

First Brethren Church Colony

May 5, 2024

COLLECTIVE GATHERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE 9:30AM
2nd Hour: M.O.R.E. / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:45AM

Welcome Pastor Fred
Life in the Body Pastor Fred
Call to Worship “When I look into Your Holiness”
Opening Prayer Angela Scott
Praising God in Song “O Lord, My Rock, and My Redeemer”
Scripture James 2:1-9 Glen Scott
Please stand for the reading of God’s Holy Word
Praising God in Song “He Will Hold Me Fast”
Object Lesson Judith Heying
Worship in Giving “Doxology”
Worship in Prayer Pastor Fred
Message “What Does the Bible Really Say?” Pastor Fred
Songs of Response “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn #382
Closing Time
Praising God in Song “O Church Arise (Arise Shine)”
Prayer at the Cross (Deacons: Karen Carson, Jack Kary, Jr.)

All Songs used by Permission CCLI #1719875

Worship Leader: Pastor Fred **A/V Techs:** Joshua & Maria Youngen, Steve & Eden Gratrix, Todd Lange, Kami Lawson
Music Team: Andrea & Heidi Gratrix, Kathy Hollister, Jennifer Kary, Bri Freel, Linda Kohman, Joyce Trygg, Barry Wright, Fred, Janna & Joshua Youngen
Greeters: Kathi Ginter & Cheryl Kisner

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you’re here.

- Please sign the guest registry by the center sanctuary doors.
- If there is anything that we can do to help make your time with us more enjoyable, please let us know. God bless you!

PLEASE RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE ON THE RESPONSE TAB AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING BOX! THANK YOU!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am–3pm

TODAY: 9:00am Praise Team Rehearsal
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Fellowship time & Second Hour Education
Monday: 10:00am Men’s Monday Coffee Club
Wednesday: 10:00am Wednesday Bible Study - Jude
11:00am P.A.C.E. (pray/acknowledge/care/encourage)
Next Sunday: 9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Fellowship time & Second Hour Education

FUTURE EVENTS

May 5-6, *Yom HaShoah (Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust)*
May 17-19, Spring Volunteers Retreat at Brethren Retreat
May 18, 11am-2pm Brethren Retreat Ministry Annual Meeting at camp
May 18, 8:00am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
May 18, 9:30am Board of Trustees’ Meeting
Summer Camps @ Brethren Retreat Ministries (brochures on table)

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the Pork Chop Dinner, whether it be helping before or during the event, selling tickets, donating funds, praying, etc. All was important!! Thank you for your support.

BRETHREN RETREAT MINISTRIES ANNUAL MEETING will be Saturday, May 18, from 11am-2pm in Shipshewana. We are looking for individuals that would like to be representatives of our church to be involved in this meeting. Please mark the Response Tab if interested.

MISSION TRIP TO RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – If you would like to be involved in the ministry of Riverside Christian School in Lost Creek, KY, a group from our Midwest Region will be going May 28-June 2. The cost is \$30/night to stay. Please see Janna or bulletin board. If you would like to donate money for paint, please mark envelope “paint.”

LUVABILITY SEEKS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – If you or someone you know, who are dedicated Christians are interested in ministering with Luvability, please contact Jacque@nanoe.org Subject: Luvability Search, to learn more or apply for the position through Indeed.com or Monster.com. Details are posted on the bulletin board .

LIFE DEPENDERS BOOT CAMP – MAY 18 – Right to Life Michiana is holding their annual Pro-Life Training for Youth and Adults on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10am-2pm at Trinity Lutheran School Campus, 30888 CR 6, Elkhart, IN 46514. See bulletin board if interested.

Response Tab

BRETHREN RETREAT ANNUAL MEETING

_____ Yes, I am interested in being a representative at the Brethren Retreat Annual Meeting, May 18

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



Please complete, detach, & place in the offering chest in the foyer. Thank you!

Registration for Guests

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Age: ___ Student ___ 19-25 ___ 26-35
___ 36-50 ___ 51-65 ___ 65+

- ___ I am a first time guest
- ___ I have been here before
- ___ I desire a visit from the Pastor
- ___ I wish help in becoming a Christian
- ___ I am interested in learning more about the church.
- ___ Place me on the mailing list.

Church Family Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

___ Note change of address

___ I desire a visit

Prayer Request – Information for publication & prayer chain ___
private request ___

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/SHUT-INS: Joyce B, Jeaniece B, Chuck L, Debbie P, Bev W, Annalisa C; Jeri (Annalisa’s housemate)

HEALTH CONCERNS: *Connie Wood* – hip surgery recovery 4/30; *Carolyn Dann* (Dave’s daughter) – suspected seizure; *Cliff Campbell* (Bonnie’s husband) – meeting with surgeon 5/1; *Rick Weller* (Angela’s brother) – cancer treatments, bleeding ulcers; *Breana Brownbridge* (27 year old cousin of Dennis Wood) – brain surgery recovery; *Don Doerr* – recovering at Creekside Village; *Vickie McCarty* – surgery recovery; *Meredyth Grenert* - back surgery recovery; *Bri Freel* - dr running more tests; *Sally Wagner* - torn meniscus, rt knee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Angel English – Huntington University; *Joe Giczi* – Indiana University South Bend; *Karsten Kary* - Grand Canyon University

SERMON NOTES

Introduction: What does the Bible really say about EQUALITY?

I. All People are Equally Made in _____

Gen 1:26-28 Gal 3:28

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| A. Male and Female | Gen 1:27, Col 3:11, Mal 2:10 |
| B. Jew and Gentile | Rm 10:12 |
| C. Rich and Poor | Pro 22:2 |
| D. The First and the Last | Mt 20:16 |
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II. All People are Equally born with _____, _____, and fall short of _____ Rom 3:23

III. All People are Equally treated without _____ by God Deut 10:17, Romans 2:11, Acts 10:34, Eph 6:9

IV. All people are _____ Equal before God facing the law and His mercy John 3:16

V. All people Equally need the _____ of Jesus for _____ of sin 1 Tim 2:4, 1 Jn 2:2

VI. All People Equally have different _____ and _____ given by God (Inequality)
Mt 25:14-30, Is 45:9, Rm 9:21, Gal 4:22, Rm 13, 1 Cor 12:1-

VII. All People Equally deserve _____ and _____
James 2:1-9, 1 Tim 5:21, Eph 5:21, Heb 12:14, Mt 22:39

Conclusion: _____ Philippians 2:3-6



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First Brethren Church – A Spiritual Home for your Family!

The Purpose of First Brethren Church is:

- To know the love of Jesus Christ
- To grow in the love of Jesus Christ
- To show the love of Jesus Christ

SONG LYRICS FOR WORSHIP

When I Look Into Your Holiness

When I look into Your holiness
When I gaze into Your loveliness
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart
When my will becomes enthralled in Your love
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You

Chorus: I worship You I worship You
The reason I live is to worship You
I worship You I worship You
The reason I live is to worship You

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise

My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought By day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

Be Thou my shield And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance Now and always
Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart
High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart Whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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1 Tim 2:4, 1 Jn 2:2

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Mt 25:14-30, Is 45:9, Rm 9:21, Gal 4:22, Rm 13, 1 Cor 12:1-

VII. All People Equally deserve Respect and Compassion

James 2:1-9, 1 Tim 5:21, Eph 5:21, Heb 12:14, Mt 22:39

Conclusion: Philippians 2:3-6