

August Sermon Series -- Back by popular demand “*Four More Hot Potatoes*” begins today and will address four more controversial current issues from a biblical perspective. Check out the insert in your bulletin for the planned topics.

Today at the Branch County Fair -- a gospel concert featuring *New Destiny Quartet*, 4:00 p.m. at the Dearth Center. Free admission, \$2.00 parking.

Women’s Fellowship -- meets Tuesday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m. During the month of August, they will be collecting items for Beginnings Care for Life’s *Life Essentials* program. There is a list of current needs in the lobby. Donations can be placed in the box in the fellowship hall.

Music at the Market -- every Monday in August at 7:00 p.m at the Farmers’ Market Pavilion in Bronson. Plan now to attend the concert on August 16 sponsored by area churches, featuring the *Allen Family Singers*. You can learn more about them and hear some of their music at allenministries.com

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 on August 29.

English/Spanish Bible Study -- The Hispanic small group will be meeting at the church on Thursday evenings in August and September. We are looking for English “language helpers” to join the group. See Pastor Jim is you are interested in helping out.

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: *How Great Thou Art*
 Better
 Lord I Need You

FOUR MORE HOT POTATOES

Handle with Care!

Introduction *How do I apply my faith to life?*
 Several current issues: Global Warming, Critical Race Theory,
 Wokeness and The New Cancel Culture.....

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

I. Project Blue Book and UFOmania

- *Modern trends and statistics*
- *Historic precedents*

II. Recent Shifts in Scientific Thought

- *The Closed Universe Concept*
- *The Multiverse Theory*
- *Panspermia*

III. Project Delta: Research Results

Common Experiences

1. *Visual observations -- UFO's*
2. *Physical encounters -- Abductions*
3. *A Common Theme (message)*
 - A. *Planet earth is in jeopardy!*
 - B. *A New Humanity is necessary!*
 - C. *Hope lies in Alien Assistance!*

IV. A Biblical Response

- *The Christian Worldview*
- *Biblical Orthodoxy*
- *Three universal questions*
 1. *Does the Bible speak to this issue?*
 2. *What does/doesn't the Bible say?*
 3. *How should I respond?*

V. Conclusion: *Do not be deceived!* ([Galatians 6:7](#), [Matthew 24:4](#), [2 Thess. 2:3, 9-11](#), [Ephesians 6:12](#), [1 Timothy 4:1](#))

Stay under the Lordship of Jesus Christ ([1 Peter 3:15](#))

Resources: [Creation.com](#)

(Books) *Alien Intrusion* by Gary Bates, *Operation Trojan Horse*
by John Keel, *Alien Encounters* by Chuck Missler and Mark Eastman

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Al Miller -- tumor on stomach
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 replacement

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."*

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro' out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim
My God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art

Better

All the money that the world could hold
Mountains made of solid gold
Riches that could buy my dreams
You are better than all these things

The prettiest face to turn their eyes
Beauty that could hypnotize
The open doors that looks may bring
You are better than all these things

Your love is better than life
You are the well that won't run dry
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things
(You are better than all these things)

Power that could shake the moon
Most important one in every room
Status matched by only kings
You are better than all these things

Being liked and loved by everyone
Approval that outshines the sun
Cheered by all who think of me
You are better than all these things
You are better than all these things

You are better oh You're better
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things

Oh I know You are better than all these things
I know You are better than all these things.

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You