

Live the Life



Be the Church



Extend the Kingdom



Bethel Gilead Community Church 876 Block Rd. Bronson MI. 49028



"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."



# "Eye of the Storm" Navigating the Winds of Change

#### Introduction

#### THE CORONA CRISIS = AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS

- I. Panic and the Fear of Death
  - ....to free those who all their lives were held captive by their fear of death (*Hebrews 2:15*)
- II. King David: Freedom over Fear

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil......(<u>Psalm 23:4</u>)

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be (*Psalm 139:16*)

III. <u>David</u> -- "plagued" by Enemies (<u>1 Samuel 19:1-3</u>)

King Saul (Psalm 18, 57, 59)

Doeg (Psalm 52) Absolom (Psalm 3) Cush (Psalm 7)

<u>Abimelech</u> (<u>Psalm 34</u>) Aram (<u>Psalm 60</u>) Philestines (<u>Psalm 56</u>)

IV. The Power of Perspective (2 Timothy 1:7)

Sonship (Romans 8:15)

Perfect Love (1 John 4:18)

Your best day (Ecclessiastes 7:1-2)

# **Application**

Nothing is worth living for unless it's worth dying for"

- 1. Keep the end in mind.
  - "When it comes time to die, make sure that all you have to do is die"
- 2. Live without regrets -- live each day as if it were your last.
- 3. Finish strong! Trust God's timing. (Psalms 31:5; 139:16)

God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

# Live the Life with Prayer



#### Recent additions

Family of Sarah Jane Fair's daughter, Diane

Family of Kristi Long's Aunt Joyce

Wanda Kosmerick -- lung tumor

Jay Brinkman -- recovering from surgery to remove brain tumor

Rick and Marcia Wilcox's granddaughter, Ashley

Lynn Mayer's sister, Elizabeth -- stroke

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Ron Will -- eye may be saved, surgery is on hold

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, 22 year old with leukemia - waiting for stem cell donor for transplant

Co-worker of Marcia Albright -- loss of 9 month old child

Dan Minard -- Dave's brother, recuperating from pancreatic cancer surgery

Tim Long -- being tested for digestive issues

Keith McGuire -- recovering at home from surgery for aortic aneurysm.

Mary Butters -- high blood pressure concerns

Sharon Shyrigh -- health issues

Kathy Will's sister, Chris -- heart problems

Shane and Jessie Harris -- loss of newborn

Charlie Nussbaum -- 7 year old with brain tumor

Brandon Carpenter -- injured hand

Frank Cabrera's brother - Tito, liver cancer

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer

## Continue to Remember Those in Need

Sarah Jane Fair - back and hip pain

Jim Wickey -- several health issues

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Russ Heckathorn -- recurrence of lung cancer

Jeff Craft, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer

Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom -- stage 4 liver cancer; responding to meds

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn

Bob Rogers -- Aperion Care in Angola

Suette Burnside -- The Laurels

Rick Wilcox - Alzheimer's

Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Eric Smotherman -- COPD

Ginny Boatman -- Northern Lakes

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



# PLEASE NOTE

**Prayer Requests** -- During the quarantine period, please contact the office or Pastor Dave with any prayer requests.

**Morning Devotional Time** -- Pastor Dave is on Facebook (BGCC Live) Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m. leading a devotional time. **Spiritual Disciplines** are available on the church website, <u>www.bethelgilead.org.</u> or the office can mail you a copy.

If you want to be part of a **Wednesday night (7:00 p.m.) small group** on Zoom, let Pastor Dave know so he can text you an invitation.

**Reach out** -- Send a note to one of our homebound members. Let them know you are thinking of them and they are in your prayers.

Norita Skinner: Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, 50 Sanderson Lane, Coldwater

Shirley Bogen: Drews Place, 289 Perkins Street, Coldwater Rick and Marcia Wilcox -- 22 Edison Court, Coldwater Eric Smotherman -- 109 Cutter Avenue, Coldwater

Please consider sending a *note of sympathy* to Sarah Jane Fair at 435 Wayne Street, #134, Bronson, Michigan.

**Scholarship Applications** -- The Women's Fellowship is now taking applications for their annual scholarships. If you want a copy mailed or emailed, contact the church office.



**Ways to Give** — Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. If you would like an automatic debit once a month, ask the office for an authorization form.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION: