

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY *We are glad you chose to worship with us today! If you need to meet with one of pastors or have a special prayer request, please complete one of the cards under the chair in front of you or at the Information Center and drop it in the offering plate.*

THIS WEEK **Small Groups** -- will reconvene this week. There is an discussion guide in your bulletin as well as a list of the small groups available. There are also small group resources on the book rack in the lobby for your group to consider.

Youth Winter Retreat -- January 19-21, 2018 at Camp Selah with the Lockwood Youth Group. Please see Pastor David or Sharon McMeen if you want to go.

THIS MONTH **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, teachers and Ministry Team Leaders. Lunch will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE **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.

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.

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 offering plate).

January 2018 calendars are on the Information Center. The schedules for Nursery, Greeters and Giving Thanks are included in the calendar. The schedule for January service responsibilities is also available on the Information Center.

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JANUARY 14, 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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MESSAGE

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NURSERY..... Sherry Neesley and Char Kaufman
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS..... Dale and Sally Davis

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP.....Girls Group
 He's Everything to Me..... Hymn 516
 Love Was When..... Chorus
 He Touched Me..... Hymn 504
 Just a Closer Walk With Thee..... Hymn 380
OFFERING..... Frank Cabrera
SPECIAL MUSIC..... Elise Skinner and Melissa Houtz
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
 Seek Ye First..... Hymn 42

*Altar flowers are provided by Greg and Nikki Maertin
in memory of their grandson, Joseph Marcuz.*

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

EDGING INTO THE NEW YEAR

INTRODUCTION:

2018: Thy Kingdom come.....

The Great Banquet

(Luke 14:15-24)

I. A SPECIAL INVITATION

- *Join the celebration!
- * The kingdom of God is like.....

II. SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

1. Possessions become possessive! (verse 18)
2. Business opportunities (verse 19)
3. Family matters (verse 20)
 - *A hierarchy of priorities (*Matthew 6:33*)

III. A BROADER INVITATION

-Compel them to come in so that my house will be full (verse 23)
- *Judgement and the final state (verse 24).

APPLICATION

1. Can God interrupt your plans?
2. How would you outline your hierarchy of priorities?
3. What would change in you if God's kingdom fully came to your life in 2018?
4. Can God count on you to help make sure his house is full?



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

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- The family of *Mary Sue Baldwin*
- *Sue Craft* - death of mother-in-law
- Family of *Lisa Frank's Uncle Tony*
- *March for Life participants* - January 19
- Family of *Steve Russell*
- *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.
- *Jennie Williamson* -- final stages of ALS
- *Mary Stall* -- Dale Davis' cousin--undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer.

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- *Gary Ratkowski* -- undergoing 12 rounds of chemotherapy at U of M.
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