

## 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.*

**THIS WEEK “I Believe in Prayer” Initiative** -- From April 11 - May 20, Christians across Branch County will be lifting up daily requests as one voice. There are Prayer Guides available in the lobby or on the church website. The daily scripture and prayers are also available each day on the church’s Facebook page.

**Executive Committee** meets on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the **Council Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is free to attend the Council meeting or you can contact a Council member with any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE “Willing Hearts -- Helping Hands”** -- Women’s Fellowship Scholarship applications are at the Information Center. The deadline for applying is May 6.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR National Day of Prayer** -- Thursday, May 3 -- prayer breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. Prayer at noon at the flagpole in the front of the Branch County courthouse in Coldwater.

**“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.

**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 15, 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 15, 2018**

NURSERY..... Deb Springer and Char Kaufman

SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett

GREETERS..... Solano and Jennie deAraujo

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard

OPENING WORSHIP..... Praise Team

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*..... Chorus

*And All the People Said Amen*..... Chorus

*How Great is Our God*..... Chorus

*Shadow of Your Hand*..... Chorus

OFFERING..... Melissa Houtz

MISSION MOMENT..... Compassion International

MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin

*Shadow of Your Hand*..... 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 9)**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

An "I was there" moment.

*We were eye witnesses of his majesty.....2 Peter 1:16*

#### **I. THE TRANSFIGURATION***(Mark 9:1-13)*

\*A glimpse of glory

\*Brightness *(Ezekiel 1, Revelation 1)*

\*Moses and Elijah *(Malachi 4, Revelation 11)*

\*An audible voice

\**(John 1:14, 2 Peter 1:16-18)*

#### **II. TRUE GREATNESS** *(Mark 9:33-41)*

\*The Superiority of Service

\*Other oriented living

#### **III. AN UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM**

\*Note: *Mark 10:35-45*

\**(Philippians 2:3-4)*

## **APPLICATION**

1. Has God ever given you a glimpse of glory?
2. What is the evidence that God's kingdom has come to your life?
3. How great a person are you? How great a church are we?

***"Every Saint a Servant"!***

## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions

- Family of *David Wickey*
- *Norita Skinner* -- recuperating from flu and pneumonia
- *Rick Butters* -- problems with diabetes
- *Danielle Tucker's uncle Lowell* passed away
- *Wanda DeBolt* -- healing and wisdom of doctors
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke

### 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.
- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- stage 4 liver cancer
- *Mason Pritchett* -- stage 3 acute GVHD
- *Jean LaClair* - being treated for leukemia
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, *Eric Algrim and family*, heart issues.
- *Carmel Roberts* -- ongoing need for wound healing

### Praises

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- *Mary Stall* -- Dale Davis' cousin--in remission.
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- III. Now read [Mark 10:23-27](#). What is the meaning of a camel passing through a needle, and why is it so hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom? How does Jesus pacify the disciples? In what sense is your salvation impossible for you, but possible for God? Note [Romans 3:21-28](#).
- IV. Finally, read [Mark 10:28-31](#). What exactly is Jesus trying to explain in this passage? In what ways are we paid back a hundred times more in this life? And, what about persecution? Is this promise meant for the early disciples or for us as well? Any examples?

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