

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

THIS WEEK **Women's Fellowship Meeting** -- June 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Please remember your donations for the Shelterhouse.

NEXT WEEK **Graduation Sunday** is June 17. We will be honoring our high school graduates during worship service.

Executive Committee/Council Meeting -- Monday, June 18. Executive Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. Council meets at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONS The **Missions Focus** for June is on *Alvaro and Raquel Garriga*, missionaries in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia through Interserve USA. The Garrigas are expecting their first baby in November, so we are collecting money for a special donation to them for this special event. Look for the bassinet in the lobby, where there are envelopes and more information about the Garriga's.

WAYS TO HELP **VBS Day Camp** will be July 9 - 12 at Lake Luther in Angola for kids entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall. Register your child by July 1 to get the "Early Bird" rate of \$25.00. After July 1 it is \$30.00. Registration forms and information are on the Information Center. If you can help, please see Pastors Jim or Dave or let the office know.

Branch County Kids College will be July 23-27. If you can teach or help, there are applications at the Information Center. Please see Sharon McMeen with any questions.

Graduation Open Houses:

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS *Joshua Falknor* -- Today from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Adyson Lasky -- Friday, June 15, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at 770 Gilead Lake Road in Bronson.

Kiana Mayer -- Saturday, June 23, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 824 Gilead Lake Road in Bronson

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JUNE 10, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

LINGER LONGER: 11:00 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 Anna Mae Wickey and Linda Penn

SOUND ROOM Kenny Bennett

GREETERS Solano and Jennie deAraujo

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard

OPENING WORSHIP Praise Team with Marv Robertson

This Is the Day Chorus

Here is Love Chorus

How Deep the Father's Love Chorus

Testify to Love Chorus

Revelation Song Chorus

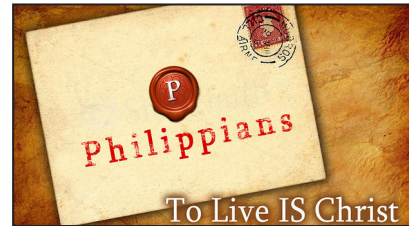
OFFERING Brandon Carpenter

MESSAGE David Minard

CLOSING SONG *How Deep the Father's Love*

*Altar flowers are provided by
Corey and Angie McNees and family
in memory of Mike McNees*

*Join us following worship service
for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall!*



PAUL'S LETTER TO FELLOW BELIEVERS

*He who started this good work
will complete it.
([Philippians 1](#))*

INTRODUCTION:

You are not alone. The God who brought you into this world, who has started this good work within you will see it through. The best thing is that you are not without God and you are not without fellow believers.

Certainly, we all have those times when we are awakened in the middle of the night feeling anxious or empty. Why is it that we find ourselves feeling alone in our struggles and doubts? Have our carefully made plans left us feeling empty? Even though the garage might be filled with all our toys, why don't they satisfy? Well, it is not too late to find what we truly have been looking for. There is an answer to our anxious thoughts and there is assurance to dissolve our doubts.

I. STRIVING TOGETHER UNITES US IN CHRIST

- "More than a business partnership" [Philippians 1:5](#)
 - Greek word "Koinonia": *sharing in communion, fellowship in the spirit.* [2 Cor. 13](#)
 - Affection comes from Christ as they strive together [Phil. 1:8](#)
 - It is God's way of doing business [Phil. 1:12, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 10:1-4](#)

II. PRAYING TOGETHER UNITES US IN CHRIST

- Your prayers unite you to others and Christ: [Philippians 1:3](#)
- Prayers make a difference: [Philippians 1:19-20](#)
- Jesus taught his disciples to pray: [Matt. 6:9-13](#)

III. SUFFERING TOGETHER UNITES US IN CHRIST

- "For it has been granted...also to suffer for him." [Philippians 1:29](#)
- "been granted" = Greek, to show favor in your suffering for the Gospel
- Suffering is the Game Changer: [Philippians 1:9-11](#)

APPLICATION:

1. Who are striving with? It will either unite you to Christ or pull you away.
2. Does your suffering cause you to seek God, to call out to him for yourself or more importantly for another?
3. In your suffering, "has your love abounded more and more in understanding"?



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

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- *John Delgado* -- Mary Jo Evans' brother, prostate cancer
- Bonnie Miller's nephew, *Troy Lanes* -- neck surgery on June 25.
- *Carmel Roberts* --upcoming surgery; date to be determined.
- *The family of Jean Fields* - close friend of David and Phyllis Minard, Jean was married to Charles Fields for 72 years.
- *Sherrie Ankner* -- inner ear infection
- *The family of Tillie Lopez* -- Mary Jo Evans' sister
- *Jo Mayer* -- severe back problems
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- cancer surgery on June 13
- *Jack Florent's brother-in-law, Ron* -- heart blockage
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* -- internal bleeding

Continue to remember those in need

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- *The family of Russell Nichols*, Don Ledbetter's father-in-law
- *Arwan Mallay* -- 10 year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- is home after first round of treatment following surgery.
- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- stage 4 liver cancer
- *Jean LaClair* - being treated for leukemia
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, *Eric Algrim and family*, heart issues.

Praises

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- *Harrison Todd McMeen* - newborn son of Micah and Zarian McMeen and grandson of Mark and Sharon McMeen, born on May 6

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