

# Just As I Am

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+ “Just As I Am!”

Ephesians 2:8-10

+ God Creates Human Life “On Purpose”!

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:7

Psalm 100:3

+ God’s Creation of Human Life Is Amazing –  
Pre-born and Born!

Psalm 139:13-16

+ Jesus Died and Rose Again to Save ALL Human Life!

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 21

+ We Can Help Raise the Value of ALL Human Life!

Proverbs 24:11-12

OPENING SONG:

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

INVOCATION:

**Confessing and Being Assured**

WE BELIEVE TOGETHER:

**Apostles Creed**

SONG OF THE DAY:

***How Great Thou Art***

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:

**Psalms 94:16-23**

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**Just As I am**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

**Ephesians 6:18**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Matthew 6:9-13**

THE BLESSING:

CLOSING SONG:

***Goodness of God***

***Good morning and welcome to Praise & Worship!***

We are blessed to have you worshipping with us!

***Today's Sermon:*** "Just as I Am" - Today we celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life!

***Join us for Bible Study:*** Sunday mornings @ 9 am -

The History of Ancient Israel - led by Bill Crosby

Wednesday mornings @ 8 am - 2 Timothy - led by Pastor Barry Kolb, in person or on Zoom!

Monday evenings @ 6 pm - An apologetic Bible study for young adults at the ResTore campus in Hollister - led by Jeff Mitten.

***TODAY after worship:***

Please plan to stay for our first Family meeting of the new year. This is an important meeting as we:

- o Elect Leadership Team members to fill the vacant positions
- o Review 2023 financials
- o Receive an update from the Call Committee on the progress of the call process
- o Fellowship / laugh / eat together / support our community - after the business portion of our meeting, we will enjoy a lunch of soups & chilis competitively made by you! Grab your dollars to vote for your favorite(s)!!

***How Jesus Uses our Members!***

Have you ever wondered how our church home always looks so nice and clean and fresh? To say that angels come in once a week to clean and tidy everything up wouldn't be quite accurate. Or maybe it is... The members who routinely volunteer to come in when no one else is here and tidy everything up might be considered angels of a sort. They are: Ted, Kathy, & Luke Martin; Gary & Barb McNutt; Dana Neal; Chris Rowen; Terry & Claudia Howdyshell; Dina Folsom; Sharon Grafleman; Karen & Curt Jackson; and Jack Cuas. Be sure to thank them the next time you bump into them, then brush off the angel dust that falls on you.

***Children's Busy Baskets!***

While your family worships with us, we have a basket of activities to engage your toddler and pre-school aged children. Inside each basket are many things to explore and do. You will find a basket in the entry way. We ask that you please return the baskets after service.

**Financial Update:** These numbers include both Praise & Worship and resTore, our church plant in Hollister. To partner with us in ministry, utilize the giving box by the door leaving the sanctuary, or the “support us” tab booth or the “support us” tab at [www.branson.church](http://www.branson.church).

Visit [www.branson.church/connect](http://www.branson.church/connect) to Email us for more information or pastoral care  
Sign up for our Weekly E-News!  
Contact the church office by phone: (417) 386-2422  
Visit [www.branson.church/prayer](http://www.branson.church/prayer) and submit your confidential prayer request.

### **January Financials to date:**

#### **Praise & Worship:**

Jan Budgeted Giving: \$19,417

Jan Giving to date: \$8305

2024 Budgeted Giving: \$212,891

2024 Giving to date: \$8305

#### **resTore:**

Jan Budgeted Giving: \$5,500

Jan Giving to date: \$2098

2024 Budgeted Giving: \$62,567

2024 Giving to date: \$2098

**Calendar Updates:** Do you wonder who our pastor will be for a certain Sunday? Would you like to be reminded ahead of time if we are having communion this Sunday or if it's next Sunday? Do you remember when you signed up to bring something for a dinner, or when the next Men's Breakfast or Women's Brunch is? Did you want to attend a Leadership Team meeting, but you aren't sure when it's scheduled? Interested in joining resTore and Christian Action Ministries for a food drive? All of this and more is being added to the calendar in our church app as we receive it! So, if you have an item that needs to be added to the calendar, be sure to let Julie know! If you don't have the app and would like to be invited, send a request to [julie@branson.church](mailto:julie@branson.church) Thanks so much!