

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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.

TODAY

New Adult Ed class on *Biblical Masculinity/Femininity* continues today at 11:00 a.m.. Ladies, join Kim Erwin in the fellowship hall. Guys, join Pastor Jim in the sanctuary.

MARCH EVENTS

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.

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

WAYS TO HELP

Easter Living Cross -- 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. See Lorinda Ratkowski with any questions.

Family Promise -- we will be hosting the week of April 1. Please check with Pastor Dave or look at the sign up sheets to see where you can help.

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. Go to www.foodbankofscm.org or look in the lobby for more information.

EASTER EVENTS

Easterfest -- March 24 at the Gilead Lake Access Park at 1:00 p.m. There will be an egg hunt, activities and the Easter story will be shared. Kids, bring a friend!

Good Friday Services, on March 30, sponsored by CAMA. A midday traditional service will be at Coldwater United Methodist Church at 12:30 p.m. and a contemporary service will be at 7:00 p.m. at Northview Christian Church in Coldwater.

Easter Morning -- Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Easter worship service at 9:30 a.m.

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MARCH 18, 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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NURSERY..... Char Kaufman and Sherry Neesley
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS..... Tyson and Lisa Franks

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP Praise Team
 Jesus Messiah..... Chorus
 At the Cross Chorus
 Cornerstone..... Chorus
 Give Me Jesus Chorus
OFFERING Melissa Houtz
MESSAGE Jim Erwin
 Create in Me A Clean Heart..... Chorus

*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 7](#))

INTRODUCTION:

Religion: How to be right with God?

- I. CLEAN VS. UNCLEAN ([Mark 7:1-4](#))
 * The tradition of the Elders
- II. RULES, RITES AND REGULATIONS ([Mark 7:5-13](#))
 *Hypocrites: Lip service vs. Life service
- III. THE HEART OF THE MATTER ([Mark 7:14-23](#))
 * A Pure Heart = sincere, honest, clean

THE DIRTY DOZEN (verses 21-22)

“Evil Thoughts” promote.....

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| -- sexual immorality | -- deceit |
| -- theft | --lewdness |
| -- murder | -- envy |
| -- adultery | --slander |
| -- greed | --arrogance |
| -- malice | --folly |

Note: [Galations 5:19-21](#), [Ephesians 5:3-7](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#),
[Revelations 21:8](#)

APPLICATION

Create in me a clean heart, O God ([Psalm 51:10](#))

1. Are you in a right relationship with God today?
2. Is your Christian faith more outward traditions or an inward relationship?
3. Does Jesus Christ need to cleanse your heart from any evil thoughts?
([1 John 1:5-9](#))



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

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- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke
- *Jim Combs* -- recuperating from cataract surgery on March 12.

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- Family of *Jennie Williamson* -- recent death from ALS.
- Family of *Ernie Gibson* -- Ron Will's niece's husband.
- *Kathy Will's sister-in-law, Janet* -- blood clots on lungs and bone spurs.
- *Kaysie Burnside* - recovering from surgery on March 1 to remove rods from back
- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- health issues
- *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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- III. Now read [Luke 10:1-12](#). Who else went on this second trip? What new instructions does Jesus add? What exactly is "a man of peace" in verse 6? Why could this concept help us reach unchurched people today? Finally, how could the prayer in verse 2 be a model prayer for us to regularly pray at Bethel Gilead? Is it possible that God wants all of us to be workers in his harvest field? What work does he have for us to do in the harvest?

Close your time praying for our church's mission work through our missionaries, through our Tijuana trips, and through our local outreaches. Ask God to use you to reach out to someone and invite them to church on Easter. Remember, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".



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