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

### 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). There has been a donor offer to match dollar for dollar up to \$2000.00 for money raised at this event.

**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](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:**

*"Mary's Favorites" Hymn Sing*

*There Shall Be Showers of Blessing -- Hymn 289 (v. 1,2,3)*

*Jesus Saves! -- Hymn 306 (v. 1,3,4)*

*Glory to His Name -- Hymn 527 (v. 1,3,4)*

*His Name is Wonderful -- Hymn 101*

### **The Sufficiency of Faith: Is Faith Enough?**

*The Presenting Question: Do you believe the end is near?*

#### I. The Olivet Discourse ([Matthew 24 - 25](#))

##### Two Questions

1. When will the Temple be destroyed?
2. What will be the sign of your coming?

#### II. The Temple = A key piece in the end times puzzle

- \* Solomon's Temple -- 960 B.C. (Destroyed 587 B.C., rebuilt 519 B.C.)
- \* Herod's Temple 19 B.C. (Destroyed 70 A.D.)
- \* The Third Temple?? ([Daniel 9:25-27](#))

#### III. Signs of the Second Coming

##### Four General Signs

1. Religious deceptions ([24:5, 10-11, 23-26](#))
2. Wars and international conflicts ([24:6-7](#))
3. Moral depravity ([24:12](#)) (Note [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#))
4. Natural disasters ([24:7](#)) (Note [Revelation 6:7-8](#))

##### Four Specific Signs

1. World evangelism ([24:14](#)) (Note [Joel 2:28](#))
2. The abomination of desolation ([24:15](#)) (Note [2 Thess. 2:1-12](#))
3. Astral bodies ([24:29](#)) (Note [Joel 2:30-32](#))
4. The cloudy return ([24:30-31](#)) ([Daniel 7:13-14](#))

#### IV. Four object lessons

1. Fig tree ([24:32-35](#))
2. Noah ([24:36-41](#))
3. Thief in the night ([24:42-44](#))
4. Faithful servant ([24:45-51](#))

#### V. Three Parables ([Matthew 25](#))

1. Ten Virgins
2. The Talents
3. Sheep and Goats

### **Application**

1. Be alert!
2. Be ready!
3. Be faithful!

*Next week's question: How can I find true happiness in life?*

**Closing Song:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness -- Hymn 43 (v. 1,2,3)*

## **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

The family of Donna Johnson -- Doug's mother  
Ron and Kathy Will  
Solano and Jennie de Araujo's grandson, Luke -- heart surgery August 31  
The family of Glenn 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