

12.31.2023

**Welcome** to you and your family! We are glad you've joined us this morning. Extra seating for the service is available in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left)

**Adult Ed and Sunday School classes** are on break until January 7. Longer Longers will resume on January 7.

**Branch County Canopy of Prayer:** This Thursday, January 4, anytime between 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. Prayer focus sheets are available in the lobby.

**All-Church Birthday Potluck** -- next Sunday, January 7. Bring a dish to share. Dessert will be provided.

**Branch County Men of Integrity's 27th Annual Steak Out:** Saturday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dearth Center in Coldwater. See Pastor Jim for tickets (\$25.00 each)

**2024 Night to Shine** -- Volunteer training will be on Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at Hope Church, 200 North Fremont in Coldwater. See Amy Lonczkowski or Jennie deAraujo with any questions.

**In Case of Inclement Weather** -- Worship service will be available on Facebook or YouTube at 9:30 a.m. Pastors Jim and Dave will normally be at church for those who want to brave the weather and venture out. *Please remember those with mobility issues and leave the parking spaces closest to the entry doors open.*



**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 -- contact the office.

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*A Season of Hope  
Love, JOY, Peace,  
Found in Christ*

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Angels We Have Heard on High -- Hymn 132 (verse 1)  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing -- Hymn 133 (verse 1, 2)  
We Three Kings -- Hymn 166 (verses 1,2,5)  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him -- Hymn 82

A New Year's Approach

Introduction: What's New?

- I. God Specializes in "New" (newness, restoration and renewal)  
(2 Corinthians 5:17) A New Identity  
(Ephesians 5:8) A New Essence  
(Philippians 3:11-14) A New Mission  
(Isaiah 43:18-21) A New Direction!

- II. A New Year, a New You?  
\*The challenges of change  
\*It is impossible to improve something without changing it!  
\*The promise of God's resources (Lamentations 3:23; 2 Peter 1:3)

- III. 2024: Personal Improvements, Challenges and Changes  
\*New Year's Resolutions?? (Philippians 3:1-14)  
\*Making mid-course adjustments

The Three R's

Roles Relationships Responsibilities

Application  
(Isaiah 40:31)

- 1. Do you need strength to run life's race?
- 2. Have you got time to "wait upon the Lord"?
- 3. What "new thing" might God want to do in or through you in 2024?

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

Veronica Hannah  
Wanda Debolt - in hospice care  
Flo Cabrera's brother, Lalo -- stage 4 stomach cancer  
Nikki Maertin -- recovering from gallbladder surgery  
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  
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