

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.

Are you interested in a trip to **The Ark Encounter in Kentucky**? There is a planning meeting today after worship service to discuss a possible trip soon.

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.

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.

Anniversary Open House -- Join Dale and Sally Davis as they celebrate 50 years of marriage on Saturday, May 5 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for a cake and ice cream social in the fellowship hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

“Spring Forward” Retreat Sunday -- plan on attending Sunday, May 6. See the bulletin insert for more information.

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

Women’s Fellowship Quilt Raffle --During the month of May, the Women’s Fellowship will be offering raffle tickets for a hand-made quilt. See the bulletin insert for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Coach Eby Youth and Family Center Spring Appreciation Banquet -- May 10 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP 278-5031 (seating is limited)

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

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APRIL 29, 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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NURSERY..... Chark Kaufman and Sherry Neesley
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS..... Sue Ann Craft and RoyaAnn Sheets

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Youth
 Shout to the Lord..... Chorus
 Above All..... Chorus
 Potters Hand..... Chorus
 Shine Jesus Shine..... Chorus
OFFERING
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
 Above All..... 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 11)

I. "THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY" ([Mark 11:1-11](#))

*Scripture fulfilled ([Zechariah 9:9](#))

He came to his own, but his own didn't receive him.....([John 1:11](#))

II. ISRAEL -- THE FIG TREE ([Mark 11:12-14](#))

* Barren -- cursed -- withered ([Mark 11:20](#))

*The prayers of faith ([Mark 11:22-24](#))

*Forgiveness ([Matthew 6:12](#), [James 5:16](#))

III. CLEANSING THE TEMPLE ([Mark 11:15-19](#))

* A house of profit or prayer?

* Your body is a temple, "the house of God"

([John 14:23](#), [1 Corinthians 6:19](#))

IV. FULL AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED ([Mark 11:27-33](#))

*Who gave you the right?

*All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me.....

([Matthew 28:18](#))

*Our Creed: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD ([Romans 10:9](#))

APPLICATION

1. Do you recognize him as the maximum authority of your life?
2. Has Jesus made a triumphal entry into your heart?
3. Are you bearing fruit for his glory?

Psalm 1:3



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- The Family of *Linda Smith's niece, Kari*
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- The Family of *Breana Dules*
- *Norita Skinner* -- recuperating from flu and pneumonia
- *Rick Butters* -- problems with diabetes
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke

Continue to remember those in need

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- Family of *David Wickey*
- *Kathy Will's sister-in-law, Janet* -- blood clots on lungs and bone spurs.
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- *Carmel Roberts* -- ongoing need for wound healing

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- IV. Now read the Sadducees' attempt to stump Jesus in Mark 12:18-27. Who exactly were the Sadducees and why didn't they believe in the resurrection? Do we have an equivalent religious group today? According to Jesus, what was their primary error and how does this fit for doctrinal errors today?
- V. Next read Mark 12:28-34. What do you think, was this question sincere or another trap? What impresses you about Jesus' summary of God's law? How does this relate to us today as Christians? Note Jesus' closing comments that silence his critics in Mark 12:35-40.

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