

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY

We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today!! Please use a prayer card in the chair rack or on the Information Center to communicate a prayer request or need for a visit or call from pastor.

The Annual Meeting is after worship service today. There are no Sunday School classes today.

“Reuniting the Body of Christ” -- today from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at St. Charles Church in Coldwater. There are flyers at the Information Center.

If you wish to sign a card to be sent to **First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, TX**, the card is in the Fellowship Hall. We will be sending it this week.

Church Directory -- Pictures for a new church directory will be taken on *Wednesday, November 29 and Thursday, November 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.* Schedule your appointment today either in the lobby or by going to the church’s website, www.bethelgilead.org (Monday after 12 noon - Friday 12 noon) to schedule online. Please call the office with any questions or with help making an appointment.

If you would like to financially help the **Tijuana Missions Team**, who leave for Mexico on November 19, please use the jar in the lobby to help them with any “extra’s” on their trip. Thank you!!

THIS WEEK

Women’s Fellowship -- meets Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All women are invited!

NEXT SUNDAY

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE??? -- Next Sunday, November 19, after worship service, there will be a Chili Cook-Off, Cupcake Wars and Dress Up Duel for the kids. *This is an outreach event -- invite a friend or neighbor.* There will be no Sunday School that day.

THIS MONTH

We are again participating in the **Beginnings’ Baby Bottle Campaign** this month. Pick up an empty baby bottle in the lobby, fill it with loose change or cash and return it by November 26.

PLEASE NOTE

March for Life -- there is information in the lobby regarding the March for Life, which will be January 19, 2018. Early registration is December 1. See Jennie deAraujo with any questions.

There will be no **Sunday School** on November 26.

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NOVEMBER 12, 2017

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

CHRISTIAN ED: 11:15 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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NURSERY..... Deb Springer and Linda Penn
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett and Scott Carpenter
GREETERS..... Frank and Flo Cabrera

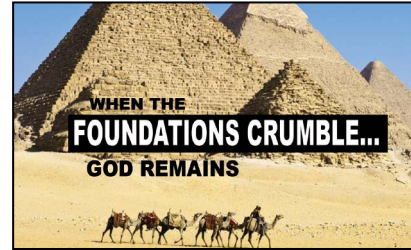
ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Women's Group
 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..... Hymn 1
 Majesty..... Hymn 74
 How Majestic Is Your Name..... Hymn 30
 Jesus Name Above All Names..... Hymn 112
OFFERING..... Frank Cabrera
Special Music..... Women's Group
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) Dismissal
MESSAGE..... David Minard
 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..... Reprise

*Altar flowers are provided by Brandon and Shanda Carpenter and family
in memory of Jeffrey Carpenter (Brandon's father).*

CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES NO CLASSES THIS WEEK

TODDLERS..... Marcia Albright
GRADES 1-5..... Michelle Lake
Room B
JUNIOR HIGH..... Sharon McMeen
Room D
SENIOR HIGH..... Solano and Jennie deAraujo
Youth Room downstairs
YOUNG ADULTS..... Ronda Falknor and Dawn Bennett
Library
THE TRUTH PROJECT..... Paul Alger
Blanketmakers Room downstairs
FOUNDATIONS..... David Minard
Fellowship Hall



COUNTERING LIES THAT DESTROY LIVES

*Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you."
[\(Matthew 24:4\)](#)*

INTRODUCTION:

"In the beginning God..." and He called out from among mankind men, women and children to walk with Him. Let's call them veterans of the faith. They expand all of time, from Abel to the current day saints. What does it mean to join this "great cloud of witnesses" under the banner of faith, without "Pride, Pomp and Circumstances of Glorious War."

I. CLOUD OF WITNESSES AND BANNER OF FAITH

- So great, so long, so large so many witnesses-like one great cloud
[\(Heb. 11\)](#), [\(Heb. 12:1\)](#)
- Look away from them and "fix our eyes upon Jesus" [\(Heb. 12:2\)](#)
 - "The Lord is my Banner" [\(Exodus 17 and the Amalekites\)](#)

II. A SHEPHERD'S HEART

- Fearless • Faithful • Fostering
Moses [\(Heb. 11:27-28\)](#)
David [\(1 Samuel 17:34-37\)](#)
Jesus [\(John 10:11-12\)](#), [\(Matt. 18:12-13\)](#)

II. WARRIOR'S PREPAREDNESS

- Know your Enemy
Although like a lion he commands spiritual forces
- Defense: Putting on the full armor of God ***to Stand Firm*** [\(Eph. 6:10-18\)](#)
 - Belt buckle of Truth
 - Shield of Faith
 - Breastplate of Righteousness
 - Helmet of Salvation
 - Feet fitted with Gospel of Peace
 - Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God
- Offence: Weapons to destroy strongholds [\(2 Cor. 10:4-6\)](#)

APPLICATION:

1. *We all are witnesses. What are you a witness to?*
2. *Are you for hire or do you have a shepherd's heart?*
3. *Be faithful to the present moment* [\(Eph. 6:10\)](#)

A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

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- The family of *Linda Smith's sister, Lorna.*
- *Jennie Williamson* -- final stages of ALS
- *Linda Smith* -- recovering at home from surgery on 11/8.
- *Lee Bidwell* -- recovering from surgery, still in hospital.
- *Ethan Metzger* -- student in Bronson; seizures
- *Tijuana Missions Team* as they prepare to leave for Mexico next Sunday.
- Rick Hollister's mother, *Kathleen's* health.
- *Jen Byler's stepdad, Rex* -- detached retina
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- undergoing 12 rounds of chemotherapy at U of M.
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November 12, 2017

Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 13, 2017

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- II. Are you warmed up yet? Let's look at the lie: "*all people will be save.*" *This makes sense since Jesus died for the entire world, right?* This idea of universalism has been gaining a lot of speed as of late. What verses taken out of context do you see that might support this idea? What from scripture do you see as contrary to this idea? Read [Matthew 25:46](#), [Matthew 25:4](#), [Mark 9:24](#) and [John 3:35-36](#).
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