

## 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.

**Communion and potluck** -- today we will share communion and there is a potluck after Christian Ed Hour. Plan on staying for an *all-church birthday party*.

### THIS MONTH

**Small Groups** -- will reconvene the week of January 14.

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

**Leadership Retreat** -- January 27, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Coldwater Heritage Park Lodge. This is for all Council members and Ministry Leaders.

### PLEASE NOTE

**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.

**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](http://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.

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

**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.*

## JANUARY 7, 2018

**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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## JANUARY 7, 2018

NURSERY..... Deb Springer and Char Kaufman  
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett  
GREETERS..... Frank and Florencia Cabrera

### ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP..... Jim and David Erwin  
    *Give Ear to My Word* ..... Psalm 5  
    *I Will Call Upon the Lord (Psalm 18)*..... Hymn 38  
    *You Are My Hiding Place* ..... Psalm 32  
COMMUNION  
    *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ..... Psalm 51  
    *We Exalt Thee*..... Psalm 97  
OFFERING ..... Solano deAraujo  
MESSAGE ..... Jim Erwin  
    *The Trees of the Field* ..... Chorus

### CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES

TODDLERS..... Marcia Albright  
GRADES 1-5 (Room B)..... Kim Erwin  
JUNIOR HIGH (Room D) ..... Sharon McMeen  
SENIOR HIGH (Youth Room downstairs) ..... David Erwin  
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 II)

#### INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

“Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest” [\*Mark 6:31\*](#)

#### I. SOME PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

\*From Isaiah

\*Hezekiah ([\*chapter 38\*](#))

\*Promises ([\*30:15, 43:2, 46:4, 57:15, 66:2\*](#))

\*From Christian books

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. God reveals deep insights to those who take time to be still.”

“Solitude is necessary not to escape people, but ultimately, to find them. But first you must find yourself in God ”

“You either love those you serve or your service will become an arduous duty”

“Godly leadership is always inside out”

#### II. SOME PERSONAL IMPLICATIONS

1. My relationship with God is more important than my work for God.
2. Prayer is my first recourse for everything. Apart from God, I can do nothing.
3. I am called to be faithful. It's God's job to make me fruitful.
4. A “healthy church” requires “healthy souls”.

#### III. SOME PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS (FOR THE CHURCH)

1. Punctuate Prayer
2. Leadership Retreat
3. Survey the Congregation
4. Train for Success
5. Improve our Focuses (2020 vision)



## A Call to Prayer



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- *Norita Skinner* -- back pain
- *Tina Graybill* - friend of Melissa Houtz, healing from surgery.
- *Jean LaClair* - at U of M Hospital undergoing treatment for leukemia
- *Ron Will's niece's husband, Ernie*, stage 4 cancer.
- *Lisa Frank's Uncle Tony* -- in hospice care
- *Jennie Williamson* -- final stages of ALS
- *Mary Stall* -- Dale Davis' cousin--undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer.

### Continue to remember those in need

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- *Lee Bidwell* -- recovering at home from surgery.
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- undergoing 12 rounds of chemotherapy at U of M.
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