

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Communion Songs: Were You There -- Hymn 181, verse 1
When I Survey -- Hymn 185, verses 1,3
At the Cross -- Hymn 188, verse 1
Old Rugged Cross -- Hymn 186, verse 1
Behold the Lamb -- Hymn 179

A Firm Foundation

"THE PERFECT STORM"

(The Eastern Seaboard -- October 28 - November 4, 1991)

Three Specific Storm Conditions

1. A low pressure/cold front on land
2. A "Northeaster" coming off the North Atlantic Ocean
3. Hurricane Grace climbing from the South Atlantic

I. Weather as a Biblical Metaphor

- *Signs of the times ([Matthew 16:2-3](#))
- *The Men of Issachar ([1 Chronicles 12:32](#))

II. A Cultural Cyclone Arising

1. Emotional Fatigue (Apathy, spiritual mediocrity)
2. Biblical Illiteracy (Ignorance of the word of God)
3. Secular Humanism (Godlessness, affluence, functional idolatry)

III. Jesus on Storm Prep ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))

- *The Biblical Forecast: Hard times are coming!
([2 Timothy 3:1](#), [Matthew 24:21-22](#), [Revelation 9:1-6](#))
"He who stands firm to the end will be saved: ([Matthew 10:22](#))
- *Stand Firm ([Romans 14:4](#), [1 Corinthians 10:13](#), [15:58](#), [16:13](#),
[Galatians 5:1](#), [Ephesians 6:11](#))
- *"The Last House Standing"
(Hurricane Ike -- Galveston, Texas, September 2008)

Application

1. Have you checked the forecast?
2. What preparations are you making for the future?
3. How solid is your life foundation?
4. Will you stand firm or fall under the coming future storms?
([Jude 24-25](#))

Fall Series -- A Firm Foundation

(3 reinforcements: Adult Ed, Daily Disciplines, Small Groups)

Closing Song: Take My Life/Fully Alive

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 Cathy Overholt, Jack Florent's sister-in-law
The family of Kathy Will
The deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke
The family of Donna Johnson -- Doug's mother
The family of Sherry McNees
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

10.01.2023

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.

Membership Survey -- Adults, please fill out a survey today after worship in the fellowship hall. The survey relates to Pastor Jim's upcoming sermon series.

Church Potluck - Next Sunday, October 8 following classes. Plan now to participate.

Small Groups are reorganizing for the fall. More details this coming week.

Baptism -- We will have a baptismal service today after classes (at about noon) at Gilead Lake. The congregation is invited to attend.

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 or pick up a flier in the lobby.

Women's Fellowship -- meets on October 10 at 1:00 p.m. During the month of October they will be collecting items for *Foster Closet of Branch County*. There is a list of current needs in the lobby. Please place your donations on the table in the fellowship hall....thank you!

Beginnings Care for Life Banquet -- Thursday, October 12. Bethel Gilead has a table reserved if you would like to be our guest. See Linda Penn or call the office to reserve your spot.

"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!

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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