

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship:

Spirit Song
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Wonderful, Merciful Savior
I Love You Lord

The Sufficiency of Faith: Is Faith Enough?

Review: Summer Series

A Closing Question: How do I overcome my doubts?

I. Understand the temptation and tendencies to doubt

Definition: Doubts are negative thoughts and feelings that counter beliefs, hopes and desires.

*Faith is the opposite....([Hebrews 11:1](#))

*The Doubters Club in scripture

*Our assignment is to shrug off doubts and become people of "enduring faith"!

II. Identify your specific doubts

Ask yourself:

1. Is this chronic or circumstantial?
2. What exactly am I doubting? (Not all doubts are wrong)
3. Where are my doubts (negative beliefs) originating from?
4. Does God speak to my area of doubt?

III. Counter doubts with the truth of God

"When you feed your faith you starve your doubts"

1. Check your mental diet. Cut out all polyunsaturated lies, mental junk food and negative self talk.
2. Feed on true truth (God's Word) ([Philippians 4:6-8](#))
3. If possible, surround yourself with positive, likeminded believers.
Bad company corrupts good morals ([1 Corinthians 15:33](#))

Application

Set your minds on things above ([Colossians 3:2](#))

1. What kind of mental diet do you live on?
2. Can you replace negative self talk with positive, faith talk?
3. Are you in the process of becoming a person of enduring faith?

**The Dog Fight Illustration*

Closing Song: You're My Brother, You're My Sister

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 Kathy Will
The deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke
The family of Donna Johnson -- Doug's mother
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
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain
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

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Welcome to our worship service. We are glad you are joining us today! There is extra seating available in our fellowship hall. Kindly silence your phone before service.

MINNET teams meet today immediately following worship service.

Thank you to all who helped with the Celebration Service last Sunday:

The *Praise Team* for leading worship, the *Hospitality Team* for the meal, *Jen Byler and Gary Williams* for organizing the Silent Auction, *Dale Davis and Steve Byler* for cooking the pig and all who donated food and contributed to the fundraiser for the team going to Mexico in November. \$3110.00 has been collected to date. There are still some unclaimed and available items in the lobby.



Peace-today.com-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left.

Christian Ed classes resume next Sunday, September 24.

Funeral meals -- If you can help with food for funeral meals, please see Sara Horn or contact the office at office@bethelgilead.org or 517-369-1588.

Baptism -- We will have a baptismal service in a couple weeks. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, please see Pastor Jim.

"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!

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 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 (contact the office).



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