

August Sermon Series -- Next week's topic, "*Wokeness and the Cancel Culture Movement*".

Women's Fellowship -- During the month of August, they are 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.

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

Summer Baptisms -- Next Sunday, August 29, following worship service. If you haven't been baptized and would like to be, contact Pastor Jim.

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.

Open House -- August 29 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the *Naomi Davis Shelterhouse* at 220 North Michigan Avenue in Coldwater. There will be lots of activities, food and music.

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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Be the Church
Live the Life
Extend the Kingdom
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Opening Worship:

Eye of the Storm
One Thing Remains
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Cornerstone

FOUR MORE HOT POTATOES

Handle with Care!

Introduction

Critical Race Theory

(The Struggle for Racial Equity)

I. Karl Marx (1818-1883)

*The struggle for Economic Equality
The Rise of Communism
The Demise of Communism*

II. Critical Race Theory - Marxism Repackaged!

*The Struggle for Racial Equality
Recent History
Terminology
“Systemic Racism”, “Tribalism”, “Equity” “White Privilege”
Cultural Inroads
Education -- Media -- Politics -- Corporations
Racist America??*

III. A Biblical Critique

*Examine everything carefully. Hold on to what is good (1 Thess. 5:21)
The True Nature of Reality = Spiritual!
In the beginning God..... (Genesis 1:1)
The heart of the matter = Heart Problems!!
Sin within! (Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9; Ezekiel 36:26)
The Answer to everything...God!
“Living Water” (Jeremiah 2:13, Isaiah 55:1, John 4:10; 7:37-39)
The means of change = The Gospel (Romans 1:16-17, Proverbs 3:5-6,
Galatians 3:26-28)*

Conclusions

1. Do your homework (1 Thess. 5:21)
2. Stay under the Lordship of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:14-15)
3. Watch out, speak out, reach out!
*Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
Knowledge puffs up but love builds up (1 Corinthians 8:1)*

Resources: Prager U Video -- What is Critical Race Theory; Larry Elder Documentary: *Uncle Tom*;
Book: *Race and Culture* by Thomas Sowell

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Dee Eley -- shoulder surgery
Al Miller -- tumor on esophagus
Jen Byler -- diverticulitis
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Jonas Rigg -- upcoming hip surgery
Lisa Franks -- pain management in neck and back
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Praise

Lynn Mayer -- recovering from surgery
Sue Craft -- recovering from hip surgery
Diane Tagert - recovering from knee surgery
Keith McGuire -- successful cataract surgery

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.”*

Eye of the Storm

In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

When the solid ground is falling out
From underneath my feet
Between the black skies and my red eyes
I can barely see
When I realize I've been sold out
By my friends and family
I can feel the rain reminding me

In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

When my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm runnin' out of faith
I see the future I picture
Slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name

In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

When the test comes in and the doctor says
I've only got a few months left
It's like a bitter pill I'm swallowin'
I can barely take a breath
And when addiction steals my baby girl
and there's nothin' I can do
My only hope is to trust You
I trust You Lord

In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

One Thing Remains (Love Never Fails)

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains
Yes, one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love

On and on, and on, and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love

In death, in life
I'm confident and covered by
the power of your great love
My debt is paid
There's nothing that can separate
my heart from your great love

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love
Your love

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong
in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems
to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
in every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone

Weak made strong

in the Savior's love

Through the storm

He is Lord, Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all

(repeat)

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone

Weak made strong

in the Savior's love

Through the storm

He is Lord

Lord of all

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

and give you peace

Amen

Amen, Amen

Amen

Amen, Amen