

Empire Church of the Brethren

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Every Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Informal Worship in Song: 10:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

April 2025 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

April 1	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
April 2	Food Delivery Day 8am
April 4	All Church Friday Luncheon 11:30am
April 5	Heaven's Bounty Open 9am-2pm
April 8	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
April 12	Booster Car Show Empire Elem 10am-2pm
April 13	Coffee Hour after Worship
April 15	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
April 17	Maundy Thursday Love Feast 6:00pm
April 18	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
April 20	Easter – Christ Is Risen!
April 22	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
April 24	Church Board Meeting
April 25	Shed Work Day 9:00am—Noon
April 27	All Church Sunday Luncheon after Worship
April 29	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
May 2	All Church Friday Luncheon 11:30am
May 3	Heaven's Bounty Open 9am-2pm

FEBRUARY 2025 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: 22

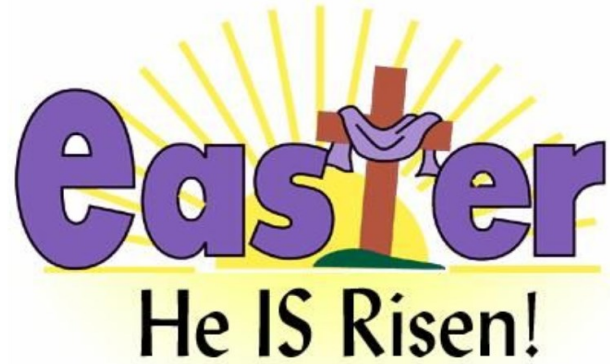
Giving Local: \$3,878.00
Other: \$12.20
Total: \$3,890.20

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Prayer List

- ♦ Efforts for peace around the world
- ♦ Those among us feeling anxious or discouraged
- ♦ Normie Lutes—recovering from shoulder surgery
- ♦ David & Evy Hurlbut—for good health & strength
- ♦ Michael with cancer and his partner Kelly for sobriety
- ♦ Vance Shafer—topical treatment for skin cancers
- ♦ Lloyd Fulmer & family in the loss of his brother-in-law, Dan Trapp

Those in care facilities: Phyllis Caudle-Ruby
Mary Raridan Glenn Stanford

April Birthdays

- 01 Shelby Cadruvi
- 02 David Hurlbut
- 04 Sarah (Lutes) Cerro
- 05 Rachel Price Herrod
- 09 Samuel Price
- 16 John Price
- 18 Linda Carter
- 27 Vern Shafer



Love is not a feeling
in your chest; it is
bending down to
wash another's feet

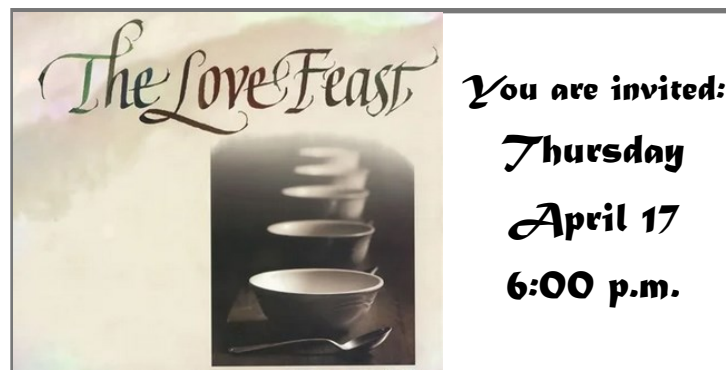


John 13:13-15

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



2025 Monthly Prayer Calendar (praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John)	
Remember as you pray for the folks listed to include their families, children & grandchildren	
Day	Pray for:
1	Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano
2	Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker
3	Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Michael Best
4	Wanda Bollinger Earl Boyd Earleen Cadruvi
5	Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy Phyllis Caudle
6	Arlene Cupp Deanna Dixon Chuck & Wendla Dyer
7	Jim & Sue Eikenberry John Elness Kenny Fox
8	Pam & Phil Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz
9	Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thom & Patricia Guthrie
10	Clark Hartman David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut
11	Jay Irizarry Sheryle Knott Chery Leib
12	Baji Lutes Norma Lutes Seth Lutes
13	Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Jose & Floriceta Merlos
14	Hillary Merlos Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson
15	Clifford Parker Brad Parrish
16	Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson Oscar Phan
17	Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price
18	Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price Sam Price
19	John Price Jonah & Morgan Price Nathan & Kim Price
20	Wyatt Price Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe
21	Mary Rariden Lana Royer Keith Shafer
22	Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh
23	Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder Glenn Stanford
24	Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
25	Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca Linda Vargo
26	Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh & Heather Winchester
27	Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt
28	Brad Slayter Modesto CoB Waterford CoB
29	Pastors/Churches in Pacific Southwest District Camp Peaceful Pines
30	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients
31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry



Meditation on Psalm 63: 1-8

Taken from Living Word Bulletin Series March 23, 2025

³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.

⁴Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵My soul shall be satisfied as with a rich feast,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

As a momma of toddlers, I often experienced the clinging arms of a small child wrapped around my leg. It happened in good times, with laughter; scary times, with tears; when feeling shy or needing the assurance of familiarity; or simply resting in the comfort of my presence. Those little arms held tightly, fiercely, with all their might—the purpose clear: I am staying attached to momma.

I want to be like that with God. To be filled with longing and to know true gut thirst for the living water that is only God's to give. I want to affirm with my whole being that God is the only true source of my contentment and satisfaction.

Psalm 63 is not written about God; is spoken directly to God. The words are not "platitudes of gratitude" for when things are going great and one feels the obligation to remember God. Instead, these words, spoken when times were tough for David, are a confession of affirmation recognizing his all-consuming need for God and then declaring God's faithfulness in filling that need with abundance.

I want my lips to be joyful and my hands to rise in heartfelt praise to the One whose lovingkindness I know is better than life itself. Whether in good times or scary times, when needing assurance and comfort or simply a rest from the weariness of my days, I want to cry out like the Psalmist:

Oh God, You. Are. My. God!

My soul longs for you...desires you...thirsts for you.
For You, o God alone, can satisfy the visceral need of my soul.

From the shadow of your wings, tucked in and clinging tightly with all my might,
I will praise You and rejoice.

*Pam Warner Franklin
Modesto, California*

