

Be the Church Live the Life Extend the Kingdom 08.28.2022

Bethel Gilead Community Church 876 Block Rd. Bronson Ml. 49028 **Call to Worship:** Come Now is the Time

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: My Feet Are on the Rock

Our God is Greater

Rock of Ages

Shadow of Your Hand

Special Music: God So Loved

A Matter of the Mind

Introduction (Ongoing Internal Conversations)

"MIND GAMES"

I. Thoughts -- A function of the soul

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7)

- *Mind over matter
- *Control Central
- II. Thoughts are formative but not authoritative

Get your mind on things above......(Colossians 3:2)

We take every thought captive.... (2 Corinthians 4:5)

"My mind is a God given instrument for discerning truth and responding accordingly."

- III. A healthy self concept flows from a biblical "God concept"
- "How you see God determines how you see yourself"
- *An accurate senses of self (Ephesians 4:1-3, Philippians 2:3-4)
- *Clear-mindedness (<u>1 Peter 4:7</u>).
 - *Peace of mind (Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:7)
 - *Good attitude (Philippians 4:5)

*The Key = Discipleship (<u>Matthew 10:24</u>)

- IV. Don't underestimate "The Power of Suggestion"!,
 - *Thought sources: The world, the flesh and the devil
 - *Temptations and heart conditions
 - *Other "thought shaping influences"
 - *Emotions as indicators

Application

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.....(Romans 12:2)

- I. Have you thought about your thoughts lately?
- 2. Do you understand the impact your thoughts have on your life?
- 3. Are you willing to do the hard and necessary work of renewing your mind in order to better love, honor and serve God through your life?

Next Sunday:: War Games -- Winning Spiritual Battles

Closing Song: The Blessing

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."

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

Bruce Kaufman -- recovering from surgery
Lynn Mayer -- Recovering from pneumonia
The family of Patricia Hess -- Dorothy Williams' mother
The family of Fran McLendon -- Nikki Maertin's mother
The family of Micah Anderson -- Dave and Phyllis Minard's nephew
Kerry and Elise Skinner -- loss of granddaughter, Hannah Rose
Don Rubley -- bladder cancer

Praises

Jonas Rigg -- gaining strength at home Norm Carpenter -- recovering from surgery and cancer free Numerous members recently recovered from Covid

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Joyce Byler -- cancer Tom Schoenherr --bladder concerns The Carpenter Family Dale Davis -- dialysis and chemo treatments Russ Heckathorn -- struggling with lung cancer Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn Neil Hannah -- at home on hospice Betty Carpenter -- Laurels

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days



08.28.2022 ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Summer Movie Night -- This Wednesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m., episode 8, "*I Am He*" of the "<u>The Chosen</u>" series will be shown at the church. The theme is "Pie Night". Bring your favorite pie to share. We'll supply ice cream and beverages.

MINNET Meeting: Sunday, September 11 following worship service. Ministry Teams (Missions, Maintenance, Finance, Christian Ed, Hospitality, Worship and Outreach) will meet to finalize their budgets and to make plans for the fall.

Kay Arthur Precept Study on Revelation -- beginning in September on Mondays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you are interested or to get more information, contact Kathy Reger.

Women's Fellowship -- is collecting items for Beginnings' Life Essentials program during the month of August. There is a list of current needs in the lobby. The next Women's Fellowship meeting is September 13.

Garden Surplus -- If you have extra from your garden, share it on the table in the lobby. If you don't have a garden, feel free to take some.

A Missionary Prayer Request: From Dan Jezowski who serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papau, New Guinea. Please pray for the ongoing violence near the Summer Institute of Linguistics, where Dan works, it is affecting their mission.

For the parents of our little ones: There is a room behind the sanctuary (where you can hear and see the service) for parents of restless toddlers. The nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left) is also open and the service can be viewed there.



Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (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 (in the lobby)

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