

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.*

Youth Pool Party—

Join us this afternoon for a time of fellowship, swimming and food for both the body and soul, 4-6 PM at Tyson and Lisa Franks house. See Kenny Bennett for a flyer.

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.

Family Promise—

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

**THIS
WEEK**

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**

Annual Hog Roast—

Join us Sept. 11 following the morning service, here at Bethel Gilead to celebrate the end of summer with special music guests Town and Country Barbershop Quartet. The youth will also be having a desert competition as a fund raiser.

Bronson Community Supper—

Bronson incorporated as a village in 1866. Come celebrate the Town's 150th Anniversary Sept. 11 at St. Mary's gymnasium. BGCC has volunteered to provide salads for 400 people. See Women's Fellowship members for details.

“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 28, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM



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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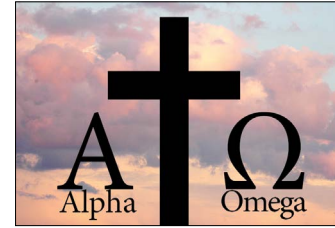
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AUGUST 28, 2016

OFFERING PRAYER Frank Cabrera
GREETERS Lee & Mary Jo Evans
NURSERY (CHURCH) Shanda Carpenter, Anna Mae Wickey
JUNIOR CHURCH (GRADES 1-5)..... Sharon McMeen, Brian DeBolt
TODDLERS Bethany Falknor
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Josh Falknor

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP Sharon McMeen
 He Knows My Name Song
 Step by Step..... Song
 Take Me In..... Song
 My Tribute Hymn 11
OFFERING Frank Cabrera
 Special Music..... Donna Green, Kenny Norton, Dale Norton
 JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) Dismissal
MESSAGE..... David Minard
 Step by Step..... Reprise



GOD'S STORY

JUDGES 13-16

SAMPSON

INTRODUCTION:

Sampson a judge to be judged—by God and by men.

- I. **THE BIRTH OF SAMSON** —([Chapter 13](#))
 “¹Again...so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for 40 years.” The Philistines were not good people.
 - *God’s Purpose:* “He will take the lead in delivering Israel...”
 - *God’s Method:* A Nazarite slow in the making

- II. **SAMPSON’S MARRIAGE** — ([Chapter 14](#))
 - “To reverence God is to hate evil, pride and arrogance” ([Prov. 8:13](#))
 - “Before destruction, the heart of man is haughty...” ([Prov. 18:12](#))
 - “If someone is caught in a sin...” ([Gal. 6:1-10](#))

- III. **VENGEANCE ON THE PHILISTINES**—([Chapter 15](#))
 Now feeling justified to revenge himself without thought as a deliver.
 - “Vengeance is mine says the Lord...” ([Deut. 32:35](#))
 - “Do not return evil for evil...” ([Rom. 12:17-21](#))

- IV. **SAMSON AND DELILAH** — ([Chapter 16](#))
 From a prostitute to “Some time later he fell in love with...”
 - *What Samson was willing to pay for, Delilah was willing to sell.*

APPLICATION:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions:

- *Bill Long*, Tim's grandfather, has been diagnose with cancer.
- *Carmel Roberts* is home recovering from surgery.
- *Bob Mayer* is starting to get out and able to resume light tasks at work for short periods.
- *Bart Burnside* is on medication to dissolve a blood clot in his lung.
- *Martha Pauliukitis* is home. Her original diagnosis of pancreatic cancer has been changed to a non-cancerous cyst on the pancreas.
- *Russ Heckathorn* - lung cancer, *surgery postponed.*
- *John McGuire* and his mother, *Mari Sol's* health

Continue to remember those in need:

- *Vicki Tappman* is undergoing Chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- *Shirley Bogen* is at Drews Place room #17.
- *Earl Bower* is at Maple Lawn.
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer, health is failing
- *Barry Hyliard*, Janet's son suffering from malignant brain tumor and undergoing Chemo treatments. Recent scan shows the tumor shrinking. Please continue to pray.

August 28, 2016

AUG. 7 - SEPT 4: Live. Grow. Serve.

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Special Music</u>	<u>Giving Thanks</u>	<u>Musician</u>	<u>Tech. Support</u>
<u>Aug 7</u>	<i>Trevor Mast</i>	<i>Trevor Mast</i>	<i>Jim Wickey</i>	<i>Trevor Mast</i>	<i>Brian Eley</i>
<u>Aug 14</u>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Stutzman Kids</i>	<i>David Minard</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Scott Carpenter</i>
<u>Aug 21</u>	<i>Tim Butters</i>	<i>Sharon McMeen</i>	<i>Paul Alger</i>	<i>Mary Butters</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>
<u>Aug 28</u>	<i>Sharon McMeen</i>	<i>Donna Green</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>	<i>Meliss Houtz</i>	<i>Brian Eley</i>
<u>Sept 4</u>	<i>Pastor Jim</i>	<i>Gillian Carpenter</i>	<i>Jim Wickey</i>		<i>Scott Carpenter</i>

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	<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Nursery, Helper</u>	<u>Jr. Church, Helper</u>
<u>Aug 7</u>	<i>Kerry & Elise Skinner</i>	<i>Church Laura Jury Char Kaufman</i>	<i>Toddler B. Falknor, S. McMeen</i> <i>Grades 1-5 D. Minard, B. DeBolt</i>
<u>Aug 14</u>	<i>Jim & Dee Eley</i>	<i>Church Bridget Mayer Linda Penn</i>	<i>Toddler B. Falknor, S. McMeen</i> <i>Grades 1-5 D. Minard, B. DeBolt</i>
<u>Aug 21</u>	<i>Steve & Jennifer Byler</i>	<i>Church Zarian McMeen Deb Springer</i>	<i>Toddler B. Falknor, S. McMeen</i> <i>Grades 1-5 M. Albright, B. DeBolt</i>
<u>Aug 28</u>	<i>Lee & Mary Jo Evans</i>	<i>Church Shanda Carpeter Anna Mae Wickey</i>	<i>Toddler B. Falknor, S. McMeen</i> <i>Grades 1-5 S. McMeen, B. DeBolt</i>
<u>Sept 4</u>	<i>Tim & Julie McKinley</i>	<i>Sherry Neesley Sally Davis</i>	<i>Toddler B. Falknor, S. McMeen</i> <i>Grades 1-5 D. Minard, B. DeBolt</i>

Friday, September 2: Read [2 Timothy 1:9](#), [Romans 8](#)

“It is by grace that we are saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not of works, lest any man should boast,” ([Eph. 2:8-9](#)). If you read further in [Ephesians 2](#) you realize we are God’s handiwork to do good works, which God has prepared for us to do. When recalling Samson’s life keep this in mind. Although Samson did not act wisely at times, God set him apart to judge Israel and to set His people free from the Philistines. God accomplished His will. Samson paid a price for his sinful ways. How can we avoid similar pitfalls and accomplish God’s purpose for our lives? Read [Psalm 119:11](#) and recall Samson last act *“and he pushed with all his might...”* Let us push with all our might.

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola Africa), **Ivan & Kim Hoyt** (Argentina), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, **John Smith** (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

- **BOLD Faith** initiative in September
- **Tijuana Mission Trip** that is set for November 20-26

Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you’re reading. Ask:
 1. How does this apply to me?
 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, August 29: Read [Judges 11](#), [Hebrews 11](#)

Ask yourself in what ways was Jephthah spot on with regards to faith? How does [Heb. 11:6](#) prove true? Read [Romans 14:22-23](#) and ask how Jephthah’s vow was out of sorts with faith? In what way did Jephthah sin? (Missed the bull’s eye as an archer shoots at a target, or did he shoot at the wrong target altogether?) Have you ever tried “sweetening the pot” so to speak with God, promising something in return if He would bless your endeavors? Does sweetening the pot diminish faith? (“...faith the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.” [Heb. 11:1](#))

1. My relationship with God.
2. My life roles
3. My personal needs/weak areas
4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, August 30: Read [Proverbs 21:1, 30-31, Ezra 1](#)

Application 2 from Pastor Jim's message asks, "Can you trust God to work out His plan in a crooked generation, even with flawed leadership? How are we to be involved in realizing God's plan for our lives, the lives of family members, the church and Branch County? Is it good enough to simply say, "God's will be done"? ([1 Tim. 2:1-3](#), [Jeremiah 29:7](#), [Matt. 6:5-14](#), [Proverbs 16:1-3](#)).

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday August 31: Read [Romans 12](#), [Prov. 20:24-25](#), [Phil. 2:12-18](#), [Mark 4:18-19](#)

Recall yesterday's devotional reading about trusting God to work out His plan. Do you know what part you play in His plan? You can be sure that God is working His plan in the world and in your life. We may not be aware of it but we can be sure of it. Therefore, what are we to be about? What desire of the heart has God given you? What are your gifts? Find someone who can pray with you and encouraged you to "work out your salvation," and to make it a reality.

Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

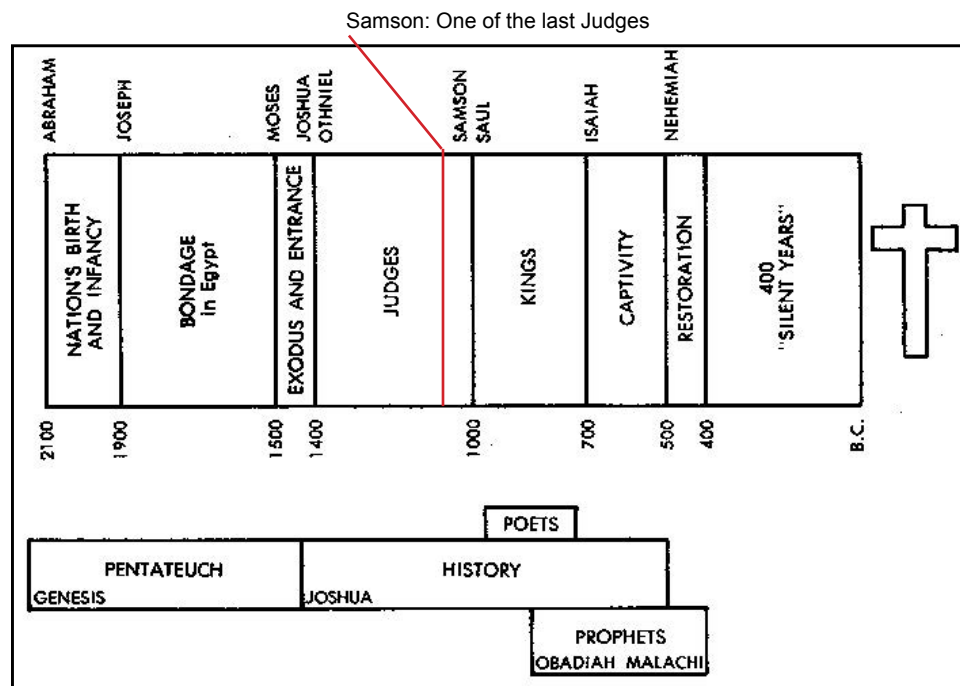
- Pastors: Pray for God's grace & guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for the Youth and children's ministries here at BGCC.
- Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people.
- Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2016 and beyond.

Thursday, September 1: Read [Hebrews 11](#)—"Faith in Action"

"Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor," [Proverbs 29:23](#). When looking at Samson's life we see a "man's man." He is a hunter, a warrior and loves beautiful women. He meets the characteristics of a Greek hero cult. His character flaws cause his demise. However, there is a lot more to the man and to the story. Read Psalm 120 and ask "How does this describe Samson's last act in Judges 16: 23-30?" What does Samson's last word, "[Sovereign Lord, remember me](#)", reveal about his understanding of God (Judges 16:28).

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God bring into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.
- Thank God for "THE CALL" prayer event and the response of our area churches. Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.



<http://hkbible.com/OldTestamentSurvey/5.htm>

Bold Faith

2016

Join Christians from many Branch County churches this September as we unite in faith through a study of Bold Faith.

Bold Faith takes:

- ◇ Faithful commitment to weekly church attendance
- ◇ Prayer for Bold Faith's impact on Branch County
- ◇ Daily meditation on God's Word (Daily devotional)
- ◇ Sacrificial service following God's leading in your life
- ◇ Share your BOLD FAITH moments at our blog: www.boldfaithinitiative.wordpress.com
- ◇ Worship at the Bold Faith Rally – October 2nd at 5pm

Without faith, it is impossible
to please God.

Hebrews 11:6



BOLD FAITH
TOOLS

Wristband

It is a powerful reminder to Pray:

- ⇒ for the Bold Faith Initiative
- ⇒ for the Christians and area Churches participating
- ⇒ for the Spirit of God to move in our county (John 3:8)

AND...

- ⇒ **read** the daily devotional (hardcopy or on the blogsite)
www.boldfaithinitiative.wordpress.com
- ⇒ **watch** for others who have the wristbands and boldly strike up a conversation with them for encouragement & prayer (Hebrews 3:13)
- ⇒ **walk** by faith, not by sight
- ⇒ **attend** church each Sunday to support this Initiative
- ⇒ **share** the TRUTH of Christ

Daily Devotional

Written by local pastors, the daily devotional will encourage you to walk by faith and not by sight.

- ⇒ Pray the daily prayer on the back cover
- ⇒ Evaluate your walk of faith—the last page

Annual BGCC Hog Roast

Sunday, September 11, 2016



Please follow the following guidelines for our pot luck meal according to what your last name begins with.

Pulled pork, potatoes and baked beans will be provided.

A & B - Fruits

C & D - BBQ sauce and potato chips

E & F - Desserts

G - I - Cold veggies

J - L - Hamburger buns

M - P - Hot veggies

Q - S - Salads

T - Z - BBQ sauce and potato chips

Please see back side for youth fund-raising activities to help sponsor Emile!

Dessert Competition



Bring your best dessert to be judged in two categories by hog roast attendees. Winner will be decided according to monetary amount collected.

- 1) Presentation: a picture of the entered item will be posted above the dessert prior to its cutting.
- 2) Taste: samples will be available as long as supplies last to be judged for taste, texture and all around yumminess!



Four youth have volunteered to be candidates for a pie in the face!

This will be done via "silent auction" set up. A clipboard will be provided for each pie (which progressively get more messy). You may write in any of the 4 youth names for any of the pies & then list your "buying" price to be able to put the pie in the face of the youth. Remember to keep checking back - someone else can come behind you and change the youth name and amount they are willing to pay. Pie-facing will be done towards the end of the celebration.

Bring your spare change and dollar bills to help The youth support sponsor child, Emile!!!