

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.

“Spring Forward” -- Plan on staying after worship service for a one hour retreat session, a cookout lunch provided by the men of the church and a second one hour retreat session.

“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.

THIS WEEK

Women’s Fellowship -- meets Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hostess is Mary Ellyn Turner. Ladies, come and be blessed by the fellowship!

Coach Eby Youth and Family Center Spring Appreciation Banquet -- May 10 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP 278-5031 (seating is limited). You can get more information at www.ebycenter.org.

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 or you can get information at www.beginningscare.com

PLEASE NOTE

Women’s Fellowship Quilt Raffle --Starting today and all during the month of May the Women’s Fellowship will be offering raffle tickets for a handmade quilt. The quilt is on display in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you don’t want to participate in the raffle, you can make a donation. Proceeds go to help with the scholarship fund.

May calendars with worship service schedules are available at the information center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

“I Believe in Prayer” Gathering -- May 20 at 2:00 p.m. at “The Bowl” at Northview Christian Church in Coldwater. Bring a lawn chair and listen to Marquis Laughlin. At 3:00 p.m. will be pastor-led prayers for Branch County and beyond. Prayer Guides are on the church’s website or posted to Facebook daily.

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MAY 6, 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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MAY 6, 2018

NURSERY..... Sally Davis and Anna Mae Wickey
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett
GREETERS..... Josh and Erica Norton

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Jim Erwin
 Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart..... Chorus
 O How He Loves You and Me..... Hymn 513
 Lord You are More Precious..... Chorus
 He's Alive!..... Chorus
 Ain't It Grand to be a Christian..... Chorus
 Who's the King of the Jungle?..... Chorus
OFFERING..... Tim Long
MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin
 Take My Life/Fully Alive..... Chorus

*Altar flowers are provided by Bruce and Char Kaufman
in memory of their mothers, Ruth Kaufman and Marjorie Keeslar*

RETREAT SESSIONS

TODDLERS..... Sarah Boyer
GRADES 1-5..... Al Ross
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND ADULTS..... Pastor Jim

MESSAGE

ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE **(PSALM 90)**

Introduction: The Big Thompson Canyon Flood

I. GOD ALONE IS TRANSCENDANT (ETERNAL)

(Psalm 90:1-2)

*Generations!

*Oh God our help in ages past.....

II. LIFE ON EARTH IS TRANSITORY (TEMPORAL)

(Psalm 90:3-11)

* The Desert Experience -- 1 million funerals in 40 years!

* 3D living -- discouragement, doubt and despair.

* Solomon -- disillusionment *(Ecclesiastes 1:2)*

III. WISDOM BEGINS WITH REFLECTION *(Psalm 90:12)*

* Count your days -- make every day count!

* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom *(Proverbs 9:10)*

IV. TRUE SATISFACTION *(Psalm 90:13-17)*

*The secret of significance = permanence. What lasts?

*"Establish the work of our hands"

*"Only one life, it will soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last."*

APPLICATION

1. What have you discovered in your own search for significance?
2. Have you ever sat down and numbered your days?
3. Of all that you are doing, what will last? What is actually eternally significant?



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *Lisa Franks* -- recovering from stomach illness
- *Kim Erwin* -- recovering from bursitis
- *Jack Florent's brother-in-law, Ron* -- heart blockage
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- *Rick Butters* -- problems with diabetes
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke

Continue to remember those in need

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- The Family of *Breana Dules*
- *Arwan Mallay* -- 10 year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma.
- Family of *David Wickey*
- *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
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- II. Now go back and read again [Mark 12:1-11](#). What does this parable cover? How does this relate to the destruction of the temple from [Mark 13:2](#)? Read [Luke 19:41-44](#). According to Jesus, why would Jerusalem be sieged and overrun by the Romans? Note [Luke 21:20-24](#).
- III. Return to Mark 13. Read [Mark 13:4](#) and compare it with [Matthew 24:3](#). What specifically do the disciples ask Jesus? Two questions -- what are they? Are they one and the same, or do they point to two (or three) different events? If so, what would they be?
- IV. The span of time between the fall of Jerusalem and the second coming is known as “the Times of the Gentiles”. Who are the Gentiles? What might this “time” be? Read [Luke 21:24](#). When will the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled? Note [Luke 21:7-11](#), [Matthew 24:10-14](#).
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