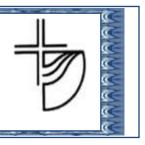
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PASTOR'S KEYBOARD



Summer is here and already our minds wander away from the heat and the sweat. I think about the pool, the lake, the shade and all of those places that allow me to get... away... from... the ... summer...

From 2 Timothy Chapter 1:

10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I

know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

There can be difficulties and distractions but we are guarded by Christ in our faith . His promise is that we are always His and nothing will separate us from his love. The heat of the day or the circumstances of existence will not change His loving and direct concern for us.

So remember with the summer heat or the vacation distractions that Christ is with us and will never leave us.

Pastor Dave

National and District News:

- Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust is now Eder Financial (name change only all services will stay the same)
- Ten of our churches from Atlantic Southeast District will be recognized this year at Annual Conference, seven new congregations and three new projects

Congregations:

Nuevo Comienzo, Kissimmee Gospel Assembly, Lehigh Acres

Naples Haitian Orlando Haitian

Unify Christians, North Miami Beach West Palm Beach Haitian

Tabernacle of Restoration, Fort Lauderdale

Projects: Lorida Iglesia de Los Hermanos

El Senor es Mi Pastor (The Lord Is My Shepherd) in Fort Pierce

Jesus Lounge Ministry (Delray Beach)

 23 youth and adults from Miami, Orlando, and Lorida will be attending National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, CO. Our Venture Fun(d) Day raised over \$4,600 to help them in this journey.

June

- 2. Harold Picking
- 3. Korra Bozeman
- 6. Bev Hann
- 9. Juan Vasquez
- 10. Carl Rupert
- 17. Evelyn Petry
 Jenny Luckenbill
- 27. Nobel Searer
- 30. Dick Davis

Pat Hollenberg-Israel

IMPORTANT DATES

Anniveršary Bleššings

May 27-30 National Young Adult Conference

May 29 10am Worship ~Pastor Craig

(No Fellowship meal after service)

May 30 Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED

June: No Sunday fellowship meals

No Wednesday Night

No Thursday Bible Study

No Friday Food Pantry

June 1 9-noon Ladies Aid

June 5 10am Worship ~Pastor David

Pentecost

June 7-24 Pastor Craig out of Office

June 8 9-noon Ladies Aid

June 12 10am Worship ~Pastor David

June 14 Lifeline screening Blough Hall

June 15 9-noon Ladies Aid

June 19 10am Worship ~Pastor David

Fathers Day

June 19-24 Pastor David at Camp Ithiel

June 22 9-noon Ladies Aid

June 26 10am Worship ~Pastor Craig

Communion

Surprise Going Away Party Joan Bohrer

<u>June</u>

6. Dawson & Wilma Moon

25. Baldy & Marcel Miranda

28. Todd & Tricia Bozeman

29. David & Judy Braune (2012)

Office Schedule (June)

M: Office Closed (Pastors on Call)

T: 9am-1pm Secretary

10am-2pm Pastor(s)

1pm-2pm Treasurer

W: 9am-1pm Secretary

10am-2pm Pastor(s)

Th: 9am-1pm Secretary

10am-2pm Pastor(s)

F: Office Closed (Pastors on Call)

David: 863-214-1224

Chaplain at Camp: June 19-24

I Craig: 610-781-4329

Out of town: June 6-24

Noteworthy Dates

IJune 10-12 Kids Camp

June 12-17 Senior High Camp

June 19-24 Jr High Camp

Pastor David is Chaplain

June 26-July1 Junior Camp

July 10-14 Annual Conference

July 23-28 National Youth Conference

SHHHH!! SURPRISE Going Away Party! After Church 6/26 For Joan Bohrer



Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be The man who pays the bills, While Mother binds up little hurts And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily To live up to "HIS IMAGE" As protector and provider And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason We sometimes get the notion, That Fathers are not subject To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart, Where no one else can see You'll find he's sentimental And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day In the grueling race of life, He leaves the sentimental stuff To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL In a million different ways, And they merit loving compliments And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.
Helen Steiner Rice

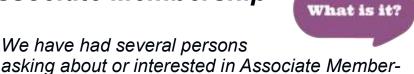
Church Servants



Deacons on Call - Bev Hann, Chair

Month of June Barbara Kesselring C - 863-381-8316

Associate Membership



asking about or interested in Associate Membership. Here is a definition of Associate membership from brethren.org

Associate Members. Congregations may grant associate membership to two categories of persons:

- a. Temporary residents, such as students and winter residents, who participate in the life of a congregation on a seasonal or short-term basis, and who continue to hold membership in another congregation in the community of their permanent residence.
- b. Former residents, persons who have moved to a new location in which there is no Church of the Brethren, and who wish to continue a relationship with the Brethren at the same time that they become members of another Christian community.
- c. Associate members have the right to vote and hold office in the congregation granting their associate status, and have a responsibility to contribute resources to support the ministries of that congregation.

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Church Budget Update:

Needed for the Month of May \$6,250 Received so far \$3,685 Still need for May \$-2,565

Note from Properties

Please be aware we do not currently have a custodian cleaning the building, it is done as volunteers have time, so if you make a mess please clean it up. Thank you!



Special Prayer List 5-29-2022

To All of our Church Family,

Please give updates to **Barbara Kesselring** (863) 381-8316 or email: kessellb@embarqmail.com

RED is new names or issues since the last Newsletter.

Recent Church Family:

Lizz Batts (dental work) (Paisley Pagent)

Michelle Brandt (surgery for blood clots)

Dorthy Bugbee (breast cancer surgery)

Matthew B (visitor) (place to live and healing for wife)

Tracy Burnhart (fell at Food Pantry)

Gayle Diehl—home after surgery

Karen Ferguson (foot surgery)

Lisa Franks (Moving to Texas with Raileigh-Sue)

Dalton Graham (heart mass & Covid)(friend of Dawn Z)

Diane Hurst—in hospital

Paul Klossner (lung cancer)

Miriam Kauffman at Highlands Regional Heart condition

Betty Liliquist (home after stroke loves afternoon visits)

Scott Lofton (Home, doing well)

Jenny Luckenbill - Aunt Bernie doing much better

Grace Moser Searer (pace maker replaced)

Linda Rupert (no knee surgery required!)

Judy and Bob Skow (Judy home, Bob in healthcare)

Keith Simmons (Indiana University Hospital)

Terry Smalley (broken toe)

Sylvia Vasquez—Cancer Free!

Loraine Walker—Hip Surgery at Palms

Jimmy Ward prostate and stomach problems

JOYS:

Children in Worship!

Friends & Family Visiting

Tanya Williamee - baby Conner (Friend Lizz)

Food Pantry

Travelers home safe

Jamie McBride is a Bethany Grad!

Tucker Frail High School Grad!

Atlantic Southeast District:

Youth and Advisors going to National Youth Conference

Church Body

Prayer for Leadership team

Prayer for Church financial needs

(\$2,000 needed per week)

Growth and Transition in the Church

Ongoing Church Family:

Louanne Barber

Joan Bohrer

Louise Bohrer

Jim Burner

Carolyn Colver

Colleen Drew (Gail Strome's daughter)

Gary Harnage and Kay Harnage

Curtis Heitzman (Carolyn Colver's son)

Brenda Hollar

Jonathan Hollenberg

Stephanie Hollenberg (Life Changes)

Ramona Hollinger

Paul Levey - Depressed (home)

Faye Livengood

Baldy & Marcel Miranda (Alzheimer diagnosis)

Teresa Skinner

David & Terry Smalley HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kelsey Schoendorf, (cancer in remission)

Andrew Strickland

Nick Vela (Prayer for positive life changes)

Randy Walker (Lorraine Walker's Son) (ALS)

DECEASED*:

Lois Cleft (3/9) and Sam Cleft (3/30)

Kathryn Hartman (friend of Bev Hann)

Other:

Nation's Unity

Prayer for Teachers, Staff & Students

Prayers for the world

Refugees in the Ukraine conflict

Calm Hurricane Season

Answering The Call



When we become Christians, we become a new creation. We were granted the gift of the Holy Spirit who now lives in us. Jesus calls us to a new way of living, and leading, one that reflects the reality of his calling and the transforming power of his Spirit. No longer are we to follow the world's patterns, allowing culture to dictate our views and practices. Instead, God wants to permanently realign our thinking and behavior so that leading like

Jesus becomes a normal part of how we live. Do you want the normal, every day pattern of your life to reflect Jesus to others?

Ephesians4:1

As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Prayer: God, what worldly beliefs do we need to embrace? What do you need us to stop doing? What do you need us to continue to do? What do you need us to start doing? Change us to be more like Jesus in our normal everyday life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Pastor Craig





Food Pantry Update

This last year our Food Pantry Ministry has grown and continues to grow. A few years ago we were helping 10-15 families a week, that number has grown to 60+ families a week. We are living in a time of food insecurity.

The food ministry has been donation and grant funded. We have finished the grant and are looking for others. We work with a local Food Bank to purchase food to give out and have spent a little over \$7,000 in the last year. We anticipate this number growing next year. Weekly this means we provide 3-4 days of food for \$0.60-\$1.50 a person. Talk about stretching a dollar.

None of the Food Pantry funds came out of the Budget. We will need donations to be able to continue after the summer. We are looking for more grants, and will keep the church updated if we are able to secure another one.

Annual Conference (July 10-14) in Omaha, Nebraska Host City Special Offering: Girls, Inc. of Omaha



Girls, Inc. of Omaha has been serving girls, ages 5-18, for over 45 years.

Committed to nurturing girls to be strong, smart, and bold, they offer homework help and enrichment classes in music, art, and science; encourage exercise and good nutrition; provide clothing and hygiene supplies; and equip girls with basic life skills related to budgeting and banking, public speaking, voting and citizenship, and how to apply for a job.

Items you can bring by Sunday July 3 to be taken to Conference:

School Supplies: backpacks, notebooks, markers, crayons, paper, folders, pencils

Art Supplies: Construction paper, glue, sidewalk chalk, ribbon, beads, glitter, etc.

Hygiene: Deodorant, Sunscreen, Bug spray, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Lotion

Clothing: Panties (all sizes), Bras (all sizes), Training bras, socks (all sizes)

Games: Board games, basketballs, baseball/softball/bats/gloves, jump rope, dodgeballs, yoga mats, whistles, ball pumps, water balloons, beach balls, soccer balls, volleyballs/kneepads

Notes from the Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, May 23rd

- Bev Hann is chosen as vice-chair
- Treasurer Report: Endowments are down due to Market fluctuation.
 We underspent our Budget last year by \$24,000. The grant has been closed (remaining money moved to food bank category)



- Leadership received updated information for Binders
- The Budget was amended since the Leadership team meeting with more accurate amounts.
- We will be getting our internal internet network updated (paid for by donor).
- Summer Office Hours for Secretary will be Tuesday-Thursday Memorial day til Labor day.
- Per the congregational business meeting \$20,000 was pulled from the general endowment to pay bills for the summer.
- Korra Bozeman will be sent to Kids Camp this summer.



Dear Church Family:

June 2022

Graduation season is here. When I see students graduating it brings back memories of my own graduations. We face many milestones in our lives, times of transition and goals we reach. I am constantly reminded

that we need to live in the present. There is a saying "Yesterday's history, Tomorrow's a Mystery, but Today is a gift" that is why it is called the present. With so much going on in our world, take time today to be present with God, with family, with events around you. It is a joy to watch my eldest finish Kindergarten and see the confidence she now has. I intend to cherish every moment I have with her (and her sisters) this summer.

In Christ's love,

Tricia Ziegler-Bozeman



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