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Welcome to all joining us today for worship!! Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship. Extra seating is available in the fellowship hall. A nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left) is provided for parents with infants. The service can be viewed on a monitor in there.

Council Meeting -- Today following worship service.

Movie Night -- Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. *The Chosen -- Part 4*. Bring a snack to share!

Music at the Market: Every Monday night in August at 7:00 p.m in Bronson. On Monday, August 26 the Bronson area churches will sponsor *The Buehrer Family Band*

Diaper Drive -- During August, Women's Fellowship are doing a Diaper Drive for *Beginnings Care for Life Center*. All sizes are appreciated, but size 6 is currently most in need. Diapers can be left on the table in the fellowship hall.

Pickleball Tournament to benefit *Beginnings Care for Life Center* -- September 14. Fliers are in the lobby if you are interested.

Child Dedication -- see Pastor Jim if you would like to be part of the upcoming *Children's Dedication Service*.

Father/Son Canoe Hike -- Sign up today for the annual *Father/Son Canoe Hike* on Sunday, August 25.

Tijuana Missions Trip -- November 24-30. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested.



Peace-today.com-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from last summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.



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 -- contact the office.



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Incredibly Grateful
Unbelievably Blessed*

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: Revelation 4-5

2024 Hot Potato Issues

[Proverbs 14:8](#)

THE SHRINKING OF THE AMERICAN BRAIN

“Brain Fog”

I. The Crazy Factor

- *Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence
- *1992 Margin (Richard Swenson)
- *1991 Dumbing us down (John Gatto)
- *2007 Are you smarter than a fifth grader?
- *2011 Fast brain -- slow brain (Daniel Kahneman)

II. Brain Physiology and Mental Decline

- *The Hippocampus -- Neurogenesis, curiosity and memory storage
- *Brain studies (Depression, Alzheimers, “Ego Depletion”, Brain Necrosis)
- *Mental Immunity (Michael Nahls)

III. Boosting Brain Power ([1 Peter 1:13](#))

1. Guard your mental diet
2. Make positive lifestyle choices
3. Maximize nutritional input
4. Prioritize your spiritual life ([Matthew 6:10, 33](#))
NERDS (Nutrition, Exercise, Rest, Diversions, Service)

Closing Song: *May the Favor of the Lord Rest Upon You (Psalm 90:17)*

Next Sunday's Hot Potato: *Is Christianity Narrow Minded?*

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

Jackson Rumsey -- vasculitis and lupus
Donna Green -- recuperating from knee replacement surgery
Carl Stahly -- recovering from knee surgery
Evert Smith -- upcoming heart procedure
The family of John Swain
Terry Holt --recuperating from heart bypass surgery
Frank Cabrera’s mother, Elizabeth, recovering from surgery and his uncle Rodolfo being treated for cancer
Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Dale Davis -- dialysis and rehab
The Carpenter Family
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days