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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

**Potluck today:** Plan on staying for lunch after Sunday School hour.

**Fall Small Group Bible Studies** -- Small groups are organizing now for the fall. Take note of group times and places and consider plugging into one. You'll be glad you did!

**"The Chosen"** -- Season 2 of this video series will be shown starting tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please see Pastor Dave.

**Women's Fellowship** -- meets on October 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All women are invited!

**Fiesta lunch and Silent Auction fundraisers** -- October 23 after worship service. All proceeds will benefit the Tijuana Missions Team. .

**Ladies** -- 5th Annual "*Ladies Alive*" Retreat, Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Coldwater. There's more information in the lobby or go to [www.ladies-alive.org](http://www.ladies-alive.org).

**Tijuana Missions Trip** -- November 19-26. Contact Bill King if you are interested in joining the group going to Mexico in November.

**For the parents of our little ones:** There is a room behind the sanctuary (where you can hear and see the service) for parents of restless toddlers. The **nursery** (up the stairs, first door on the left) is also open and the service is available to be viewed and listened to there. **Extra seating** for viewing and listening to the service is available in the fellowship hall

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online 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 (in the lobby)



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**Call to Worship:** Come, Now is the Time to Worship

**Announcements and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Worship:** One Thing Remains  
Graves Into Gardens  
Eyes Open  
Oh Lord You're Beautiful

**HANDLE WITH CARE**

*Introduction: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE NEW AUTHORITARIANISM*

I. Government: A Divine Institute

- \* The role of government ([Romans 13:1-7](#))
- \* Societal Institutions  
(Government, Family, Religion (morality), Education, Economy, Media, the Arts)
- \* The Problem of Politics ([Romans 3:23](#))  
"Power corrupts -- Absolute power corrupts absolutely"  
"Information is Power".... "Money is Power"

II. The Cycle of Nations ([Job 12:23](#))

- \* Rise -- Plateau -- Decline
- \* The rise and fall of world powers ([Daniel 2:37-41](#))
- \* Reasons nations decline
  1. Enemies without
  2. Enemies within  
(Ex. Ancient Israel, modern America)
- \* Recent church trends

III. Power Shift: The Rise of "Technocracy"

- \* Definition: Technocracy = rule by Technocrats (experts)
- \* "Big Money": Big Oil, Big Tech, Big Media, Big Pharma
- \* Power Players: Rockefeller, Soros, Gates, Zuckerberg, Fauci.....
- \* Honorable Mention: UN, WHO, WEF

IV. Societal Destabilizers: Covid 19

- \* Mass Formation Psychosis (Matias Desmett)
  1. Lack of connectedness
  2. Lack of purpose
  3. Free floating anxiety
  4. Building frustration

V. Storm Clouds Arising! ([Psalm 11:3](#))

- \* The life of Daniel ([Daniel 1:8](#))
- \* The example of Sophie Scholl
- \* The need for humility and repentance ([2 Chronicles 7:14](#))

Next Week: Freedom of Speech and the Misinformation Movement

**Closing Songs:** Magnify, The Blessing

# Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

Mary Ellyn Turner -- recuperating from cataract surgery  
Al Miller - recurrence of cancer  
Heather -- member of God's Choice, being treated for bone cancer  
Lynn Mayer -- dealing with double vision

Praises

Bruce Kaufman -- recovering from surgery  
Jonas Rigg -- recovering from hernia surgery  
Norm Carpenter -- recovering from surgery and cancer free  
Numerous members recently recovered from Covid

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Dawn Lane -- breast cancer  
Don Rubley -- bladder cancer  
Joyce Byler -- cancer  
Tom Schoenherr -- bladder concerns  
The Carpenter Family  
Dale Davis -- dialysis and chemo treatments  
Russ Heckathorn -- struggling with lung cancer  
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Neil Hannah -- at home on hospice  
Betty Carpenter -- Laurels

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

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."*