



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



Vern Shafer receiving a pace maker
Seth Lutes dealing with shoulder pain
Michael with pancreatic cancer
Michael's partner Kelly, for sobriety
Vance Shafer treatment for skin cancers
David & Evy Hurlbut
Jeff, Wanda Bollinger's son, in the hospital
with pneumonia and sepsis

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

June 2025 Church Calendar	
<i>Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm</i>	
June 3	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 4	Food Delivery Day 8am
June 6	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
June 7	Heaven's Bounty Open
June 8	Honor Mom, Dad & Grads Luncheon
June 10	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 15	Happy Father's Day!
June 17	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
June 19	Church Board Meeting
June 20	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
June 22	All Church Sunday Luncheon
June 23-25	Women's Retreat—Camp Peaceful Pines
June 24	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 27	Shed Work Day 9:00am

...to the Empire Congregation from
Camp Peaceful Pines for the day's work given
in opening up and preparing the kitchen for
the upcoming camping season.

Those who served:

Lois & Lindy Frantz	Normie Lutes
Deanna Dixon	Cheryl Leib
Phil & Pam Franklin	Claire Franklin
Sue Vacca	Don & Susan Wyatt

Join us for a fried chicken luncheon after
worship on Sunday, June 8, as we honor our

MOMS, DADS, & GRADS

Graduates of our members:

- ◆ Dakota Radcliffe, 8th Grade
- ◆ Quiana Becerra, High School
- ◆ Claire Franklin, High School

Dessert provided. Bring a side dish to share.

June Anniversaries

22 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie
24 Lyndall & Lois Frantz
27 Alex & Cathy Arellano
27 Joel & Susan Price



June Birthdays

2 Linda Ward
8 Phil Franklin
10 Alex Arellano
Jennifer Wuchner
12 Wyatt Price
15 Zachary Baker
Jonah Price
17 Kathleen Powell
18 Lyndall Frantz
21 Kerby Frantz
22 Wanda Bollinger
23 Katie Lutes
28 Thomas Guthrie
30 Rochelle Slaybaugh

April 2025 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: 24

Giving Local: \$4,043.00
Other: \$ 100.00
Total: \$4,143.00

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



238th Recorded Annual Conference



Annual Conference 2025
Greensboro, North Carolina
July 2-6

**Annual Conference exists to unite, strengthen and equip
the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus.**

From Dava Hensley, the 2025 Annual Conference Moderator

One of the core values of the Annual Conference is to continue building loving relationships with one another despite any differences we have. Love is having a hard time in our world and in the church community today. We are called to love and respect others even in the divisive times we find ourselves. At times, agape love, a love embodied by God's love for all humankind in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection seems impossible. Theologian, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, shares "if we are brave enough to love, strong enough to forgive, generous enough to rejoice in another's happiness, and wise enough to know there is enough love to go around for all of us, then we can achieve fulfillment that no other living creature will ever know."

Do we really understand true love, agape love? This leads me to 1 Corinthians 13 as the supportive scripture. A chapter used frequently for weddings and even funerals, but Apostle Paul wrote in response to a divided church in Corinth. Paul declared love as the greatest power in the church community and they are lacking a lot of it. The Corinthian Church is not even close to a love fest. The members were divided and yet their diversity generated both benefits and challenges. It was Paul's call to action. Apostle Paul describes this "work of love" in positive and negative terms. On the positive, love is patient, kind, and selfless. What love is not includes love is not self-seeking, short-tempered, and offensive. In other words, love does not hurt people! This agape love has feet to carry the Gospel, and is a tool-in-hand, serving kind of love like Jesus in the Neighborhood. Apostle Paul's love language unifies.

This is my prayer for our dear Church of the Brethren, that we continue to learn more about God's love and sacrifice for us and our mission to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all parts of The world in love.



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 Pauline Bert
4	Michael Best Wanda Bollinger Earl Boyd
5	Earleen Cadruvi Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy
6	Phyllis Caudle Arlene Cupp Deanna Dixon
7	Chuck & Wendla Dyer Jim & Sue Eikenberry John Elness
8	Kenny Fox Pam & Phil Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz
9	Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman
10	Thom & Patricia Guthrie Clark Hartman David & Evelyn Hurlbut
11	Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut Jay Irizarry Sheryle Knott
12	Chery Leib Baji Lutes Norma Lutes
13	Seth Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason
14	Jose & Floriceta Merlos Hillary Merlos Suzanne Neptune
15	Kelly Olsson 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

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