

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY

Poinsettias -- Thank you to everyone who brought a poinsettia to decorate the altar for Advent. Please feel free to take your plant home after worship today.

Sunday School -- classes resume today.

NEXT WEEK

Communion and potluck -- next Sunday we will share communion and there will a potluck after Sunday School Hour. The potluck will be an all-church birthday party -- birthday cake and ice cream will be provided. Please bring a passing dish to share.

COMING UP

March for Life -- will be January 19, 2018. See Jennie deAraujo with any questions.

Ladies Alive Retreat -- a ladies winter get-away retreat is planned for February 3 at First Baptist in Coldwater. Information and registration forms are in the lobby.

Youth Winter Retreat -- January 19-21, 2018 at Camp Selah with the Lockwood Youth Group. There are fliers in the lobby.

PLEASE NOTE

2018 Council meetings: The church Council voted to hold their 2018 meetings as follows:

February 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17. *The Executive Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. and Council meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.*

Weather Cancellations -- If church is to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be decided and announced on WTVB radio or posted on the church website, www.bethelgilead.org. by 8:00 a.m.

Communication Cards -- if you would like to receive text messages regarding cancellations, prayer requests and/or announcements/reminders, please complete a card (available in the lobby) and drop in the offering plate.

A Way to Serve -- *Beginnings Care for Life Center* is in need of receptionists and board members. Applications are on the Information Center or available at www.beginningscare.com. Call the office for more information.

January 2018 calendars are on the Information Center. The schedules for Nursery, Greeters and Giving Thanks are included in the calendar.

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DECEMBER 31, 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..... Laura Jury and Linda Penn
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS..... Solano and Jennie deAraujo

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Tim Butters
 Be Thou My Vision (Verses 1,2,4)..... Hymn 382
 All the Way My Savior Leads Me (all verses)..... Hymn 460
 Victory in Jesus (Verses 1 and 3)..... Hymn 473
 Great is Thy Faithfulness (all verses, no chorus on verse 2)..... Hymn 43
OFFERING..... Paul Alger
 Special Music..... Melissa Houtz
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... (Toddlers-Grade 5 dismissed)
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
 In My Life Lord..... Hymn 394

CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES CLASSES RESUME TODAY

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

MESSAGE

SABBATICAL REPORT (PART I)

INTRODUCTION: [*Genesis 2:2-3*](#)

I. SABBATICAL OBJECTIVES

- *Rest ([*Matthew 6:31*](#))
- *Renewal ([*Psalm 51:10, Isaiah 40:31*](#))
- *Refocus ([*Isaiah 30:15; 32:8*](#))

II. SABBATICAL PRIORITIES

1. Desist -- stop doing
2. Do -- start doing
 - *Devotional Life *House, health, financial concerns
 - *Marriage Maintenance *Other church connections
 - *Family Focuses *Future Focuses

III. SABBATICAL REFLECTIONS

- *From Isaiah
- *From several books
- *For the future (next week)

APPLICATION

1. What brings "rest" to you?
2. Are you in need of spiritual renewal?
3. What does God want you to refocus on in 2018?
 - *This week's Spiritual Disciplines

A Call to Prayer



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- *Tina Graybill* - friend of Melissa Houtz, recovering from double mastectomy on 12/20.
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- *Flo Cabrera's mother* -- health issues
- *Ron Will's niece's husband, Ernie*, stage 4 cancer.
- *Lisa Frank's Uncle Tony* -- in hospice care
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