

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY

Welcome Visitors. We are glad that you chose to join us for today's worship service. Please let us know if we can pray for you or be a help in any way.

Summer Baptisms—

Join us right after the service as we head over to Gilead Lake for a short baptism service. God's grace and blessings be with those who will be baptized.

The Bowl—

The music group, Sanctus REAL, with 2 Mile Band, will perform tonight at Northview Christian Church in The Bowl at 6 PM. Bring a lawn chair. \$18 at the door. Children under 7 free.

THIS WEEK

Garden Produce—

Do you have extra produce in the garden? Bring some to share on Sunday mornings. Are you short on vegetables? Take some home from the produce table any of the coming Sundays.

Spiritual Discipline Outline —

You will notice that we are doing things a bit different. Small Groups have taken a summer recess and in its place we have a weekly devotional that reviews the message and then gives a glimpse into the coming message.

COMING SOON

Family Promise—

Our church will be hosting Family Promise, Aug. 28 through Sept. 4. Sign up sheets will be available next week. It is a great way to serve God by serving the most needy in our community.

BOLD Faith—

Coming soon! Gear up for this year's BOLD Faith Initiative happening in September. Devotions and bracelets will be available soon.

“20 Years in the Making”—

Take a moment to look at the photos in the foyer. Help us to tell “God's Story” by sending in photos or even sharing important stories. We need to remember our past to better understand God's current story for Bethel Gilead. With your help and God's blessing our vision for the future will be 20/20.

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AUGUST 21, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

BETHEL
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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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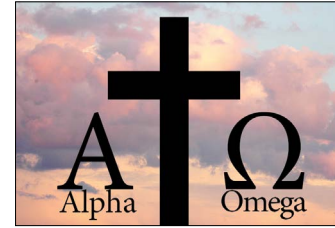
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OFFERING PRAYER Paul Alger
GREETERS Steve & Jennifer Byler
NURSERY (CHURCH) Zarian Parker, Deb Springer
JUNIOR CHURCH (GRADES 1-5)..... Marcia Albright, Brian DeBolt
TODDLERS Sharon McMeen, Bethany Falknor
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Josh Falknor

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME Jim Erwin
OPENING WORSHIP Tim Butters
 There's Something About That Name..... Hymn 102
 His Name is Life..... Hymn 114
 Calvary Covers It All..... Hymn 189
 Are You Washed in the Blood?..... Hymn 190
 Wonderful Grace of Jesus Hymn 198
OFFERING Paul Alger
 Mission Moment Sharon McMeen
 JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5)..... Dismissal
MESSAGE Jim Erwin
 O God, Our Help in Ages Past..... Hymn 52



GOD'S STORY JUDGES 9-12

CORRUPT LEADERS

INTRODUCTION:

When the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding ([Proverbs 28:12](#))

- I. **ABIMELEK** — *A Crooked Judge* ([Chapter 9](#))
 - *Justice prevails* ([Gal. 6:7](#))
- II. **JEPHTHAH** — *A Good Judge with Poor Judgment* ([Chapters 11-12](#))
 1. *A presumptuous vow* ([Judges 11:30](#))
 2. *Preemptive strike* ([12:4-7](#))
- III. **WHY DOES GOD ALLOW WICKED RULERS?** ([Psalm 73](#))

How should Christians respond to injustice?

 1. *Pray for wisdom* ([James 1:5](#))
 2. *Prepare for persecution* ([1 Peter 4:12, 19](#))
 3. *Push for justice* ([Romans 12:21](#))
- IV. **A POLITICAL SIDE NOTE**

Can I, in good conscience, vote for a "flawed" political candidate?

 1. *Revisit the role of government.*
 2. *Resolve to vote your values.*
 3. *Resign to trust God's sovereignty in history.*

APPLICATION:

1. *Are you in tune with the real issues of the day?*
2. *Can you trust God to work out his plan in a crooked generation, even with flawed leadership?*
3. *Do you know what part you play in his plan?*



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