

08.27.2023

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. The nursery is open and the service can be viewed from there.

“The Chosen -- Part 3” -- Final episode 8: “*Sustenance*” this Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a snack to share.

September Events:

- 9/10 -- *Annual Celebration Service and Hog Roast*, with a Silent Auction benefitting the Tijuana Team
- 9/12 -- *Women's Fellowship* meets at 1:00 p.m.
- 9/17 -- *MINNET teams* meet after worship service (there will be activities for the kids)
- 9/24 -- *C.E. classes* resume

Tijuana Trip -- Are you interested in joining the mission trip to Tijuana? See Pastor Jim for more details and dates. If you would like to donate for the *Silent Auction* on September 10, plan on bringing a baked good, craft item, homemade canned goods (jams, etc)

Summer's End Baptisms -- If you've not been baptized and want to be, contact Pastor Jim about an upcoming baptism service at Gilead Lake

“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!

Connect -- Please make sure we have your most recent contact information by filling out a “*Connect*” card (available in the lobby) and placing it in the offering plate or handing it to a greeter or pastor. We use the information to communicate updates to you via email or text or to mail information to you.

Lost and Found -- Please check the racks in the fellowship hall to see if you have left something behind.

Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made on-line 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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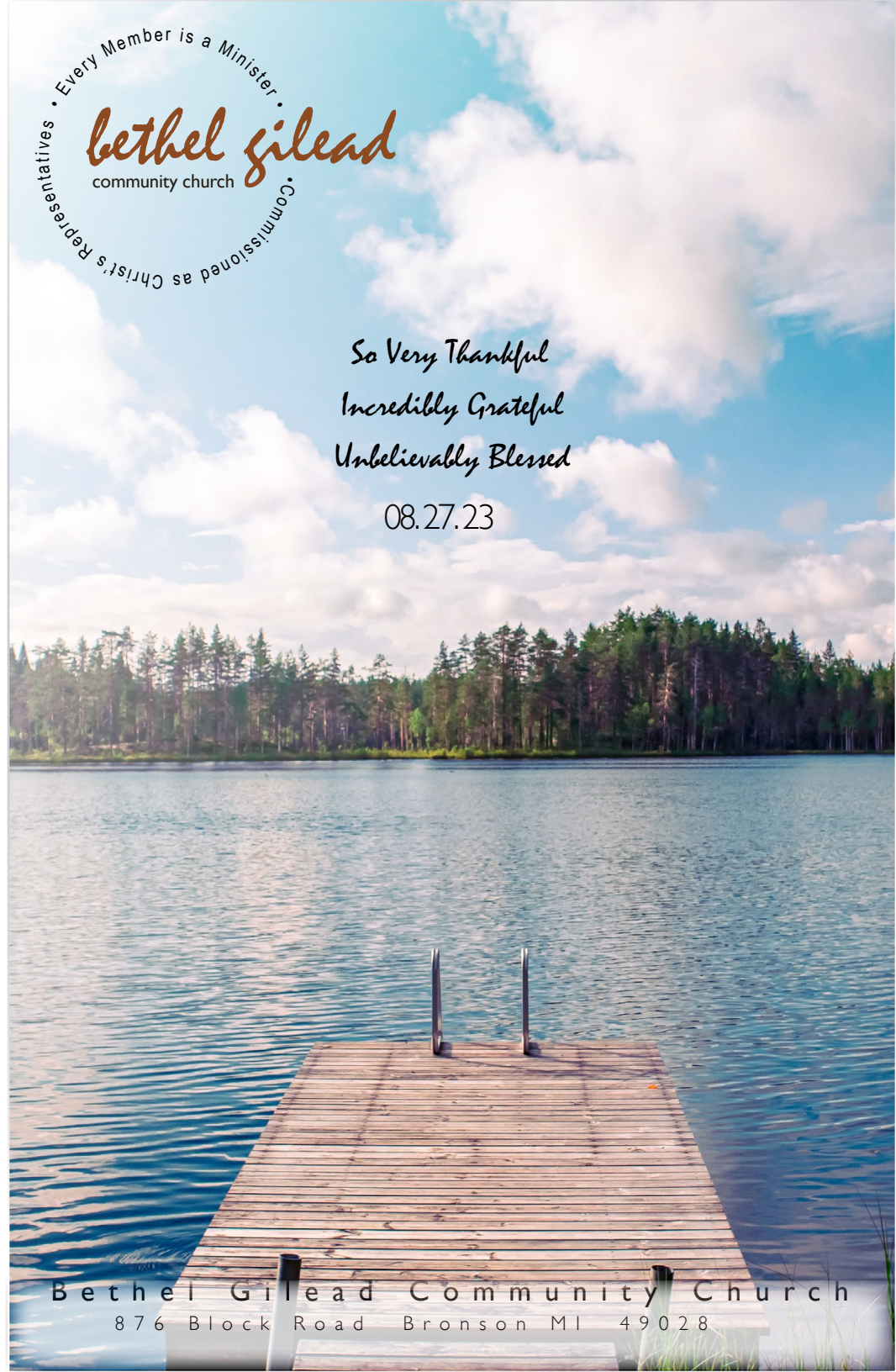
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*So Very Thankful
Incredibly Grateful
Unbelievably Blessed*

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Call to Worship: Come Now is the Time to Worship

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Lord Reign in Me
Holy is the Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy
Revelation Song

The Sufficiency of Faith: Is Faith Enough?

*The Presenting Question: Do we go to heaven immediately upon death,
or do we wait for the resurrection?*

I. Death Redefined

- * Death ≠ cessation but separation! ([James 2:26](#))
- * Death = The penalty for sin ([Genesis 2:16-17; Romans 5:12; 6:23](#))

II. Resurrection from the Dead

- * Job ([Job 14:14; 19:23-27](#))
- * Paul ([1 Corinthians 15:50](#), John ([Rev. 20:5, 11-15](#)))
- * Jesus: The Prototype ([John 5:25; 6:38-39; 11:25-26](#))
"I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore!
And I hold the keys of death and Hades." ([Revelation 1:18](#))

III. The Final Destination: Heaven or Hell? ([Hebrews 9:27](#))

- * Heaven = The manifest presence of God
- * Hell = The abject absence of God
- * Can I know my eternal destiny? ([1 John 5:11-13](#))

IV. The Question of Timing

- * Our time space reality vs. The spiritual realm
- * Jesus and the thief on the cross
.....today you will be with me in paradise ([Luke 23:43](#))

Application

1. Is your faith sufficient, even into death?
2. Do you know for sure what your eternal destiny is?
3. Could you share that truth with those who doubt their destiny?
Always be ready to share the hope that is within you.
[1 Peter 3:15](#)

Next week's question: Do you believe that the end of the world is near?

Closing Song: The Blessing

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

Ron and Kathy Will
Solano and Jennie de Araujo's grandson, Luke -- heart surgery August 31
The family of Glen Goheen
Brealyn Lasky
Bridget Mayer -- blood pressure issues
The family of Sherry McNees
The family of Kim Paul
The Wickey Family -- loss of grandson and nephew
Family of Jonas Rigg
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues
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