

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.

“I Believe in Prayer” Gathering -- today at 2:00 p.m. at “The Bowl” at Northview Christian Church in Coldwater. Bring a lawn chair and listen to Marquis Laughlin do a dramatic solo scripture presentation of Acts 1-9. At 3:00 p.m. there will be pastor-led prayers for Branch County and beyond.

Men’s Fishing Derby -- Saturday, May 26 at 7:30 a.m. Begins at the Gilead Lake Public Access; fish till 11:00 a.m. Lunch is at 897 Gilead Lake from 11:00 - noon. Please use the sign up sheets if you plan on attending.

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.

WAYS TO HELP

The Buehrer Family in Concert -- tonight 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.

We are hosting **Family Promise** May 27 - June 3. Please check the sign up sheets or check with Pastor David to see how you might help.

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 20, 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 Shanda Carpenter and Kristi Long

SOUND ROOM Kenny Bennett

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard

OPENING WORSHIP Praise Team

Thrive Chorus

It Is You We Adore Chorus

Reckless Love Chorus

I Surrender All Hymn 366

OFFERING Melissa Houtz

FOCUS ON MISSIONS Sue Saunders

MESSAGE Jim Erwin

I Surrender All 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

MESSAGE

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

Last week: *Part One -- the destruction of the Temple*
Today: *The Sign of the end of the age.*

I. SIGNS OF THE TIMES ([*Mark 13:5-13*](#))

- *Religious deception
- *World wars
- *International Conflicts
- *Natural disasters
- *Famine
- *Evangelization of all nations
- *Persecution

II. THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION ([*Mark 13:14-17*](#))

- * A broken covenant with Israel ([*Daniel 9:27*](#))
- * The man of lawlessness revealed ([*2 Thess. 2:3-4*](#))
- * Note: The Temple Connection

III. THE ANTI CHRIST IS COMING!

- *Counterfeit signs and wonders ([*2 Thess. 2:9-11*](#))
- * John's Revelation of the Beast ([*Revelation 13:1-10*](#))

*This calls for faithfulness and patient endurance on the part of
the Saints (verse 10)*

APPLICATION

1. Are you developing patient endurance?
2. Can you interpret the signs of the times?
3. Are you determined to stand firm until the end?

He who stands firm to the end will be saved. ([*Mark 13:13*](#))

Next week: *The Rapture, the Mark of the Beast
and the Great Tribulation.*



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *Gary Ratkowski* -- possible cancer recurrence
- *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.
- *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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