September ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS Sunday AND EVENTS

Harvest Table -- Got some extra veggies? Bring them in to share on Sunday. Could you use some vegetables for the table? Take what you can use.

A Call to Prayer -- Join Christians from around Branch County to pray for our nation on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the four corners in Coldwater. More information coming soon.

Save the Date: our annual *Hog Roast* will be Sunday, September 27 following worship service. Plan now to attend!

Ways to help: In lieu of large gatherings, here are some alternative events:

"We Are Not Giving Up On Life" -- a virtual statewide event by Right to Life of Michigan -- September 28 at 7:30 p.m. Sign up at WeAreNotGivingUpOnLife.org.

"Taste and See" Walk-Through Banquet -- Beginnings Care for Life is hosting pre-scheduled small group tours of their facility and ministry on October 8, 9, and 10. Refreshments will be served. If you want to join a group, please let Linda Penn know so she can make reservations.

Card Shower -- Devin and Dana Kaufman's 25th wedding anniversary is September 16. Please consider sending them a card at 8161 Ranch Estates, Clarkston, MI 48348



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. If you would like an automatic debit once a month, pick up a Giving Authorization Form in the lobby and turn it into the office with a voided check.

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3 September

"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."

Order of Worship

Opening Worship/Communion:

Gathering Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior Amazing Grace – Hymn 202

Mission Moment

Spectrum Ministries - Matt Kooi

Message:

The Church in Action (The Book of Acts)

Introduction:

Reality Orientation

I. Colossians: Countering Heresies

*Knowledge and the Arena of Ideas

*Cosmology -- Anthroplogy -- Theology

*Gnosticism -- "Special knowledge"

II. The Supremacy of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:15-20)

*Image of God (John 1:14,14: 9; Philippians 2:6)

*Firstborn over all (heir)(<u>Hebrews 1:2</u>)

*Creator (John 1:4)

*Pre-eminent/Eternal (Micah 5:2, John 1:1)

*Sustainer (*Hebrews 1:3*)

*Redeemer (Colossians 2:13-15)

*Judge (<u>2 Timothy 4:1</u>)

III. Christ Centered Living (Colossians 2:6-10)

*Colossians 3-4

...The reality is found in Christ! (Colossians 2:17)

IV. Modern Day Gnosticism

*Traditional sects + cults

*Borderline/unorthodox Christian teaching

*Secret societies, the New Age Movement

*Q-anon

Application

- 1. Are you in touch with reality?
- 2. Is your life-centered on Jesus Christ or something else?
- 3. How well are you living out your faith?

......Whatever you do..... (Colossians 3:17, 23)

Closing Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior (reprise)

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

The family of Rick Wilcox

Dale Davis -- recuperating from carotid artery surgery

The family of Cenorina Alberran

The family of Kim Burnside

Sue Craft -- husband Bob passed away

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

Praises

Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules on August 20.

Byler family - recovered from Corona Virus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Ron Will -- being fitted for a glass eye

lay Brinkman -- brain tumor

Steve Byler's sister, loyce - cancer

Dan Minard -- Dave's brother, pancreatic cancer

Sharon Shyrigh -- kidney concerns

Kathy Will's sister, Chris -- heart problems

Charlie Nussbaum -- 7 year old with brain tumor

Frank Cabrera's brother - Tito, cirrhosis of liver

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer

Sarah Jane Fair - back and hip pain

lim Wickey -- several health issues

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate 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

Eric Smotherman -- COPD

The Gathering Song

It is wonderful to gather in your presence, Lord
Just to contemplate the beauty of your diety
Every tongue confessing
"Jesus Christ is Lord"
He's our ever loving, ever reigning King.

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Counselor, Comforter, Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty , infinite Father
Faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne
You are.......

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saves a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see.

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe
thus far
and grace will lead me home

When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
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