

13 December Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Debate/The God Delusion -- Join Pastor Jim for his Adult Ed class today in the fellowship hall. We'll be discussing *Atheism vs. Christianity*.

Christmas Service -- we will officially celebrate Christmas next Sunday, December 20. The fellowship hall will be used as a masks-only section so some of our more vulnerable members can join us for Christmas service. We will serve refreshments after morning worship.

Christmas Carolling -- several families of the church are inviting you to join in an evening of caroling next Sunday, December 20. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and make numerous stops between the church and Coldwater. We should be done by 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Card Showers -- If you wish to send Christmas greetings to some of our homebound/most vulnerable attenders, pick up a list in the lobby (Please note: it has been revised since last Sunday).

Christmas Memory Garden -- If you would like to purchase one of the poinsettias decorating the altar in memory of someone, please send a picture of your loved one to the office so we can include it in the Powerpoint presentation. Pictures can be emailed to office@bethelgilead.org, texted to 517.781.8000 or dropped off. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and can be picked up after service on December 27.



Offering --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. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby (or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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"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."

Order of Worship

Opening Worship:

Hymn Sing with Pastor Jim and Mary Butters
Christmas Carols Hymns #123-170

Message:

Contend for the Faith

(Jude 3)

Does Science Disprove God?

I. Science is a Limited Field

Definition: Science is the systematic study of the natural world through observation and experimentation.

"Hard Sciences" "Soft Sciences"

Math, biology, chemistry,	Psychology, sociology, anthropology,
physics, geology, astronomy	philosophy, metaphysics

"Science can improve personal life for a scientist but science cannot improve the personality of the scientist."

*Science cannot prove "the basic constants" of the universe.

*It cannot prove past events.

*It cannot answer the deepest questions of human existence in terms of identity, purpose and destiny.

*Science cannot solve problems of ethics, morality, beauty, love, hatred, pride.

*Science cannot prove or disprove God.

II. Is there evidence for the existence of God?

Faith is objective. It rests on evidences revealed by God.

1. God's World ([Psalm 19:1-4](#), [Romans 1:18-20](#))

2. God's Word ([Matthew 24:35](#), [2 Peter 1:19-21](#))

3. God's Son -- "The Living Word" ([John 1:1-3,14](#))

III. Are miracles anti-scientific?

Definition: A miracle is a supernatural interruption in the natural order.

(ex) Albert Einstein -- Flatland

*The 4th Dimension - supernatural/spiritual reality

Application

1. Understand the limitations of science.
2. Be aware of the limitations of scientists.
3. Understand why it's reasonable to believe in God.
4. Contend for the faith! ([Jude 3](#))

Closing song:

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Dee Eley -- recovering from Coronavirus

The family of Nancy McKinley

Lisa Franks -- surgery on December 19

Dale Davis - hospitalized with internal bleeding

Bart Burnside -- health issues

Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

The family of Eric Smotherman

Sherry McNees -- back pain

Praises

Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertins new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance

Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo

Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules on August 20.

Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn

Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days