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Be the Church

Live the Life

Extend the Kingdom

09.19.2021

A DECADE OF DESTINY

Introduction

“EQUINOX”

I. Light vs. Darkness

Then God said, “Let there be light”and God separated the light from the darkness ([Genesis 1:3-4](#))

God is light. In him is no darkness at all. ([1 John 1:5](#))

Live as children of the light ([Ephesians 5:8](#))

II. The Power of Perspective

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good your whole body will be full of light ([Matthew 6:22](#))

III. Jesus -- The Light of the World

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness ([John 8:12](#))

In him was life, and this life was the light of men. ([John 1:4](#))

The 2020's -- A decade of light or darkness?

“The 2030 Initiative”

Fall Sermon Series

*LUKE: WHAT KIND OF A SAVIOR DO WE SERVE?

“The Historical Christ”

Birth: [Luke 1:1-5; 2:1-3](#) (Herod 37 BC - 4 BC,
Augustus 27 BC - 14 AD,
3 Censuses 8 BC, 2 BC and 6 AD)

Ministry: [Luke 3:1-2](#) (Tiberias 14 AD - 37 AD,
Pilate 26 AD - 36 AD)

“One Solitary Life”

Closing song:

***Dinner and Silent Auction**

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Linda Smith -- recovering from surgery
Kathy Reger's husband, Arnie, recovering from surgery
The Family of Shirley Bogen
Dwight and Donna Green -- Covid positive
Al Miller -- tumor on esophagus
Jonas Rigg -- upcoming hip surgery
Lisa Franks -- pain management in neck and back
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Praises

Tim and Julie McKinley's new twin granddaughters -- Esther and Clara
Jack Florent, the Cabrerias, Cindy King - recovered from Covid-19
Dee Eley -- recuperating from shoulder surgery
Lynn Mayer -- recovering from surgery
Diane Tagert - recovering from knee surgery
Keith McGuire -- successful cataract surgery

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, pray for strength and immunity
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Neil Hannah -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

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."*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Hog Roast/Celebration Service -- Today we are celebrating the beginning of fall. The Gospel Barn Band is leading us in worship. There is a silent auction to benefit the Tijuana Mission Trip team; bidding will stop at approximately 12:15 p.m. Please plan on staying and enjoying lunch with us.

Service Time Change -- Next Sunday, September 26, our fall programming will begin. Worship will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Linger Longer and classes for kids and adults.

Father/Son Canoe Hike -- Dads and sons, sign up today for the annual canoe trip down the Fawn River next Sunday after church. See Pastor Jim for details.

Small Groups are starting up soon. Stay tuned for upcoming group times and places.

Check out the BGCC website for [*Sarah Jane Fair's life story*](#), as written by Jill Siler.

Congregational Survey -- Pastor Jim will be putting out a questionnaire regarding the direction of the church in the next 5 - 10 years. Join his Adult Ed class after morning worship next Sunday and get on board with "*The 2030 Initiative*".

Ladies Alive Retreat -- The Fourth Annual *Ladies Alive Retreat* will be on November 6 at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. There are registration forms in the lobby or you can register at www.ladies-alive.org. There will be a special drawing for those who register by September 20.

"BGCC's List" -- Please pick up a flier in the lobby if you wish to be part of this *Angie's List* type of directory.



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 (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).

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