

## 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.*

### THANK YOU

**Easter Living Cross** -- Thank you for all who donated flowers for the Living Cross, including *Mayesh of Romulus, MI, Neitzerts' Greenhouse of Coldwater, The Burnside family and members of the BGCC congregation*. Please feel free to stay and take pictures!

### THIS WEEK

**Rent-a-Youth** -- if you have projects you need help with, you can "hire" some youth to help this week during their spring break. You can make a donation, which will help with their support of a Compassion International child. There is information and a sign up sheet in the lobby or contact Sharon McMeen.

### NEXT WEEK

**Christian Ed** classes will resume next Sunday for toddlers, children through grade 5, junior high and an adult ed class on Biblical Masculinity/Femininity.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Forgotten Man Ministries Fundraising Banquet** --- Tuesday, April 17 at the Dearth Center at 6:00 p.m. There is information in the lobby or see Ron Will. RSVP by April 9.

### WAYS TO HELP

**Family Promise** -- we are hosting two adults and a seven year old boy this week. 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](http://www.foodbankofscm.org) or look in the lobby for more information.

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## APRIL 1, 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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**APRIL 1, 2018**

NURSERY ..... Char Kaufman and Anna Mae Wickey  
SOUND ROOM ..... Kenny Bennett  
GREETERS ..... Youth

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP ..... Youth  
    *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* ..... Chorus  
    *In Christ Alone* ..... Chorus  
    *He Lives* ..... Hymn 220  
OFFERING ..... Youth  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... The Tale of the Three Trees  
MESSAGE ..... Jim Erwin  
    *He Lives* ..... Hymn 220

*Altar flowers are provided by Jeff and Michele Lake  
in memory of Michele's dad, Deo Olmsted.*

*Happy Easter!!*

*May God bless you with a renewed sense of hope and joy.*

*Jesus is alive!*

*And, because he lives, we will too.*

*Enjoy the day!*

## **MESSAGE**

### **"MAGDALENE"**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he  
appeared first to Mary Magdalene..... ([Mark 16:8](#))

#### **I. "MARY OF MAGDELA" ([Luke 8:2](#))**

- \*A follower and supporter of Jesus
- \*Delivered from 7 demons
- “Mental anguish and soul suffering”

#### **II. RESCUED FROM “A SINFUL LIFE”? ([Luke 7:36-50](#))**

- \*Anointing with perfume
- \*Parable -- the power of gratitude
- “Much forgiven = much love”

#### **III. MARY FAITHFUL TO THE END ([Mark 15:40,47](#))**

- \*At the cross (verse 40)
- \*At the burial (verse 47)
- \*Easter morning ([Mark 16:1](#))
- Note [John 20:1, 10-18](#)

## **APPLICATION**

1. Do you believe in the power of a changed life?
2. What difference can Jesus make for you?
  - \*past sins forgiven
  - \*mental anguish relieved
  - \*a new purpose for living
3. Will you be faithful to the end?
  - \*The power of gratitude



## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions

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- *Danielle Tucker's uncle Lowell* passed away
- *Wanda DeBolt* -- healing and wisdom of doctors
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke; brother David has cancer

### Continue to remember those in need

- *Arwan Mallay* -- daughter of missionaries being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma.
- *Jim Eley* -- back at Maple Lawn -- heart issues
- *Dee Eley* -- Recuperating from COPD; out of hospital
- *Al Miller* -- recuperating from angioplasty and stent procedure.
- 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* -- stage 4 liver cancer
- *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.
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- *Carmel Roberts* -- ongoing need for wound healing

### Praises

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