

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship:

Spirit Song

Wonderful Merciful Savior

How Great Thou Art -- Hymn 4

Glorify Thy Name -- Hymn 29

A Firm Foundation

(Matthew 7:24-25)

HIDDEN TREASURES

I. The Kingdom of God (Matthew 13:44)

Store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)

Set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2)

II. (Matthew 13) The Kingdom is also like....

*good seed among weeds *a pearl

*a mustard seed *a net

*yeast

(Romans 14:7) Righteousness, peace and joy

(1 Corinthians 4:20) Power!

III. Priority One: The Kingdom!

...but seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)

...pray "Thy kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10)

...for God rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son (Colossians 1:13)

Application

1. What treasures have you discovered?
2. What do you treasure most?
3. Do you identify yourself as a citizen of God's kingdom?

Closing Song:

Seek Ye First -- Hymn 42

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

Bruce Kaufman -- recovering from surgery

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

10.15.2023

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.


Small Groups are reorganizing for the fall. Check your bulletin insert for one near 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 and a lawn chair.

Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 22 following classes. The congregation is welcome to sit in on the meeting.


Women's Fellowship -- 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!

Nominations for Church Council -- Nominations are open for three positions on the church council. Nominations will be open today 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.

 **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.

Financial Update:

September giving (regular collections)	\$26004.31
September average attendance (in-house)	137
September average attendance (online)	131

 **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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