

**Christian Ed Classes** meet today. Adults will meet with Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall. Children ages 2-5 will meet upstairs with Marcia Albright in the toddler room. First - fifth grades will meet upstairs with Kim Erwin and junior/senior high youth will meet in the basement with Pastor Dave.

**Small Groups** are meeting this week. See the small groups handout for group meeting times and contacts. Make a decision today to join a group. Everyone needs a huddle!

**Tijuana Missions Trip Update** -- To date, \$3600 has been raised from the silent auction on Sept. 19. The next fundraiser will be a Mexican lunch on October 31.

**Church Council** -- Nominations are open for two church council positions. Nomination forms are in the lobby. The next church council meeting is scheduled for October 17 following classes.

**Women's Fellowship** -- During the month of October, Women's Fellowship will be collecting items for *Foster Closet of Branch County*. There are lists of current needs in the lobby. Women's Fellowship meets on October 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

**"The 2030 Initiative"** - We are launching a 2, 5 and 10 year plan in the coming weeks and invite the congregation to help envision what God could do in and through us as a church in this decade of the 20's. Mark your calendar now for an all church dayaway retreat on Saturday, October 30. More information is coming soon.

**Hay Ride** -- Fall has arrived and its time again for our church bonfire/hayride. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at the Erwins. Stay tuned for more details.

**"BGCC's List"** -- Please pick up a flier in the lobby if you wish to be part of this *Angie's List* type of directory.

**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 (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).

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**Opening Worship:** Come Now is the Time to Worship

Joy of the Lord

10,000 Reasons

Goodness of God

Revelation Song

Special music: My Jesus

### The Gospel of Luke

“What Kind of a Savior Do We Serve?”

Introduction

#### The Ministry of John the Baptist

- I. Set Apart to Serve (Luke 1:5-25,57-80)  
*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.... (Jeremiah 1:5)*
- II. Called to Preach (Luke 3:1-14)
  - \*A baptism of repentance  
*Repent and be baptised... (Acts 2:38)*
  - \*Fruits of repentance
- III. The Forerunner of the Christ (Luke 3:15-20)
  - \*Prepare the way of the Lord....(Isaiah 40:3)
  - \*The baptism of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)
  - \*The baptism of fire (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)
  - \*John -- Calling out the King!
- IV. Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3:21-23)
  - \*The humanity of Christ (Hebrews 2:11-18)
  - \*The presence of the Trinity
- V. Christian Baptism  
*We were buried with him through baptism (Romans 6:4)*  
*....and baptism now saves you also -- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. (1 Peter 3:21)*  
*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...(Mark 16:16)*

#### Application

1. Do you believe?
2. Have you been baptized?
3. Are you living out your baptismal pledge? (1 Peter 3:21)

## Live the Life with Prayer



#### Recent additions

Keith McGuire -- hernia surgery this Monday  
The Family of Dwight Green  
Linda Smith -- recovering from surgery  
Kathy Reger's husband, Arnie, recovering from surgery  
Al Miller -- tumor on esophagus, upcoming treatment  
Jonas Rigg -- upcoming hip surgery  
Lisa Franks -- pain management in neck and back  
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

#### Praises

Tim and Julie McKinley's new twin granddaughters -- Esther and Clara  
Jack Florent, the Cabrerias, Cindy King, Donna Green - recovered from Covid-19  
Dee Eley -- recuperating from shoulder surgery  
Lynn Mayer -- recovering from surgery  
Diane Tagert - recovering from knee surgery

#### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, pray for strength and immunity  
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer  
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

#### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Neil Hannah -- at home

#### 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.”

### **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come.....

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who will gladly choose You now.

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### **Joy of the Lord**

Though the tears may fall  
my song will rise  
My song will rise to You  
Though my heart may fail  
my song will rise  
My song will rise to You  
While there's breath in my lungs  
I will praise you Lord

In the dead of the night  
I'll lift my eyes  
I'll lift my eyes to you  
When the waters rise  
I'll lift my eyes  
I'll lift my eyes to You  
While there's hope in this heart  
I will praise you Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength  
The joy of the Lord is my strength  
In the darkness I'll dance  
In the shadows I'll sing  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes  
Let faith arise to You  
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine  
Let faith arise to You  
God of mercy and love  
I will praise You Lord

O You shine with glory  
Lord of light  
I feel alive with you  
In Your presence now  
I come alive  
I am alive with You  
There is strength when I say  
I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength  
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In the darkness I'll dance  
In the shadows I'll sing  
The joy of the Lord is my strength  
When sorrow comes my way  
You are the shield around me  
Always You remain  
like courage in the fight  
I hear you call my name  
Jesus I am coming  
Walking on the waves  
Reaching for Your light



### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening come.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
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And on that day, when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and the forevermore!

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### Goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love You, Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

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I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
in the darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God  
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Your goodness is running after  
it's running after me  
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it's running after me  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered  
now I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
it's running after me

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## Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
who was and is and is to come  
with all creation I sing  
"Praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You"

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
Rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor  
Strength and glory and power be  
to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
at the mention of Your name  
Jesus, Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery

## My Jesus

Are you past the point of weary?  
Is your burden weighing heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Do you feel that empty feeling  
'cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desparate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
and the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, amen, amen, amen

Who can wipe away the tears  
From broken dreams and wasted years  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turn that you  
would go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Who would take my cross to Calvary?  
Pay the price for all my guilty?  
Who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
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## The Stand

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned  
In awe of the One who gave it all  
I'll stand my soul Lord to You surrendered  
All I am is Yours

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace

Amen  
Amen, Amen  
Amen  
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