

## 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.*

**COMING SOON** **March for Life—**  
If you are interested in participating in the annual March for Life in January, see Jennie deAraujo for a registration form. There are still a few openings.

**Sunday School Teacher Training—**  
Saturday, January 7 from 9 AM to noon at the church.

**Sunday School Resumes—**  
Classes for adults and children will resume on Sunday, January 15 noon at the church.

**MINNET Meeting—**  
Sunday, January 8 during Sunday School hour. Committee chairs and members please plan on attending.

**“The Call” continues —**  
Community-wide time of prayer January 15, 2017 at 6 PM. at First Baptist Church in Coldwater.

**PLEASE NOTE** **Recipe Book—**  
The Youth Group is looking for some great recipes for their upcoming recipe book. Please give them to Ronda or Bethany Falknor.

**In Case of Inclement Weather—**  
Church closing announcements will be made on WTVB, by email or on the church website, [www.bethelgilead.org](http://www.bethelgilead.org) by 8 AM

**Church Calendar—**  
The calendar for January is available in the Narthex. Let the office know of items to be placed on the calendar for February. It will be made available at the end of January.

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## DECEMBER 25, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT ED CLASSES: 11 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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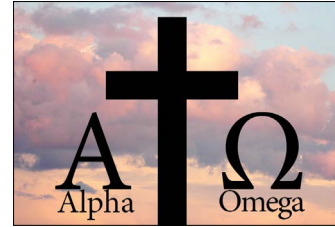
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OFFERING PRAYER..... Frank Cabrera  
GREETERS.....Atlee and Paige Keim  
NURSERY (CHURCH) ..... Sally Davis, Char Kaufman  
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Frank Cabrera

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME ..... Jim Erwin  
ADVENT READING.....The Micah McMeen Family  
CHRISTMAS HYMN SING.....Rick Hollister  
SPECIAL MUSIC.....Kathy Alger  
SCRIPTURE READING.....[Isaiah 9:1-7](#)  
SPECIAL MUSIC.....Sharon McMeen  
OFFERING.....Frank Cabrera  
    SPECIAL MUSIC.....Grace and Gloria Stutzman  
SCRIPTURE READING.....[Luke 2:1-20](#)  
MESSAGE..... David Minard  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* ..... Hymn 151



## GOD'S STORY

THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT  
KJV

**INTRODUCTION:** *A look at Christmas from the Old Testament prophecies, Luke's gospel account, and the apostles' teaching.*

### I. CHRISTMAS PAST

- *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel ([Isaiah 7:14](#)).*
- *“For unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called:  
—Wonderful,  
—Counselor,  
—Mighty God,  
—Everlasting Father,  
—Prince of Peace,” ([Isaiah 9:6](#)).*

### II. CHRISTMAS PAST-PRESENT ([Luke 2](#))

- Poor and pious family
- Wisdom of the ages bow down to Him

### III. CHRISTMAS PRESENT

- *“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir, ([Gal. 4:4-7](#)).*
- *“...Joy unspeakable full of glory” ([1 Peter 1:7-9](#))*
- *“...Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift,” ([2 Cor. 9:7-15](#)).*

### APPLICATION:

1. Are you tired and weary? What can you cast on Him?
2. Do you know the unspeakable gift full of glory?
3. What unspeakable gift full of glory can you share with others?



## A Call to Prayer

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- *Chuck Shimp* is recovering from sudden gall bladder surgery. He was on vacation in Arizona and should be back next week.
- *Sherry McNees* is recuperating from surgery to remove her kidney.
- *Mary Jo Evans* — back and leg pain
- *The family of Barry Hyliard.*
- *Paul Alger* has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is praying about treatment options.
- *Ron Will* is recovering from his third surgery for a torn retina. Kathy continues to have foot problems.
- *Danielle Howe's* three-year old niece, *Alea*, is suspected of having a tumor. More tests are scheduled.
- *Sherie Ashley Ward* has kidney problems
- *Bill Long*, Tim's grandfather, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- *Russ Heckathorn* - recovering from lung surgery

### Continue to remember those in need:

- *The Kenneth Bennett, Sr. Family*
- *The family of Mary McGuire.*
- *Carmel Roberts* is battling infection and needs prayers for healing.
- *Bob Mayer* slow and steady recovery
- *Vicki Tappman* is undergoing Chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- *Martha Pauliukitis* is home. Her original diagnosis of pancreatic cancer has been changed to a non-cancerous cyst on the pancreas.
- *Shirley Bogen* is at Drews Place room #17.
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer, health is failing
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