

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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.

TODAY

“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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made the Mother’s Day cookout successful last Sunday. Thank you also for everyone who participated and made possible the Spring Forward planning retreat.

PLEASE NOTE

Focus on Missions -- Sue Saunders is our Missionary Focus for May. There is more information about Sue at the Information Center.

Women’s Fellowship Quilt Raffle -- the Women’s Fellowship is offering raffle tickets for a handmade quilt, which is on display in the lobby. (This event is in lieu of the soup and sandwich fundraiser). 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 the scholarship fund.

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.

WAYS TO HELP

The Buehrer Family in Concert -- May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. This is a benefit concert to help Donny and Marge Burrell, who lost everything in a house fire in April.

Shelterhouse Donations -- For their meeting in June, Women’s Fellowship will be collecting items for the Shelterhouse in Coldwater. If you would like to donate, the wish list is at the Information Center. Please have them here by June 10 and place them in bags in the Fellowship Hall under the mailboxes.

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MAY 13, 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 13, 2018

NURSERY Linda Penn and Deb Springer

SOUND ROOM Kenny Bennett

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard

OPENING WORSHIP Rick Hollister

I Love You, Lord Hymn 80

Revive Us Again Hymn 295

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Hymn 354

We Are So Blessed Hymn 564

OFFERING Brandon Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC Ashley Butters

MESSAGE Jim Erwin

Revive Us Again Reprise

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

CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES

TODDLERS Marcia Albright

GRADES 1-5 David Minard

JUNIOR HIGH Sharon McMeen

ADULT ED Jim and Kim Erwin

Happy Mother's Day!!

MESSAGE

GOD TO THE RESCUE **(MARK 13)**

Introduction: Stay Awake!

I. THE OLIVET DISCOURSE ([*Mark 13:1-4*](#))

*Jesus' last days predictions

2 questions -- double emphasis ([*Matthew 24:3*](#))

1. When will these things happen?

2. What will be "the signs" of the end?

II. THESE THINGS? THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

* Note [*Mark 12:9-10*](#) - The tenants lose the vineyard.

* Jerusalem seiged and sacked ([*Luke 19:41-44*](#); [*21:20-24*](#))

* The Rebuild the Temple Society

III. MEANWHILE.....THE DISCIPLES?? ([*Mark 13:9-11*](#))

* Note [*Luke 21:12-19*](#)

* "The Terrific Twelve"

Therefore, keep watch! ([*Mark 13:37*](#))

APPLICATION

(Categorize yourself)

1. Are you awake or asleep?

2. Are you ready or not?

3. Are you informed or ignorant?

4. Are you faithful or neglectful?

[*Mark 13:32-37*](#)

Next week: The appearance of Anti-Christ



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *Kristi Long's father* -- heart issues
- *The family of Russell Nichols*, Don Ledbetter's father-in-law
- *Lisa Franks* -- digestive concerns
- *Jack Florent's brother-in-law, Ron* -- heart blockage
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- stroke

Continue to remember those in need

- The Family of *Linda Smith's niece, Kari*
- 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.
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