

AED Training: David Fuchs will be giving a training today for anyone who would like to know how to use the new defibrillator. The brief video and explanation will happen during the Adult Ed class in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Christmas Decorations: Thank you to Greg and Nikki Maertin, Sharon Shyrigh, Pastor Dave and the youth group for decorating the sanctuary, narthex and entries and to Linda McDonald for the banner in the sound room.

Women's Fellowship will be going to Shipshewana on Tuesday, December 13. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool for lunch and shopping.

Christmas Carolling: Join us in spreading holiday cheer on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. More information coming soon.

Men's Steak Out is coming to Coldwater on Saturday, January 14. See Pastor Jim for tickets.

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. Kids through fifth grade will be dismissed for **Children's Church** during worship if they wish to participate.

Extra seating for viewing and listening to the service is available in the fellowship hall

Church Library - If you are looking for a good book to read or a movie to watch, check out the church library, up the stairs at the end of the hall.

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 (in the lobby).

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A Season of HOPE
Love, Joy, Peace,
Found in Christ
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Call to Worship: *How Many Kings*

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: *Jesus Messiah*

Hope Was Born That Night

My Jesus I Love Thee

Adore/O Come Let Us Adore Him

Advent Candle Lighting -- "Hope"

The Long Family

CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

([Jude 3](#))

Introduction

The Church -- The Last Great Hope of Humanity!

I. The Cause of Christ on Planet Earth

*The Singularity of Jesus ([John 8:12](#))

*The Gospel Truth ([Mark 16:15](#), [John 8:31-32](#))

....*The church of the living God is the pillar and foundation of the truth*

([1 Timothy 3:15](#))

II. The Body of Christ Universal

*The church assembled ([Acts 2:42-47](#))

(Worship -- Discipleship -- Fellowship)

*The Ministry of the Spirit ([John 14:16-17](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#))

(Convicting -- Birthing -- Filling -- Gifting -- Guiding)

*Unity in Diversity ([Ephesians 4:4-6](#), [Romans 12:5](#))

III. The Mission of Christ to the Nations

*The Great Commission ([Matthew 28:19-20](#))

*Salt and Light ([Matthew 5:13-16](#))

The gates of hell will not prevail against it ([Matthew 16:18](#))

*BGCC Motto: "Every Member a Minister"

Application

1. Do you believe in the singularity of Jesus Christ?
2. Do you understand the centrality of the church in God's program for the world?
3. Are you in or out?

Closing Song: *O Come Let Us Adore Him (Chorus)*

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

The family of Eloise Franke

The family of Christine Neesley

Jo Mayer -- recovering from surgery for broken arm

Russ Heckathorn -- chemotherapy

Al Miller - recurrence of cancer

Praises

The birth of Gideon Carpenter

Bruce Kaufman -- recovering from surgery

Norm Carpenter -- recovering from surgery and cancer free

Numerous members recently recovered from Covid

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Lynn Mayer -- dealing with double vision, balance issues

Dawn Lane -- breast cancer

Don Rubley -- bladder cancer

The Carpenter Family

Dale Davis -- dialysis and gall bladder issues

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."*