

Call to Worship: Your Love Oh Lord

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: What a Friend We Have in Jesus
There is Power in the Blood
At the Cross
Shadow of Your Hand

A Firm Foundation

[\(Matthew 7:24-25\)](#)

SURVIVAL!

I. The Storms of Life

- *In this world you will have tribulation ([John 16:33](#))
- *Death -- The Final Storm!

II. The Foundational Teachings of Jesus

- *"True" Truth ([Matthew 24:35, John 8:31-32, Colossians 2:8-10](#))
- * Real Life Reality ([Colossians 1:15-17; 1 Corinthians 3:11](#))
- * Reality is found in Christ ([Colossians 2:17](#))

Magnetic North

III. The Uniqueness of Jesus

- * Who do men say that I am? ([Matthew 16:13-16](#))

The Trilemma (C.S. Lewis)

Lord ---- Liar ---- Lunatic

IV. Building Your Life on a Firm Foundation

- *Receive the Gift of God ([Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12](#))
- *Trust Jesus Christ Daily ([Matthew 4:19; 11:28; John 15:4](#))
- *Grow Stronger in Your Faith ([Romans 10:17, Ephesians 4:15](#))
Grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ ([2 Peter 3:18](#))

Application

1. Do you have a survival plan?
2. What do you believe is "really real"?
3. Is your faith in God growing?

Spiritual Disciplines: The book of Matthew

Closing Song: The Blessing

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 cancer treatment
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

10.08.2023

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.

Adult Ed Classes Today -- *Grief Share* meets in the overflow room; *Science vs. the Bible* meets in the fellowship hall.

Harvest Potluck - Today following classes. Please plan on staying and enjoying the fellowship!


Small Groups are reorganizing for the fall. Check your bulletin insert for one near you.


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!

Hayride/Bonfire -- Saturday, October 21, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Erwins', 128 West Thompson Road, Bronson. Bring a snack to share.

Nominations for Church Council -- Nominations are open for three positions on the church council. Nominations will be open today, 10/15 and 10/22 and the forms must be turned in to a member of the Finance Team by October 29. Forms are available in the lobby.

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.

 **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.

 **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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