



**Mariners: Round Table at 11:30am**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, September 17, at 9:30am**

**EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE**

|                    |              |            |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| Sunday School      | Sunday       | 9:45 a.m.  |
| Informal Worship   | Sunday       | 10:45 a.m. |
| Worship Hour       | Sunday       | 11:00 a.m. |
| Commissions        | 3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.  |
| General Board      | 3rd Thursday | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Fellowship Singers | Thursday     | 4:15 p.m.  |
| Friday Fellowship  | Friday       | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Mariners           | 2nd Friday   | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Women's Fellowship | 3rd Tuesday  | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Food Bank          | 1st Sunday   | 9:30 a.m.  |

Friday Fellowship gathers at 1:00 p.m. every Friday for dinner. Mariner's meet at 1:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

### PRAYER CONCERNS



**Pat Benton** – Healing from Surgery  
**Helen Campbell** – Foot Healing  
**Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer Healing  
**Josephine Moore** – Broken Leg  
**Kathy Price** – Healing from Right Eye Surgery



## LOVE FOR THE LARGER GOOD

I give up my will to **God**. I offer myself to be a bearer of God's greater desire in the space made available by the surrender of my needs. My heart is no longer clogged and cramped by envy, craving, and self-seeking. Evil is overcome with good. Each time we voluntarily give up our will for our personal desires out of faith in and love for the larger good, mercy and redeeming life stream into the earth.

I do not know if the church or any community can teach us how to do such a thing. For I suspect the transformation of the will occurs in the solitary encounter with God in the garden of suffering. It is by its nature a personal decision forged in the agony of individual life circumstances. Others may stand by, watch or sleep, judge or encourage, or even serve as examples. But the decision is made alone in the freedom of an individual conscience.

Such sacrifice is, in the literal sense of the word, **holy work; a sacred deed**. It begins with gratitude for one's privilege and thanksgiving for the blessings in one's life. It requires sensitivity to injustice, evil and suffering, and a deep, abiding love for God and neighbor. The struggle is between our will for the thing your heart desires, your beloved (what it is you think will give you life and joy), and your desire for the healing and wholeness of another.

Through God's grace your eyes are opened to behold God's beloved as your beloved. What I want and need and have to have, and what God wants and needs and has to have, become the same.

**Loretta Ross-Gotta, *Letters from the Holy Ground***: Loretta is a retired Presbyterian clergywoman, who directs **The Sanctuary Foundation for Prayer** in Topeka, Kansas.

*Pastor John*

## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.” Jeremiah 30:11*

A physician told me that as a boy he was full of fear, anxiety, nervous tension, and apprehension. Perhaps because of his own emotional frailty, he decided that he wanted to help the sick find health again. But when he began his practice, he was stymied. There was no health in him; how could he give health to other people?

He went on to one of his old professors and poured out his problem. The older doctor said, “Son, there is only one Physician who can heal you and His name is Jesus Christ. You put your life in His hands and He will heal you of your fears.”

The young doctor found healing in the words of the Bible. They sank into his consciousness and into his subconscious mind, and drove out the disease of fear. He became a strong man of faith and a great healer.

**Prayer:** Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the simple truth that as we forget the past, seek forgiveness for our errors, and live with a consciousness of the greatness of life, we may trust tomorrow, for You are there and, if we are there with You, then tomorrow will be wonderful. For this we give hearty thanks. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Norman Vincent Peale*

## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP AND MARINERS TIME CHANGE



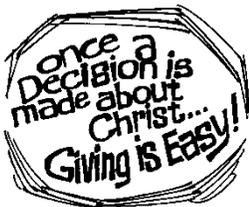
**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, **Friday Fellowship** and **Mariners** will be meeting at **1:00pm** (*September 13<sup>th</sup> Mariners will meet at 11:30am at Round Table Pizza*). Unless otherwise specified, this will be the meeting time until next Spring.

## JULY 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 34

### **Giving:**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Local:         | \$4,176.00        |
| Sunday School: | 55.00             |
| Youth:         | 0                 |
| Messenger:     | 0                 |
| Mariners:      | 0                 |
| Other:         | 445.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$4,676.00</b> |



### OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

**Website:** [www.empirecob.org](http://www.empirecob.org); **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB](http://www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB); **Twitter:**

[https://twitter.com/empire\\_cob](https://twitter.com/empire_cob); and **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>

## FROM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our **Shed Sales** help our community and church. Some of the sales proceeds will go to the following organization each month of the year:

**September:** World Relief Modesto

**October:** Gospel Mission

**November:** Interfaith Ministries

**December:** Children's Crisis Center and Family Promise

**January:** Redwood Center

**February:** Salvation Army

**March:** Cleansing Hope Shower Shuttle

**April:** PSWD – Brethren Disaster Ministries

**May:** Empire Pool

**June:** Camp Peaceful Pines

**July:** National Night Out Event and Backpack filling

**August:** Navajo Mission

We will donate **\$100** each month to the designated organizations as well as sending/providing blankets, socks and underwear, toiletries, and school supplies.

We have been blessed with many free donations and want our community and world to be a better place and to show love to others.

\*Women's Fellowship donated 56 backpacks with supplies to Empire Elementary.

\*Request for Pastor Appreciation Sunday: Please bring finger food only. Pies will be solicited from members.

*"Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart." Erma Bombeck*

*What happens when all is lost and you pray – God bails you out.  
Did you ever think what would happen if you prayed first, not last?*

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

29<sup>th</sup> – John & Sue Vacca

### **BIRTHDAYS**

02<sup>nd</sup> – Braydon Snyder

03<sup>rd</sup> – Sarah Adams

06<sup>th</sup> – Michael Azevedo

07<sup>th</sup> – Melanie Hartman  
Dakota Radcliffe

09<sup>th</sup> – Marge Peterson

13<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Allinson

15<sup>th</sup> – Eric Arellano  
David Leib

16<sup>th</sup> – Tony Snyder

19<sup>th</sup> – Elsha Hartman

20<sup>th</sup> – Amy Best

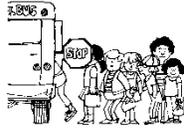
23<sup>rd</sup> – Kim Price

26<sup>th</sup> – Kirsten Piazza  
Keith Shafer

30<sup>th</sup> – Quiana Becerra



*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.  
Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!*



# SEPTEMBER 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR

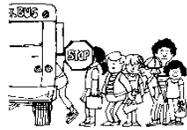


| S  | M  | T   | W   | T  | F  | S  |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b><br>Psalm 113:1-9<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Sarah Adams<br>Gerald Allinson<br>Alex & Cathy Arellano                      | <b>2</b><br>Matthew 6:1-4<br><br>Candice Arellano<br>Molly Arellano<br>Donna Ayres<br>Elaine Azevedo<br>Ben Baker                      | <b>3</b><br>Luke 11:5-13<br><br>Ken Barklow<br>Shirley Beekley<br>Don & Pat Benton<br>Wanda Bollinger<br>Pauline Bert         | <b>4</b><br>Romans 7:14-25<br><br>Michael Best<br>Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.<br>Ron Cadruvi & Fam.<br>Helen Campbell            | <b>5</b><br>Philippians 2:12-18<br><br>Phyllis Caudle<br>Linda Carter & Ivy<br>Ashley Cooksey & Fam.<br>Naomi Covey              | <b>6</b><br>1 John 1:5-10<br><br>Arlene Cupp<br>Gary & Charlotte DeHart<br>Chuck & Wendla<br>Dyer & Family<br>Jim & Sue Eikenberry | <b>7</b><br>1 Corinthians 1:26-31<br><br>Zack Fear<br>Pam Franklin &<br>Cherith Franklin<br>Kerby & Heather Frantz |
| <b>8</b><br>Zephaniah 3:14-20<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Lyndall & Lois Frantz<br>Lloyd Fullmer<br>Jerry Goodman                  | <b>9</b><br>Hebrews 4:12-16<br><br>Thomas & Patricia Guthrie<br>Clark & Melanie Hartman<br>Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield<br>Marvene Hilkey | <b>10</b><br>Philippians 4:1-8<br><br>Ryan & Kelly Heiny<br>& Fam.<br>David & Evelyn Hurlbut                                  | <b>11</b><br>Acts 2:42-47<br><br>Kevin & Deborah<br>Hurlbut & Family<br>Jay Irizarry<br>Norman Johnson                      | <b>12</b><br>1 Samuel 15:1-25<br><br>Randy & Teri<br>Johnson & Fam.<br>Darlene Kennard<br>Sheryle Knott & Fam.<br>Eunice Lasater | <b>13</b><br>Matthew 4:18-22<br><br>Mary Lou Lee<br>David & Cheryl Leib<br>JoAnn Lusk<br>Norma Lutes                               | <b>14</b><br>Psalm 119:44-48<br><br>Gerri Masellis<br>Ric Mason<br>Edna May Miller<br>Josephine Moore              |
| <b>15</b><br>James 1:2-6<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Stacy Nelson<br>Suzanne Neptune<br>Kelly Olsson<br>Clifford Parker            | <b>16</b><br>Psalm 16:5-11<br><br>Brad Parrish & Fam.<br>Tommie Parrish<br>Daymon & Sarah<br>Peterson & Family                         | <b>17</b><br>Matthew 7:7-11<br><br>Dennis Peterson<br>Marge Peterson<br>Eileene Petros<br>Oscar Phan                          | <b>18</b><br>2 Corinthians 1:1-7<br><br>Jason & Kirsten<br>Piazza & Family<br>Skip & Kathleen<br>Powell<br>Jeff Price       | <b>19</b><br>Genesis 1:26-31<br><br>Jeremy & Erica<br>Price & Family<br>Joel & Susan Price<br>& Fam.<br>John & Kathy Price       | <b>20</b><br>Romans 10:11-15<br><br>Nathan & Kim Price<br>& Fam.<br>Kay Qualls<br>Mike & Laura<br>Radcliffe & Family               | <b>21</b><br>Matthew 6:25-33<br><br>Mary Rariden<br>Charlotte Rice & Fam.<br>Lana Royer<br>Vance Shafer            |
| <b>22</b><br>Galatians 3:26-29<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Vern & Patty Shafer<br>Troy & Joy<br>Slaybaugh & Fam.<br>Marilyn Snider | <b>23</b><br>Psalm 8:3-9<br><br>Tony & Laura<br>Snyder & Fam.<br>Gayle Stanfill<br>Glenn Stanford<br>Loretta Stein & David             | <b>24</b><br>2 Peter 3:8-11<br><br>Jerry & Amy Stokes<br>& Family<br>Jerry & Judeen Stokes<br>J.J. & Soleena<br>Storne & Fam. | <b>25</b><br>Jeremiah 29:10-14<br><br>Veronica Suderman<br>& Family<br>Arthur Syverson<br>Mark & Amber<br>Syverson & Family | <b>26</b><br>Mark 10:42-45<br><br>Mike Syverson<br>Natasha Towe<br>Carolyn Trent<br>John & Sue Vacca                             | <b>27</b><br>Deuteronomy 11:18-21<br><br>Tim & Catherine<br>Vaughn & Family<br>Linda Ward & Family<br>Bev Welch                    | <b>28</b><br>Hebrews 13:1-6<br><br>Roger & Cynthia<br>Welch & Fam.<br>Josh & Heather<br>Winchester & Fam.          |
| <b>29</b><br>Colossians 3:12-17<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Derek Wyatt<br>Don & Susan Wyatt<br>Donny Wyatt                        | <b>30</b><br>Romans 5:3-5  |   |   |  |  |  |



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# SEPTEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



| S  | M   | T  | W  | T   | F   | S  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1<br><br><b>All Church<br/>Potluck, Finger<br/>Food Only</b> | 2<br><br><b>Labor Day<br/>Church Office<br/>Will Be Closed</b> | 3<br><br><b>EMERGENCY<br/>FOOD PANTRY<br/>9:00am-Noon</b>                                       | 4<br>7:00 am <br><b>Government<br/>Commodities<br/>Distribution</b> | 5<br><br>4:15pm Fellowship<br>Singers                             | 6<br><br>1:00pm Friday<br>Fellowship at<br>Su Casita<br>Waterford    | 7<br><b>FIRST<br/>SATURDAY</b><br><br>9:00am-2:00pm |
| 8  | 9   | 10<br><br><b>EMERGENCY<br/>FOOD PANTRY<br/>9:00am-Noon</b>                                      | 11   | 12<br><br>4:15pm Fellowship<br>Singers                            | 13<br>↓ ↓ ↓<br><b>11:30am</b><br>Mariners<br>at Round Table<br>Century Center   | 14   |
| 15<br><br><b>Coffee Hour</b>                                | 16  | 17<br><br><b>EMERGENCY<br/>FOOD PANTRY<br/>9:00am-Noon</b><br>9:30am Women's<br>Fellowship Mtg. | 18   | 19<br><br>4:15pm Fellowship<br>Singers<br>6:00pm Board<br>Meeting | 20<br><br>1:00pm Friday<br>Fellowship at<br>Huckleberry's<br>Turlock | 21   |
| 22   | 23  | 24<br><br><b>EMERGENCY<br/>FOOD PANTRY<br/>9:00am-Noon</b>                                    | 25   | 26<br><br>4:15pm Fellowship<br>Singers                          | 27<br><br>1:00pm Friday<br>Fellowship at<br>Red Lobster<br>Modesto | 28   |
| 29   | 30  |  |  |   |   |  |

## EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour