



Every Member a Minister

*Live the Life*



*Be the Church*



*Extend the Kingdom*



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

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SUNDAY  
2021

"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."

## Order of Worship

### Communion Songs:

*Before the Throne of God*

*The Old Rugged Cross, hymn 186 (verses 1,2,4)*

*I Exalt Thee*

### How to Avoid an Aimless Life (Part I)

Introduction:

2020 Wake Up Call

#### I. Erikson: Integrity vs. Despair

Definition: Integral = Whole, complete, healthy

Vain - Empty, trivial, meaningless

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who work labor in vain* ([Psalm 127:1](#))

*.....Your work in the Lord is never in vain* ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#))

#### II. Final tallies -- Regrets vs. Rewards

(Righteousness is its own reward)

*Do not grow weary in doing good. You will reap a reward if you do not give up.* ([Galatians 6:9](#))

\*How do I deal with regrets? (repentance and restitution)

#### III. 3 Points of Evaluation for 2020

1. Character: Who I am, who I am becoming.

Key = Thought life

*As a man thinks in his heart so is he* ([Proverbs 23:7](#))

2. Accomplishments: What I do

Key = Life roles and responsibilities

3. Relationships: Who I influence

Key = Service

*Serve one another in love* ([Galatians 5:13](#))

\*"The man thing is to keep the main thing the main thing"  
([Matthew 22:36-40](#))

### Application Exercise

*The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways* ([Proverbs 14:8](#))

1. Identify personal highs and lows for 2020.

\*Personal highs

\*Personal lows?

2. What regrets can I alter in 2021?

3. How can I better follow the Lord each day forward?

# Live the Life with Prayer



## Recent additions

Dick Wright -- recuperating from knee replacement surgery  
Rick Butters - complications after cataract surgery.  
Jack Florent -- recovering from ankle surgery  
Lisa Franks -- pain management during recovery from surgery  
Greg and Nikki Maertín -- recovering from Coronavirus  
The family of Nancy McKinley  
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments  
Bart Burnside -- health issues  
Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

## Praises

Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus  
Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus  
Greg and Nikki Maertín's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance  
Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo  
Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules  
Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

## Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer  
Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant  
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer  
Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer  
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues  
Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer  
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

## Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

## Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

**Communion and Potluck** -- We will be sharing communion today during worship and will have a potluck after worship service. Plan on staying and enjoying the fellowship! Christmas decorations will be taken down after the potluck if you can help.

**Next Sunday** -- MINNET teams will meet on Sunday, January 10 after worship service.

**Card Shower** -- pick up a list of some of our homebound or more vulnerable members and get a card of encouragement out to them this week. Please contact the office if you want the list sent to you.

**A Way to Serve** -- If you can help with the local food pantry, please contact Donna Green.

**Updated Contact Information** -- We send out prayer requests, announcements and updates on Fridays by email or text message. If we do not have your phone number or email address, please fill out the *Connect!* card under your seat or in the lobby and give it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate so we can keep our list updated. Thank you!!

**In case of bad weather** -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.



**Offering** --Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](http://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby (or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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## **Before the Throne of God Above**

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Praise the one, risen Son of God (2X)*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of Glory and of Grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God  
With Christ, my Savior and my God*

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## The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I loved that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of list sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange them some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world  
has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange them some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange them some day for a crown.

### **I Exalt Thee**

For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods  
For Thou oh Lord art high  
Above all the earth Thou art exalted.  
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee oh Lord  
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, Oh Lord  
(Repeat)