## **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.

**New Adult Ed class** on *Biblical Masculinity/Femininity* begins today. Join Jim and Kim Erwin in the fellowship hall for the introductory session.

#### THIS WEEK

The **Monday night small group** in Coldwater won't be meeting this week.

**Women's Fellowship -** Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

**Beginnings Care for Life** is offering a new Foundations series, "For Couples Only" starting March 14. There is information in lobby.

#### THIS MONTH

**Branch County Right to Life Annual Benefit Banquet** -- Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Gym in Bronson.

See Jennie deAraujo with questions.

Food Bank Challenge -- any monetary donations made to the Food Bank of South Central Michigan and designated to the Bronson Food Pantry now through April 30 receive a 10% bonus in the pantry's account. Mail your donations to *Food Bank of SCM, P.O. Box 408, Battle Creek, MI 49016-0408* or go to <a href="https://www.foodbankofscm.org">www.foodbankofscm.org</a>. There is more information in the lobby.

The **Missions Team** will be meeting on Sunday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m.

### PLEASE NOTE

If you would like to provide flowers for the **Easter Living Cross**, please bring a simple, inexpensive bouquet to the church now until March 25.

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.

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## MARCH 11, 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."

## MARCH 11, 2018

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP	Marv Robertson
Mighty to Save	Chorus
Before the Throne of God	Chorus
Heart of Worship	Chorus
I See Grace	Chorus
OFFERING	Brandon Carpenter
MESSAGE	Jim Erwin
Mighty to Save	Reprise

Altar flowers are provided by Bill and Linda Penn in memory of Linda's brother, Jim Boatman, and Bill's dad, William F. Penn.

## CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES

TODDLERS	Marcia Albright
GRADES 1-5 (Room B)	David Minard
JUNIOR HIGH (Room D)	Sharon McMeen
BIBLICAL MASCULINITY/FEMININITY	Jim and Kim Erwin

#### **MESSAGE**

## **GOD TO THE RESCUE**

(*Mark 6*)

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Miracles: Signs from Above

### I. A CASE IN CONTRASTS

- \* (Mark 6:1-5) Nazareth
- ....he could not do any miracles there!
- \* (Mark 6:53-56) Gennesaret
- ....all who touched him were healed!

## II. <u>"FAITH HEALING" (Hebrews 11:1,6)</u>

.....Do not be afraid, only believe. (Mark 5:36)

Everything is possible to him who believes (Mark 9:24)

.....Your faith has healed you. (Mark 10:52)

- \*Context for miracles:
  - 1. Impossible limitations
  - 3. Human will (*James 4:2*)
  - 2. Divine will (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)

## III. MIRACLES AUTHENTICATE THE MESSAGE

Note: (Mark 2:10-11, 16:20, 2 Corinthians 12:12)

Signs - signify something meaningful

4 categories in Mark:

1. Healing 2. Demons 3. Nature 4. Resurrection

## IV. WHAT ABOUT MIRACLES TODAY?

- 1. Our context?
- 2. The Message and the Messenger?
- 3. Spiritual "gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- 4. Counterfeits?

## **APPLICATION**

- 1. Pray for wisdom (James 1:5)
- 2. Affirm your faith in God (Mark 6:5; 9:22-24)
- 3. Ask, seek, knock, wait (Matthew 7:7, James 5:13-16)





## A Call to Prayer

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- Jim Combs -- cataract surgery on March 12.
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- Kathy Will's sister-in-law, Janet -- blood clots on lungs and bone spurs.
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- Mason Pritchett -- stage 3 acute GVHD
- Jean LaClair being treated for leukemia
- Norita Skinner -- back pain
- Morgan Albright -- death of grandmother
- Gary Ratkowski -- undergoing 12 rounds of chemotherapy at U of M.
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, Eric Algrim and family, heart issues.
- Carmel Roberts -- ongoing need for wound healing

#### **Praises**

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