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 continues today at 11:00 a.m.. Ladies, join Kim Erwin in the fellowship hall. Guys, join Pastor Jim in the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

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 de Araujo with questions.

HOLY WEEK Good Friday Services, on March 30, sponsored by CAMA. A EVENTS 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.

> Way of the Cross -- March 30 at 3:00 p.m. Begins at the Congregational Church in Bronson and ends with a unity service at St. Mary's.

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

WAYS TO Easter Living Cross -- if you would like to provide flowers for HELP the Easter Living Cross, please contact Lorinda Ratkowski as soon as possible.

> Family Promise -- we will be hosting the week of April 1. Please check with Pastor Dave 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.

MARCH 25, 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP.	Tim Butters
All Glory, Laud and Honor	Hymn 173
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	Hymn 174
Hallelujah, What a Savior!	Hymn 175
There is a Redeemer	Hymn 206
OFFERING	Greg Maertin
MESSAGE	Jim Erwin
There is a Redeemer	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 15*)

INTRODUCTION:

Three Essentials of Hope

Truth, Goodness and Beauty

In him the Gentiles will put their hope (*Isaiah 42:4*)

I. THE BETRAYAL OF HOPE (Mark 14:43-52)

Even my close friend.....has lifted up his heel against me. (*Psalm 41:9*)

II. TRUTH DENIED (Mark 14:53-15:15)

Who has believed our message.....(Isaiah 53:1)

On trial before.....

- *The high court (Mark 14:53-65)
- *The governor (Mark 15:1-15)
- *A slave girl (Mark 14:66-72)

III. GOODNESS DEGRADED (Mark 15:16-23)

He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth. (*Isaiah 53:7*)

IV. BEAUTY DEBASED (Mark 15:24-41)

Like one from whom men hid their faces....and he was cut off from the land of the living. (Isaiah 53:3,8)

V. THE BURIAL OF HOPE (Mark 15:42-47)

He was assigned a grave with the wicked (*Isaiah 53:9*)

APPLICATION

- 1. Where does your hope come from?
- 2. In hope, do you find truth, goodness and beauty?
- 3. Is our "Easter Hope" worth sharing with others?





A Call to Prayer

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- Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma -- stroke

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Praises

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