

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

- *Today – Bring your own Carry In Meal – after worship
- *Thursday, Feb 11 & 25 – Guitar Group meets at 7 pm
- *Sunday, Feb 14 - Please place your baked or purchased dessert goods for New Destiny in the foyer.
- *Sunday, Feb 28 – Business Meeting and New Members Accepted. If you'd like to join, please see Pastor Brian
- *Sunday, Mar 7 after worship - Fellowship meal with a twist: bring your own packed lunch. Bottled water will be provided.

OFFERING FOR JANUARY 31, \$2810

Missions Balance \$8296 Building Fund Balance \$2235
Offering Deposit Box is at the rear of the Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 8 – Bob Gillespie; Noah Kulton Feb 17 – Kelly Gerber
Feb 19 – Betty Shaulis Mar 2 – Shirley Landis

BIBLE READING FOR FEBRUARY 7 - 13

- 1) Exodus 16-18; Ephesians 4
- 2) Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5
- 3) Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Ephesians 6
- 4) Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1
- 5) Exodus 28-31; Philippians 2

A SCARED WORLD NEEDS A FEARLESS CHURCH.
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 7, 2021
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WELCOME TO BETHEL

PRELUDE

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

10 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

143 BE THOU MY VISION

248 O HOW I LOVE JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING I KINGS, VARIOUS

MESSAGE STORIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS: ELIJAH

STANDING ALONE
I KINGS 18
BRIAN GERBER PASTOR

COMMUNION

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

586 O THAT WILL BE GLORY

STORIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS: ELIJAH
STANDING ALONE | KINGS 18

Theme verse:

Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?
Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I
would not be a servant of Christ.

1. The king _____
2. Elijah _____
3. The contest of the _____
4. The _____ of Baal
5. The altar _____
6. The _____ of the Lord
7. _____ again

Application: _____ can begin with _____ willing to
stand alone.

1 KINGS 16:29 – 17:1 ESV

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. **30** And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. **31** And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. **32** He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. **33** And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. **34** In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

1 KINGS 18:1 ESV

18 After many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth."

1 KINGS 18:17 – 35 ESV

17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" **18** And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. **19** Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. **21** And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. **22** Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. **23** Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. **24** And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken."
25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." **26** And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. **27** And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." **28** And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. **29** And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. **31** Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name." **32** and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. **33** And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." **34** And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. **35** And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.