

# 29 DECEMBER SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Welcome to our worship service!! There is a baby nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Children (toddlers through fifth grade) will be dismissed for children's church after opening worship.

**TODAY** There are no Sunday School classes today. A Happy and Blessed New Year to you and yours!

**NEXT SUNDAY** **MINNET meeting** -- MINNET teams will meet next Sunday, January 5, during Sunday School hour.

**Potluck** -- There will be a potluck after Sunday School classes next Sunday, January 5. Bring your favorite passing dish and enjoy the fellowship!

**WAYS TO HELP** There is a new sign up sheet in the lobby for meals for **Celebrate Recovery** meetings on Thursdays. Please indicate where you can help.

**Greeters** -- If you can help with greeting in 2020, please see the sign up sheet in the lobby.

**THANK YOU** **Viking Care Center** -- Thank you to all who donated items for the kids of Bronson Schools. They are deeply appreciated!

**Christmas decorations** -- Thank you to all who decorated for Christmas and who purchased a poinsettia for the *Christmas Memory Garden*.

**Mailboxes** -- remember to check your mailbox in the fellowship hall. If you don't see your name, please let the office know.



**Ways to Give** -- Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](http://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also choose electronic giving by completing the Giving Authorization Form and attaching a voided check. Forms are available in the lobby.

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Bethel Gilead Community Church

876 Block Rd. Bronson MI. 49028

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9:30

WORSHIP

10:10

JR. CHURCH

"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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Serving Today

Greeters.....Bill and Linda Penn

Nursery ..... Patty Leggett and Kristi Long

Order of Worship Service

Announcements and Opening Prayer..... David Minard

Christmas Hymn Sing.....Rick Hollister and Mary Butters

Offering..... Paul Alger

Message..... David Minard

Worship service volunteers for January 5:

Nursery..... Kendra Siefken and Char Kaufman

Offering Prayer ..... Frank Cabrera

Greeters ..... Carl Stahly and Jack Florent

## Seeing God in the Journey

The Book of Ruth

### Setting:

Bethlehem (*"Land of Bread"*)

Moab (*decedent of Lot, forbidden to marry*).

### Characters:

Elimelek-father (*"My God is King"*)

Naomi-mother (*"Pleasant," later denies her name and says 'no, call be bitterness.'*)

Mahlon-son, husband of Ruth (*weak, sick or wounded and soon dies*)

Kilion-son, husband to Orpah (*pinning, wasting away and soon dies*)

Ruth the Moabite, widow to Mahlon remarries to Boaz (*comrade, friend*)

Oprah a Moabite, widow to Kilion (*gazelle or stiff neck*)

Boaz-close relative to Naomi, marries Ruth (*in strength or by strength*)

Yahweh: *Proper name of God (does not speak, personal and providential)*

### Literary Techniques:

Situation Irony, *the author creates a situation in which actions have an effect that is contrary to what was expected.*

Charactonym, *a name especially for a fictional character that suggests a distinctive trait of the character.*

### I. Own the Journey ([Ruth 1:1-5](#))

A) *"Many are the plans..."* [Prov. 19:21](#)

B) *"How can a man understand his ways?"* [Prov. 20:24](#)

C) *"In Him all things created...in Him and for Him."* [Col. 1:16](#)

### II. The Journey Back . . . to Bethlehem ([Ruth 1:16-18](#))

A) *"There is a way that seems right...in the end is death."* [Prov. 16:25](#)

B) *"and he began to teach them..."* [Matt. 5:2-13](#)

### III. Journey Forward ([Ruth 3](#))

A) *"For I know the plans I have for you..."* [Jer. 29:10-12](#)

B) *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author...of our faith."* [Heb. 12:2](#)

B) *"For we are his workmanship..."* [Eph. 2:10](#)

### Application

1. Own the Journey: *Is God our author? Are we about his plans?*
2. The Journey Back: *Do we need to return to Christ and to his plans?*
3. Journey Forward: *Does God need to awaken us from our sleep-to be made aware of our "cold feet?"*

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Keith Jackson -- Crohn's disease  
Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer  
Rick Brown -- Dale Davis' nephew; stage 4 cancer  
Dan Minard -- Dave's brother; pancreatic cancer  
Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer  
Paul Lane -- heart blockage

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