



Every Member a Minister

Live the Life



Be the Church



Extend the Kingdom



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

25 October
SUNDAY
2020

"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

Worship Songs:

Hymn 13	<i>Bless the Lord, O My Soul</i>
Hymn 588	<i>We Have Come Into This House</i>
Hymn 571	<i>My Country Tis of Thee</i>
Hymn 572	<i>America the Beautiful</i>
Hymn 561	<i>We Gather Together</i>

Message:

Handle With Care

Introduction: *E Pluribus Unum and The Politics of Division*

I. Unifying Factors (The Early Years)

- * "The New World" - A Land of Opportunity
- * Liberty and Justice for All!
- * Belief in Divine Providence -- In God we trust!
- "Faith of our Fathers" (some examples)

II. Three Social Institutes

- * Marriage (Family) + Nation (Government) + Church (Ministry)
- * How are the three different?
- * How are the three related?

III. A house divided cannot stand ([Matthew 12:25](#))

- * The Reality of the Spiritual Battle ([John 10:10](#))
- * Moral Erosion ([Matthew 7:17,20](#))
- * Historic Precedents
 - Ancient Israel
 - The Roman Empire
 - Argentina 1980s

Application

Righteousness exalts a nation but sin in a disgrace to any people. (Proverbs 14:34)

1. What would it take to bring our country back together?
2. Has the church lost its salt? ([Matthew 5:13](#))
3. Are you willing to do your part?

If my people....([2 Chronicles 7:14](#))

Closing Song:

Hymn 429 *Lord Listen To Your Children Praying*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Lisa Franks -- dizziness and headaches
Dale Davis - recovering from surgery
The family of Dawn Lane
The family of Rick Wilcox

Praises

Keith McGuire -- recovered from Coronavirus
Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules on August 20.
Byler family - recovered from Corona Virus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant
Ron Will -- being fitted for a glass eye
Jay Brinkman -- brain tumor
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Dan Minard -- Dave's brother; pancreatic cancer
Sharon Shyrigh -- kidney concerns
Kathy Will's sister, Chris -- heart problems
Charlie Nussbaum -- 7 year old with brain tumor
Frank Cabrera's brother - Tito, cirrhosis of liver
Melissa Houtz' s cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer
Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer
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

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place
Eric Smotherman -- COPD

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

Pray for the upcoming elections

Sunday School -- classes for all ages will meet today after worship. The adults will meet with Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall. Today's guest speaker is Senator Mike Shirkey.

Nominations for three council positions are open through October 25. Nomination forms are available in the lobby (or call the office to obtain one).

Fall Back -- don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next weekend as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end.

Annual Meeting -- Sunday, November 8 following worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

Family Promise -- there is a sign up sheet available in the lobby for providing evening meals for families the week of November 16-22. Meals need to be delivered to 311 West Chicago in Coldwater by 6:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers are provided by Sherry McNees in memory of her husband, Mike.

BGCC Cookbook Corrections: There are a couple of corrections to make in your copy of the new recipe book. The first item on page 1 of the index should read "Black Bean Dip". Under Main Dish, page 12, the recipe for "Ham Loaf" should include 1/2 cup tomato juice.

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. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby and turning it in with a voided check.



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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and all that is within me
Bless His holy Name.
He has done great things
He has done great things
He has done great things
Bless His holy Name.

We Have Come Into His House

We have come into this house
and gathered in His name
to worship Him
We have come into this house
and gathered in His name
to worship Him
We have come into this house
and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him, Jesus Christ the Lord

Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name
and worship Him
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and magnify His name
and worship Him
Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name
and worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country 'tis of Thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing
Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrims pride
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee
Land of the noble free
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to Thee
Author of liberty
To Thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King!

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies
for amber waves of grain
For purpose mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
and crown Thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm Thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
and crown Thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

We Gather Together

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing
Sing praises to His name
He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us
our God with us joining
Ordaining, maintaining
His kingdom divine
So from the beginning
the fight we are winning
Thou Lord wast at our side
all glory by Thine!

We all do extol Thee
Thou leader triumphant
and pray that Thou will
our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation
escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to Your children praying
Send us love, send us power
Send us grace.