

## 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.*

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

### THIS WEEK

**Women's Fellowship** meets Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Marcia Wilcox is the hostess. Ladies, come and be blessed by the fellowship!

**"I Believe in Prayer" Initiative** -- Make sure you have a Prayer Guide to take home with you. From April 11 - May 20, Christians across Branch County will be lifting up daily requests as one voice.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped host **Family Promise** this past week.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Executive Committee** meets on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the **Council Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

**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's are requested by April 9.

**"Spring Forward" Sunday** -- plan on attending Sunday, May 6 and participating in a modified worship service, followed by a cookout lunch and an afternoon planning session. More information will be coming.

**The Coach Eby Youth and Family Center Spring Banquet** is May 10 at 6:00 p.m. Call 517-278-5031 or go to [www.ebycenter.org](http://www.ebycenter.org) for more information.

### WAYS TO 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 8, 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 8, 2018**

NURSERY.....Linda Penn and Shanda Carpenter  
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett  
GREETERS..... Gordon and Verna Miller

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP.....Rick Hollister  
    *We Have Come Into His House*..... Hymn 588  
    *Christ Arose*..... Hymn 216  
    *Our God Reigns*..... Hymn 229  
    *There Is a Redeemer*..... Hymn 206  
OFFERING..... Tim Long  
SPECIAL MUSIC.....Gillian Carpenter  
MESSAGE.....Jim Erwin  
    *There Is a Redeemer*..... Reprise

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

## **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 8)**

#### **I. A SIGN FROM ABOVE** ([\*Mark 8:11-21\*](#))

\*If you are the son of God.....([\*Mark 1:13\*](#))

\*The Yeast of the Pharisees

([\*Matthew 16:12\*](#)) = Unbiblical teaching

Two Christian “isms” = Legalism and Liberalism

Three Cultural “isms” = Hedonism, Materialism, Humanism

#### **II. TRUE IDENTITY** ([\*Mark 8:27-30\*](#))

\*Who is Jesus?

\*C.S. Lewis: “The Trilemma”

Lord - Liar - Lunatic

\*Who do you say that I am?

#### **III. TRUE MISSION** ([\*Mark 8:31-33\*](#))

\*Suffer - Die - Rise again

\*The Things of Men vs. the Things of God

#### **IV. TRUE COMMITMENT** ([\*Mark 8:34-38\*](#))

\*True discipleship is costly

\*What can a man give in exchange for his soul?

## **APPLICATION**

1. What are you tempted to exchange for your soul?
2. Which of the “isms” threatens your faith today?
3. Who do you say Jesus is?

*If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and believe in  
your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*  
([\*Romans 10:9\*](#))



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- *Kathy Will's sister-in-law, Janet* -- blood clots on lungs and bone spurs.
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