

## 11.26.2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

**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.

**Special Guest** -- Next Sunday we welcome our *U.S. Congressman, Tim Walberg*, who will share his insights into some of the national and international "storms" Christians are facing today.

**Services for Tom Schoenherr** will be December 9 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 729 West Washington Street, Ft. Wayne. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m.

**Women's Fellowship** has pecans available in the freezer in the kitchen for all your holiday baking. They are \$10.00 a bag and you can give the money to Donna Green or Jo Mayer. Women's Fellowship will be going to Shipshewana on December 12, leaving from the church at 10:00 a.m.

**Craig Apelt articles** -- check out the articles in the lobby on the evidences of God around us and sign one out to read.

**For the parents of our little ones:** There is a room behind the sanctuary for parents of 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. Children through fifth grade will be dismissed for **Children's Church** during the first part of worship service if they wish to attend.



**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](https://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).

Bethel Gilead Community Church  
876 Block Road Bronson MI 49028

PASTOR JIM ERWIN

ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID MINARD

CHURCH OFFICE

[pastorjim@bethelgilead.org](mailto:pastorjim@bethelgilead.org)

[pastor.david@bethelgilead.org](mailto:pastor.david@bethelgilead.org)

[office@bethelgilead.org](mailto:office@bethelgilead.org)

517.756.8001

517.756.8000

517.369.1588



*So Very Thankful  
Incredibly Grateful  
Unbelievably Blessed*

11.26.23



Bethel Gilead Community Church  
876 Block Rd. Bronson MI. 49028

## **Announcements and Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Worship:**

We Have Come Into His House -- Hymn 588

We Gather Together -- Hymn 561

Now Thank We All Our God -- Hymn 556

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

### **A Firm Foundation**

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

*Last Time.....Three Foundational Truths*

*1. The Reality of God*

*2. The Authority of Scripture*

*3. The Authenticity of Jesus Christ*

#### **I. "Discovery Learning" -- Asking good questions**

*"Truth discovered by the learner lasts longer"*

\*Biblical Inquiry -- Ask, seek, knock ([Matthew 7:7](#))

\*Test everything, hold onto the good ([1 Thessalonians 5:21](#), [1 John 4:1](#))

#### **II. Reality Check: Is the Bible true and trustworthy?**

Definition: Truth is that which corresponds with reality.

\*If the Bible is true, it must be.....

1. Factually and historically accurate.
2. Doctrinally definitive.
3. Morally authoritative.

#### **III. Inspecting Biblical Foundations**

1. The Bible is unique
2. Manuscript authority
3. Solid archeological evidences
4. The supernatural nature of prophecy
5. Authoritative declarations

*3 R's = Redemption, Reconciliation and Restoration*

### **Application**

*I will send a famine throughout the land.....*

*a famine of hearing the word of the Lord. ([Amos 8:11](#))*

*1. Do you believe that the Bible is true?*

*2. In what ways is God's word authoritative in your own life?*

*3. Are you willing to tell others what you've learned?*

### **Closing Song:**

Doxology -- Hymn 626

### 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

Andrew and Jennifer Labadie's new son, Hudson Ray.

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