

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

## A Compass in Crisis (Romans 15:4)

#### I. The 911 Crisis -- A National Wake-up Call!

(2 Chronicles 7:14) If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.

#### II. The Historic Context

(Israel's national covenant with God)

(<u>Deuteronomy 6:4-8; 8:8-20</u>)

(Judges 2:1-15)

(2 Kings 17:13-18)

#### The Sin Cycle

"Success" -- Pride -- Disobedience/Moral Compromise -- Depravity -- Bondage

#### III. America -- in covenant with God?

(One nation under God/In God We Trust)

What has been our track record since 911?

\* National Debt

\*Same Sex Marriage

\* Abortion

\*Internet Pornography

\* Euthanasia

\*Drug/Alcohol Abuse

\*The church in decline

#### <u>Application</u>

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

- 1. Humble yourself (James 4:6-10)
- 2. Pray and seek God's face
- 3. Turn away from known sin (Matthew 3:8)

### Live the Life with Prayer

#### Recent additions



Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new baby girl -- Makaya Ann, born April 28

Lee Evans -- kidney stones

Rick Wilcox -- recuperating from pneumonia

John and Kathy Hemker -- recent house fire

Family of Sarah Jane Fair's daughter, Diane

Family of Kristi Long's Aunt Joyce

Family of Wanda Kosmerick

Jay Brinkman -- recovering from surgery to remove brain tumor

Rick and Marcia Wilcox's granddaughter, Ashley

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

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, *www.bethelgilead.org.* 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

**Reminder** -- the words to the opening worship songs are included; just scroll down.



**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:

### **Opening Worship**

#### Joy of the Lord

Though the tears may fall
my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail
my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise you Lord

In the dead of night
I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
Though the waters rise
I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love
I will praise You Lord

How You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When sorrow comes my way You are the shield around me Always You remain My courage in the fight

I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming Walking on the waves Reaching for Your light

I hear You call my name
Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves
Reaching for Your light
I hear You call my name
Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves
Reaching for Your light

#### **Revelation Song**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
(repeat)

Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
who was and is and is to come
with all creation I sing
"Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You"

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King

Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
who was and is and is to come
with all creation I sing
"Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You"

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name Jesus, Your name is power Breath and living water Such a marvelous mystery

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is the Lord God Almighty
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with all creation I sing
"Praise to the King of Kings
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#### How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a king
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
Name above all names
You are worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

#### Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship
what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness
what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way Leaning on the everlasting arms O how bright the path grows from day to day Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread
What have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms