

08.06.2023

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: Tomorrow evening the Bronson area pastors are sponsoring Walt Williams Jr. in concert at 7:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some gospel music!

Women's Fellowship meets this Tuesday, August 8, at 1:00 p.m. and it is "*bring your favorite treat*". Jane Ford from Beginnings Care for Life Center will be at the meeting to give an update on the ministry. Women's Fellowship is doing a "*Diaper Drive*" for Beginnings during the month of August. There is information in the lobby about current needs (or go to [diaper drive information](#)). There is a pack-n-play in the fellowship hall for donations.

"The Chosen -- Part 3" -- Episode 5: "*Clean, Part 2*" this Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a snack to share.

"Leave some....take some" There is a table in the lobby for any surplus you might have from your garden. If you don't have a garden....take some!

Church Council meets on August 20 following worship service. Budget requests are due at this meeting for fiscal year 2023/2024.

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 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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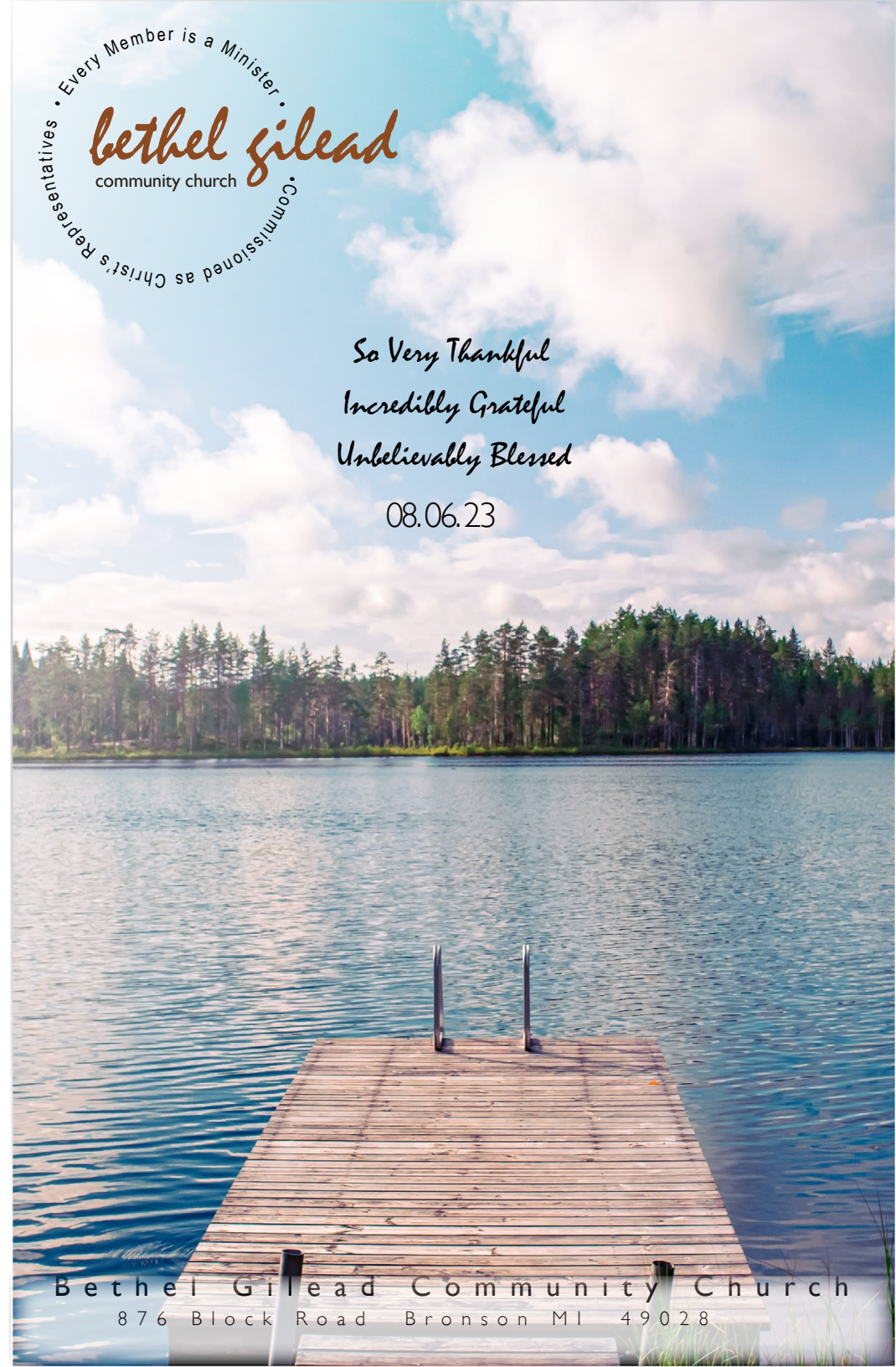
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Unbelievably Blessed*

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Bethel Gilead Community Church

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Communion Songs: At the Cross -- Hymn 188 - verse 1
The Old Rugged Cross -- Hymn 186 -- verses 1,2,3
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross -- Hymn 185 - verses 1,3)
Create in Me a Clean Heart

The Sufficiency of Faith: Is Faith Enough?

Challenges to Faith

Is a person's identity how they perceive themselves? Are we our sexual preference? Is gender fluid? Are homosexual sins worse than other sins?

I. The Starting Line = Right and Wrong! ([Genesis 1:1](#))

What exactly is sin?

Sin as transgression ([Genesis 3:3, Romans 3:23](#))

Sin as an internal impulse ([Romans 7:8-20, Galatians 5:17](#))

Sin produces death ([Romans 6:23](#))

II. The Sin of Sexual Immorality

.....Flee sexual immorality ([1 Corinthians 6:18](#))

(Fornication, lust, adultery, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, pedophilia, incest, rape, prostitution)

*The sole biblical context for sex = marriage ([Hebrews 13:4](#))

III. The Push for Personal Autonomy and Sexual Liberation

*Moral decline ([Genesis 6:11-12, Romans 1:18-32, 2 Peter 2:10](#))

American Cultural Decline

The Kinsey Report (1948-53)

The AIDS Crisis (1980's - 90's)

The Advent of Birth Control (1960)

The Warrington Convention (1988)

Homosexuality as a "civil right"

The Obergefell Ruling (2015)

The APA redesignation of homosexuality (1973)

The Transgender Movement

What's next? Transhumanism!

IV. Gayness, the Church and the Bible

Misnomers and contradictions

Sexual Orientation "Love is love" Gender as non-binary

Gay Christians/Gay affirming churches/Gay marriage

Needed: Conviction, Clarity and Compassion

Application

1. Does your faith inform your convictions?
2. Will you affirm and embrace the design and order of God in creation?
God is not a God of disorder ([1 Corinthians 14:33](#))
3. Can you speak out with both clarity and compassion on sexual issues?

Closing Song: Pure and Holy -- Hymn 437

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

Sherry McNees

The Wickey Family -- loss of grandson and nephew

Glen Goheen -- in hospice care

Infant Charli Anae Dules -- difficulty nursing

Jill and Russ Siler -- loss of Jill's brother

Family of Jonas Rigg

Family of Marvin Lindsey

Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Marcia Lane -- heart concerns

Nikki Maartin -- 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