



So Very Thankful
Incredibly Grateful
Unbelievably Blessed
07.16.23

Bethel Gilead Community Church

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship:

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
I Love You Lord
Spirit of the Living God*

The Sufficiency of Faith

Is Faith Enough?

I. Personal Perceptions and "Virtual Reality"

- *What's really real?
- *Are my perceptions of reality accurate?
- *Worldview Wars -- various descriptions of reality

II. The Question of Objective Truth and Ultimate Reality

- *Faith is objective. It depends on its object.
- *Is the object of my faith real, dependable and true?
- *The Correspondence Theory: Truth corresponds with reality
"What is truth" (Pontius Pilate -- AD 33, Jimi Hendrix -- AD 1970)

III. Truth (reality) is rooted in God

- *The One True God, the Author of Life, Creator, Sustainer of all!
([Genesis 1:1](#), [Romans 11:36](#), [Colossians 1:17](#), [John 17:17](#),
[Matthew 24:35](#), [John 8:31-32](#))
- *The Mind = A God-given truth detector!
- *Discerning absolutes = Truth, Goodness and Beauty!

IV. "Sufficient Faith" is based on God and his word

- *The Facts - Faith - Feelings + Circumstances Train
- *"A Round Table of Truth"
The truest thing about you is what God says about you!
- *Transformational Truth
*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.....
.....test and approve what is good.....([Romans 12:2](#))*

Application

1. What is your basic worldview?
2. Are you using your mind to detect truth and falsehood?
3. Is your faith based on Facts, Feelings or Circumstances?
4. Do you believe what God says about you?

Closing Song:

May the Favor of the Lord

Our Mission

"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"

Prayer Concerns

Recent additions

Infant Charli Anae Dules -- difficulty nursing
Jill and Russ Siler -- loss of Jill's brother
Family of Jonas Rigg
Family of Marvin Lindsey
Flo Cabrera -- recovery from shoulder surgery
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
Kathy Reger and Family -- loss of her mother
Family of Gary Lake -- Jeff Lake's father
Marcia Lane -- heart concerns
Sherry McNees -- heart arrhythmia
Nikki Maertín -- strength and recovery after mild stroke

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues
de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke
The Carpenter Family
Dale Davis -- dialysis and gall bladder issues
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels
Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

Thank you for joining us for worship today! Please remember to silence your electronic devices before service starts. **Extra Seating** for worship is available in the fellowship hall.

“The Chosen -- Part 3” -- *“Two by Two”* this Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a snack to share.

Kids Day -- Hey parents, bring the kids out for the annual *Kids Day at the Polish Festival* this Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. to noon at Douglas Park. Bethel Gilead will have a booth there.

Women’s Fellowship still has some items from the Blanketmakers available for donation to their scholarship fund in the fellowship hall. There are envelopes available for your donation.

Blooming Faith -- Saturday morning devotional times at Little Hands Garden this summer. Pick up the schedule in the lobby or go to www.little-hands-garden.com/events.

Factoryville Christian Church is looking for a new School Administrator/ Associate Pastor. Contact the school at factoryvillechristianschool.com or (269) 729-4203 for more information.

Church Directory -- The “summer edition” of the directory is available in the lobby. If you need to make changes or want to be included, please complete a “Connect” card and drop in the offering plate.

For the parents of our little ones -- Please feel free to use the nursery (up the stairs and first door on the left). The service is available to view in there. Young children will be dismissed for *Children’s Church* during morning worship if they wish to attend.



Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (contact the office).

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