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community church

Live the Life

Be the Church

Extend the Kingdom

05.05.2024

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

Announcements and Opening Prayer

Communion Songs:

Psalm 63 -- Step by Step

Psalm 117 -- Praise the Lord All You Nations

Psalm 51 -- Create in Me

Psalm 97 -- We Exalt You

The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul

Philemon

Introduction

- I. Philemon -- a man of character ([verses 1-7](#))
 - *A friend and fellow worker
 - *Faith, love and encouragement

- II. Onesimus -- a new man in Christ ([verses 8-11](#))
 - *Useful in service to Paul
 - *Now useful to Philemon

- III. Reconciliation -- a new chapter of life ([verses 12-21](#))
 - *A mail carrier [Colossians 4:9](#)
 - *Ignatius of Antioch, 100 A.D.

- IV. Slavery -- facing the issues
 - *The will to power + greed ([Genesis 3:1-5](#))
 - *Dominance and subjection ([Genesis 4:1-8](#))
 - *Paul -- Tension in the Empire
([Ephesians 6:5-9](#), [1 Corinthians 7:20-24](#))
 - *The "Upside Down Kingdom"
 - The greatest among you will be your servant* ([Matthew 20:26](#))
 - In Christ there is neither slave nor free* ([Galatians 3:28](#))
 - Winsome servitude* ([Titus 2:9-10](#), [1 Timothy 6:1-2](#))
 - Do not be overcome by evil, overcome evil with good* ([Romans 12:21](#))
 - *The Roman Empire A.D.:The rise of Christianity and the decline of slavery.

Application

1. Do you believe in human dignity?
2. Have you experienced the power of forgiveness?
3. What are you doing to set captives free?

([Galatians 5:1](#))

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

Rodney Carpenter -- recovering from a stroke
Tim Beck -- heart concerns, stent
Frank Cabrera's mother, Elizabeth, recovering from surgery and his uncle Rodolfo being treated for cancer
Terry Holt -- heart catheterization Tuesday
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 to you and your family!! We are glad you've 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.

Women's Fellowship -- Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the *Women's Fellowship Annual Scholarships*, to be awarded in June. Applications are available in the lobby, contact the office or go to [womensfellowshipapplication](#). Women's Fellowship meets again on May 14 at 1:00 p.m. During the month of May they are collecting donations for *Joppa Recovery*. Watch for a list of current needs.

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](#). This is a fun morning supporting a worthy cause!

Fishing Derby -- Hey guys if you are interested in a fishing derby, let Pastor Jim know.



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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