

09.10.2023

**Welcome to our annual end of summer Celebration Service and Hog Roast!** Please plan on staying for lunch, plus a **Silent Auction** to benefit our team going to Tijuana in November.

**Women's Fellowship** meets this Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m.

**MINNET teams** will meet next Sunday, September 17, following worship service.

**Christian Ed classes** resume on Sunday, September 24.

**Tijuana Trip** -- Are you interested in joining the mission trip to Tijuana? See Pastor Jim for more details and dates.

**"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.

#### **Financial Update:**

August giving (regular collections)	\$17,853.30
August average attendance (in-house)	132
August average attendance (online)	151

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made on-line by going to [bethelgilead.org](https://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).



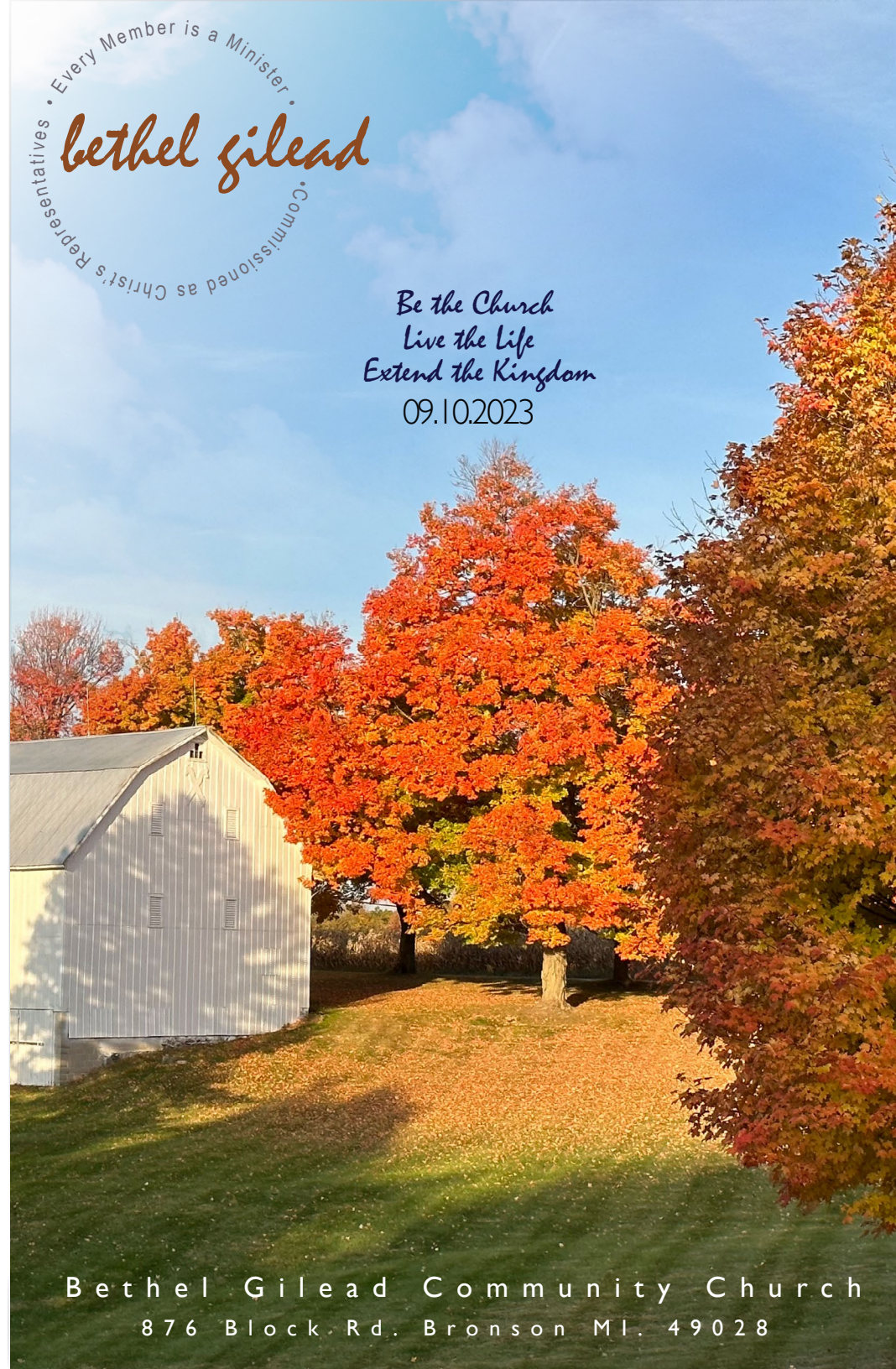
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## **Announcements and Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Worship:**

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

*The Presenting Question: How can I find true happiness in life?*

#### I. Pastoral Ponderings

- \*Does “true happiness” exist? What about false happiness?
- \*Is happiness something you “find”? What exactly is happiness?
- \*And, is happiness the end point of life or a by-product of something else?

#### II. Ecclesiastes: Solomon's search for fulfillment

His presenting question: What's the point of life? ([Ecclesiastes 1:12-18](#))

1. Pleasure/hedonism ([2:1-3](#))
2. Personal accomplishments/success ([2:4-7](#))
3. Wealth/materialism ([2:8-11](#))
4. Wisdom/education ([2:12-16](#))

Despair: The end result of Godless humanism ([2:17-23](#))

Solomon's Conclusion: Center your life on God! ([12:13-14](#))

#### III. Happiness is Circumstantial

- \*Good + bad circumstances generate good + bad feelings  
Perspective = My part!
- \*Cultivate contentment, gratitude and faith in God
- \*Cultivate a positive mindset
- \*Get your focus beyond yourself!

#### **Application**

1. What do you believe will make you happy?
2. Can you trust God for your circumstances?
3. Be glad for glimpses of heaven!

**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 deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke  
The family of Donna Johnson -- Doug's mother  
Ron and Kathy Will  
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