

12.10.2023

Welcome to our worship service. We are glad you are joining us today! The service can also be viewed in our fellowship hall and nursery. Kindly silence your phone before service.

Special Guest -- Today, we welcome Karin Witmer. Karin works as a financial advisor and tax consultant in a ministry that serves pastors, churches and Christian ministries. She will be sharing during the Adult Ed hour after worship.

December Events --

- 12/12 Women's Fellowship to Shipshewana, leaving from the church at 10:00 a.m.
- 12/17 Tijuana Team presentation, Linger Longer with birthday cake for Jesus and a hot cocoa bar
Christmas carolling (Sunday evening)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve service

Branch County Canopy of Prayer: Join Christians in the county the first Thursday of each month in prayer anytime between 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. Prayer focus sheets are available in the lobby.

Branch County Men of Integrity's 27th Annual Steak Out: Saturday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dearth Center in Coldwater. Featured speaker is David Akers, a former NFL player. See Scott Carpenter for tickets (\$25.00 each)

Financial Update:

November collections (regular)	\$23088.08
November average attendance (in house)	132
(online)	145



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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Bethel Gilead Community Church

Call to Worship:

Drummer Boy

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship:

Hope Was Born This Night

How Many Kings

Mary Did You Know

Adore/O Come Let Us Adore Him

A Firm Foundation

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

STORM INSURANCE

*Five big storms: Societal events, relationship conflicts,
financial crisis, health problems and death!*

I. Karin Witmer: Economic Storm Clouds Arising

II. Foundational Truths

1. The Reality of God
2. The Bible is the Word of God
3. Jesus is the Son of God

III. Reality Check: Is Jesus Authentic?

Who do men say that I am? ([Matthew 16:13](#))

C.S. Lewis: The Trilemma

(Liar, Lunatic or Lord?)

IV. The Lordship of Jesus Christ

1. Biblical Prophecy ([1 Peter 1:10-11](#), [2 Peter 1:19-21](#))
2. Jesus' Miracles ([John 20:30-31](#))
3. Jesus' personal claims ("I AM")
4. The Resurrection ([Romans 1:4](#); [Acts 17:31](#))
5. Jesus' Impact on History ([Isaiah 9:2](#))

Application

**Two possible responses: receive or reject him!*

1. *In your opinion, is Jesus authentic?*
2. *Do you believe in the Lordship of Christ?*
3. *What difference does his Lordship make in your personal life?*

Closing Song:

Adore/O Come Let Us Adore Him

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

Jesse Albright -- recovering from hernia surgery
Sue Craft -- death of grandson, Adam
Verna Miller -- in rehab following hip surgery
Bonnie Miller -- recuperating from surgery
The family of Tom Schoenherr
The family of Norita Skinner
Dale Davis -- recovering from broken leg at home
Sharon Shyrigh --healing from surgery

Praises

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