

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, Jan 29 – prayer meeting at 1:30pm
Sunday, Feb 7 after worship – We will be having a fellowship meal with a twist: bring your own packed lunch. Bottled water provided.

OFFERING FOR JANUARY 17, 2021

Offering \$			
Missions Balance	\$	Building Fund Balance	\$

Offering Deposit Box is at the rear of the Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 4 – Nathan Kulton
- Feb 8 – Bob Gillespie; Noah Kulton
- Feb 13 – Teri Aeschliman
- Feb 17 – Kelly Gerber
- Feb 19 – Betty Shaulis

BIBLE READING FOR JANUARY 24-30

1. Genesis 41-42; Mark 16
2. Gen 43-44; Psalm 24; Galatians 1
3. Gen 45-46; Psalm 108; Gal 2
4. Gen 47-48; Psalm 25; Gal 3
5. Gen 49-50; Gal 4

“It is a high Christian privilege to pray for one another within each local church body and then for other believers throughout the world. As a Christian minister, I have no right to preach to people I have not prayed for. That is my strong conviction.”

– A. W. Tozer

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WELCOME TO BETHEL

Prelude

Songs of Praise and Worship

- 8 Glorious is Thy Name
- 119 Great is Thy Faithfulness
- 244 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Reading Judges 6:1-27

Message Gideon: Fear into Faith
Judges, chapters 6 and 7

Brian Gerber, Pastor

Praise, Thanksgiving & Intercession

Announcements

Closing Hymn

- 342 Jesus Saves

Sermon Notes ~ Gideon: Fear into Faith

1. Gideon _____
2. Gideon _____
3. Gideon _____
4. Gideon _____

Application:

The Lord transforms the _____ into the _____ filled

- a) Gideon _____
- b) Gideon _____
- c) Gideon _____
- d) Gideon _____

Judges 6:1-27

6 The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. 3 For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. 4 They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. 5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would come like locusts in number—both they and their camels could not be counted—so that they laid waste the land as they came in. 6 And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the Lord.

7 When the people of Israel cried out to the Lord on account of the Midianites, 8 the Lord sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. 9 And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 And I said to you, 'I am the Lord your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."

11 Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out

wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." 13 And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." 14 And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" 15 And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." 17 And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. 18 Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

19 So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. 20 And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. 22 Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." 23 But the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." 24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

25 That night the Lord said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it 26 and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." 27 So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.