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*bethel gilead*  
community church  
• Commissioned as Christ's Representatives •

*Live the Life*

*Be the Church*

*Extend the Kingdom*

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Bethel Gilead Community Church  
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## **Announcements and Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Worship:**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Lord You Are*

*Is He Worthy*

*We Fall Down*

## **The Path to Peace**

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

*Introduction:*

*Everyone seeks inner peace and happiness*

*The world apart from God is under Satan's plan, which is Godless.*

[Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

- I. The search for peace apart from God
  - A. Living apart from God is a downward spiral into sin ([Romans 1:18-32](#))
  - B. Being under the wrath of God is the result of a life of Godlessness
  - C. All of our designs and schemes cannot bring us a life of peace
  
- II. God offers grace through faith ([Ephesians 2:4-9](#))
  - A. Grace is **God's part**
    1. He gave us Jesus
    2. He offers redemption
    3. He offers forgiveness
    4. He makes a way for us to come to Him
  
  - B. Faith is **our part**
    1. Faith begins with some head knowledge
      - you must know what and who you believe
    2. Faith then moves to the setting of our will
      - we choose to put God first
    3. Faith becomes trust in God as the answer to our life
      - as our Creator
      - as our Sustainer
      - as our Savior
      - no longer trusting ourselves or the world's ways, total trust in God.

- III. When we put our faith in Him, we become His workmanship
  - A. We no longer do good works to earn or keep our salvation
    - 1. We now do good works because He first loved us
    - 2. We do good works because we love and trust Him.
  - B. God now begins to work through us
    - 1. He molds our will to His
    - 2. He teaches us how to think more like Him
    - 3. He directs our steps

We first decide if there is anything that is worth living outside of God's will  
The cost is high, He wants all of you.

### ***The Prayer of Faith***

Admit you have been wrong  
Tell Him you do not have all the answers  
Tell Him you are sorry for having ignored Him and walked in sin  
Tell Him you have chosen to follow Him totally from now on  
Ask Him to forgive you and redeem you with Him  
Thank Him for what He is doing and will do in your life.

**Closing Song:**

*Before the Throne of God Above*

### **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

John Swain -- Jan Carpenter's father  
The family of Rodney Carpenter  
Tim Beck -- heart concerns, stent  
Frank Cabrera's mother, Elizabeth, recovering from surgery and his uncle Rodolfo being treated for cancer  
Terry Holt -- upcoming tests and heart bypass surgery  
Evert Smith -- stent procedure postponed due to stomach issues  
Louie Horn -- circulation concerns  
Char Kaufman -- recovering at home  
Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia  
Wanda Debolt - in hospice care

### 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

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**Welcome!!** We are glad everyone has joined us this morning for worship. There is **extra seating** in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left) and the service is available for viewing in both locations. Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship.

**Prayers of Ephesians** -- If you missed getting a prayer card last Sunday, pick one up in the lobby.

**Blanketmakers** -- will meet on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m.

**Women’s Fellowship** -- *Women’s Fellowship Annual Scholarships* will be awarded in June. Applications are due today. During the month of May, Women’s Fellowship are collecting donations for *Joppa Recovery*. Pick up a list of current needs in the lobby. Donations may be left on the small table in the fellowship hall.

**Save the Date:** *LifeWalk/Run 2024* is June 8 at First Baptist Church in Coldwater from 8-noon. Run, walk, eat free snacks, shop the Silent Auction, let your kids play games, and eat Chick-Fil-A for lunch. More info can be found at [BeginningsCare.com/life-walk-run](http://BeginningsCare.com/life-walk-run). This is a fun morning supporting a worthy cause!



**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](http://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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