

## 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 you can get the daily scriptures and prayers on the church website or on the church’s Facebook page.

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

Are you interested in a trip to **The Ark Encounter in Kentucky?** There will be a planning meeting next Sunday, April 29 after worship service to discuss a possible trip this summer. Use the sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**National Day of Prayer** -- Thursday, May 3 -- prayer breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. RSVP to 517-279-7912 by May 1. Prayer at noon at 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

**LifeWalk 2018** -- Saturday, May 12 at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. There are flyers at the Information Center in the lobby about this fund raiser for Beginnings Care for Life Center.

**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 on the Information Center for details.

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## APRIL 22, 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 22, 2018**

NURSERY.....Kristi Long and Laura Jury  
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett  
GREETERS.....Sherry McNees and Sharon Shyrigh

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP .....Tim Butters  
    *There's Something About That Name*..... Hymn 102  
    *His Name Is Life*..... Hymn 114  
    *In The Garden (no chorus on verse 2)*..... Hymn 425  
    *I Need Thee Every Hour* ..... Hymn 428  
    *Sweet Hour of Prayer*..... Hymn 433  
OFFERING .....Brandon Carpenter  
MESSAGE .....Jim Erwin  
    *Seek Ye First (verse 1)*..... Hymn 42

*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 10)**

#### **I. JESUS TESTED ON DIVORCE** *(Mark 10:1-12)*

- \*Divorce and Old Testament Law *(Deuteronomy 24:1-4)*
- \*Permitted, not Prescribed
  - Unfaithfulness *(Matthew 19:9)*
  - Abandonment *(1 Corinthians 7:15)*
- \*The Marriage Covenant *(Genesis 2:24)*
  - Leave - Cleave -- One flesh
- \**(Ephesians 5:31-32)* The Reputation of Christ

#### **II. CHILDREN AND THE KINGDOM** *(Mark 10:13-16)*

.....Unless you receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, you will never enter it.

#### **III. THE KINGDOM, EARTHLY WEALTH AND ETERNAL LIFE** *(Mark 10:17-31)*

- Q: What must I do to inherit eternal life (enter the kingdom)?
- \*Treasure in heaven vs. Treasure on earth
  - \*Man's impossibility = God's opportunity *(Romans 3:20-21)*
  - \*The pay off = 100 times as much!
    - \**(Matthew 6:33)*

## **APPLICATION**

1. What will you inherit? Eternal life?
2. Have you received the kingdom of God like a little child?
3. Do you uphold God's high standards or do you lower them for your own sake?



## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions

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- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- *Breana Dules* -- cancer
- *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

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- *Dee Eley* -- Recuperating from COPD
- *Al Miller* -- recuperating from angioplasty and stent procedure.
- *Kathy Will's sister-in-law, Janet* -- blood clots on lungs and bone spurs.
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- *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.
- *Lee Bidwell* -- some healing in leg; back to work.
- *Kerry Skinner* -- being treated for vertigo

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