self?  
It can be and it should be...but is it?  
Faith as a mustard seed...largest tree in the garden.
- II. Jesus' words on Forgiveness and Mercy  
Forgiving others...(Matt. 6:5-14)  
Command to love...command to forgive (Matt. 18:21-35)  
The loving father of a wayward child...(Luke 15)  
Self importance and self forgiveness...(Luke 7:36-50)  
*"The same measure it shall be measured to you."* (Luke 6:37-38).
- III. Old Testament Teaching on Forgiveness  
David recognizes self forgiveness (Psalm 3)
- IV: Epistles on Forgiveness  
Don't allow unforgiveness to entangle you...(Heb. 12:1-2)

### **Application**

*"We must tell them Cory what we have learned from this terrible place. The love of God is stronger than the deepest darkness," (Betsie ten Boom).*

1. Hearts are desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9)
2. Search me oh God and know my thoughts...(Psalm 139:23-24)
3. Throw off every thing that hinders us...sin that entangles (Heb. 12:1-2)

**Closing Song:** Victory in Jesus (Hymn 473 v.2)

**Next Week:** "Sexual Identity and Role Types: Is gender fluid?"

## **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

Glen Goheen -- in hospice care  
Sally Davis -- kidney issues  
Infant Charli Anae Dules -- difficulty nursing  
Jill and Russ Siler -- loss of Jill's brother  
Family of Jonas Rigg  
Family of Marvin Lindsey  
Flo Cabrera -- recovery from shoulder surgery  
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome  
Kathy Reger and Family -- loss of her mother  
Family of Gary Lake -- Jeff Lake's father  
Marcia Lane -- heart concerns  
Nikki Maertin -- strength and recovery after mild stroke

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues  
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