

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY

Welcome Visitors. We are glad that you chose to join us as we worship together our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please let us know if we can pray for you or how we might help you.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship Luncheon—

Before you leave today, stop by the fellowship hall and show your support for the Women's Fellowship and youth as they raise money for this year's scholarship. Take-outs are available.

Adult Ed. Class —

Pastor Jim's class, "GriefShare will be meeting in the Sanctuary following the service. Because of the Women's Fellowship Soup and Sandwich scholarship luncheon, there will not be a Linger Longer.

NEXT WEEK

Mighty in the Land —

[Robert Rogers](#) will be a special speaker here for the morning service, April 24. Robert experienced a tragedy of Biblical proportions when he lost his precious wife and all four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. Plan on inviting a friend.

Youth Event—

Movie invitation next Sunday, April 24th, 6 PM at [Batavia Community Church](#) to watch "[Do You Believe.](#)" *When a pastor is shaken by the visible faith of a street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a journey that impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate.*

COMING SOON

Gideons Auxiliary of Coldwater—

Ladies' Tea from 1-2:30 PM on Friday, April 29 at the Coldwater Township Hall. RSVP by April 22 to Tammy Knisely (517-279-7244) or Jami Lind (269-251-4139)

Beginnings Care for Life Run & Walk—

Walk & Run is scheduled for May 7. Check the [BGCC webpage](#) "[Events and Activities](#)" at the bottom of each page for a link to find the brochure and more information.

WAYS TO SERVE

Love. Grow. Serve — Next Sunday (April 24)

- Greeters - Danielle Tucker with Youth
- Church Nursery - Sherry Neesley, Sally Davis
- Sunday Hr. Nursery - Sherry Neesley
- Sound Room - Scott Carpenter, Kenny Bennett

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APRIL 17, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT EDUCATION: 11 AM

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CHURCH



MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

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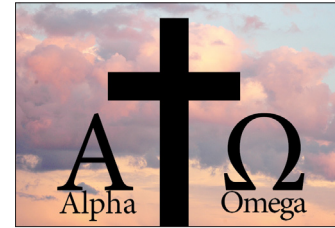
OFFERING PRAYER David Minard
GREETERS Sue Craft, RoyAnn Sheets
NURSERY (CHURCH) Deb Springer, Kirsti Long
(SUNDAY SCHOOL).....Jo Mayer
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Joshua Falknor

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP Praise Team
Our God is an Awesome God Praise Team
Good Good Father Praise Team
The Great I Am Praise Team
Create in Me a Clean Heart Praise Team
OFFERING David Minard
The Creation..... David Minard
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) Dismissal
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
In My Life Lord Hymn 394

CHRISTIAN ED.

ADULT ED. GriefShare (see bulletin)
TODDLERS Lisa Franks/Nursery
GRADES 1-2..... Lisa Franiks
GRADES 3-5 Brian DeBolt
YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES)..... Danielle Tucker



GOD'S STORY

[GENESIS 12-15](#)

ABRAHAM THE FATHER
OF FAITH

INTRODUCTION

A trans-biblical pattern: God initiates—man responds.

I. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT —[Gen. 12:1-7](#)

- a. A command: “Go”
- b. The promise: land, a nation, blessings to the world
 - i. So Abram went just as the Lord had told him—[v.4](#), [Heb. 11:8](#)

II. POSTERITY!—[Gen. 15:1-6](#)

- a. The command: “Do not be afraid.”
- b. The promise: “I am your shield and very great reward... You will have a son...”
 - i. Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness. —[Rom. 4:1-5, 18-22](#)

APPLICATION: God initiates, we respond

1. Abraham entered into a covenant agreement with God. Have you?
2. What has God initiated in your life?
3. How have you responded? —[Rom. 4:23-25](#)



A Call to Prayer

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- *Janet Hyliard's* surgery went well and is home recovering slowly.
- *Carmel Roberts* is still waiting to start hyperbaric oxygen therapy in Battle Creek.
- *Russ Heckathorn* - lung cancer, *surgery postponed.*

Continue to remember those in need:

- *Becky Gilroy's* family and friends in her absence.
- *Bill Neesley's* family with the death of Pat
- *Linda Florent*, Jack's wife has been having neck and back problems
- *Shirley Bogen* is at Drews Place room #17. She continues to improve.
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- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer, health is failing
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