

Call to Worship: Once Again

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Thrive
Nobody
Give Me Jesus
Just As I Am

A Firm Foundation

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

"These words of mine....."

- I. "The Foundational Truths of Christianity"
 1. The reality of God
 2. The Bible is the word of God
 3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - * Unseen Realities: How do I know what's real?
- II. The Worldview Wars: Theism vs. Naturalism (Humanism)
 - * The Existential Crisis: Why do I exist?
Did I create God in my mind or did God create me?
 - * In the beginning God created.....(Moses 1500 B.C.)
 - * Man is the measure of all things (Protagorus 400 B.C.)
- III. What is the evidence for or against God?
 - * Evidence for God's existence?
 1. The Natural World ([*Psalms 19:1-4, Romans 1:20*](#))
 2. Scientific Discovery ([*Matthew 7:7*](#))
 3. The Bible ([*Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16*](#))
 4. Jesus Christ ([*Hebrews 1:1-2*](#))
 5. Personal Experiences ([*Daniel 4:37, John 9:25*](#))
- IV. Barriers to Belief
 1. Non-Christian Culture
 2. Adverse Circumstances
 3. Personal (emotional) Experiences

Reality Orientation: Magnetic North!

Application

1. How have you handled the common barriers to belief in God?
2. In your mind, what evidences affirm the existence of God?
3. How is God's reality evident in your day to day living?

Faith without works is dead ([*James 2:17*](#))

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

Baby Eleanor -- granddaughter of Marcia Goheen
The family of Tom Schoenherr
The family of Norita Skinner
Dale Davis -- recovering at Maple Lawn
Sharon Shyrigh -- recuperating from surgery
Kathy Reger -- recuperating from surgery
Carl Stahly -- aortic aneurysm
Melody Davenport -- kidney stones
Joe Smotherman -- blood clots on lungs
The family of Kathy Will
The deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Praise

Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new daughter, Olivia Rose.

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain
Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues
The Carpenter Family
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

11.12.2023

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.

Annual Meeting -- Today following worship service. There will be reports given by the Pastor, Moderator and MINNET leaders as well as a financial update. There will be a vote to amend Article VII, Section 7 of the church by-laws and a vote for three church council trustee positions. The current council members are: Marcia Goheen, Frank Cabrera, Lisa Franks, Steve Byler, Scott Carpenter, Tim Long and Bob Mayer

Tijuana Team Meeting -- tonight at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

Women's Fellowship -- meets on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Lost and Found -- Please check in the fellowship hall on the coat racks to see if you are missing a jacket or other item.



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:

October collections (regular)	\$21,261.40
October average attendance (in house)	134
(online)	142



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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