

10.09.2022 ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Women's Fellowship -- meets on Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All women are invited! During the month of October they will be collecting donations for **Foster Closet of Branch County** (fosterclosetofmichigan.org/branch-county). There are lists of ideas in the lobby.

Church Council meets on October 16 after Sunday School hour. **Nominations** are open for two (2) positions on the church council. Nomination forms are available in the lobby and must be turned in by October 30.

Hayride: Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun at a bonfire/hayride at the Erwin's on Saturday, October 22.

Fall Small Group Bible Studies -- Check out the small groups and times and places and consider plugging into one. You'll be glad you did!

"The Chosen" -- Season 2 of this video series is being shown on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please see Pastor Dave.

Fiesta lunch and Silent Auction fundraisers -- October 23 after worship service. All proceeds will benefit the Tijuana Missions Team. If you have items for the auction, please bring in to the office (please call first) or in next Sunday... thank you!

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 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

Financial Update:

September giving (regular collections)	\$15,664.02
September attendance (in-house)	123
September average attendance (online)	100

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: We Will Glorify -- Hymn 72
Great is Thy Faithfulness -- Hymn 43
How Great Thou Art -- Hymn 4 (verses 1,3,4)
Spirit of the Living God -- Hymn 247

HANDLE WITH CARE

MISINFORMATION SPREADERS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Introduction: THE MINISTRY OF TRUTH

I. What is Truth? (John 18:38)

Definition: Truth is that which corresponds with reality

*Truth is real, knowable and objective

*Categories of truth

*([John 17:17](#)) "Your word is truth"

II. Relativism: "The death of Truth"

*Definition: Truth is subjective. There are no absolutes.

*Societal Outcomes = Chaos, confusion and craziness!

*Recent examples.....

III. Word Power: Imago Dei (Genesis 1:27)

*Words represent ideas and concepts

*The Declaration of Independence: Unalienable Rights from God

*Rights require personal responsibility and moral restraint

IV. First Amendment: Freedom of Religion and Speech

*Government restrictions on religion and religious speech

*Civil Disobedience ([Acts 4:18-20](#))

*A Call to Prayer ([Acts 4:23-31](#))

If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God....([James 1:5](#))

Next Sunday: Survivalism and a Future Global Crisis.

Closing Songs: Spirit of the Living God -- Hymn 247
Come, Holy Spirit -- Hymn 250 (chorus only)

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

Sharon Shyrigh -- recuperating from hospital stay
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."