



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

September 2025 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

Sept. 2	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Sept. 3	Food Delivery Day 8am
Sept. 5	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
Sept. 6	Heaven's Bounty Open 9am-2pm
Sept. 9	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Sept. 14	Coffee Hour after Church
Sept. 16	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
Sept. 18	Church Board Meeting
Sept. 19	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
Sept. 23	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Sept. 26	Shed Work Day 9:00am
Sept. 28	All Church Sunday Luncheon
Sept. 30	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon



Seth Lutes—pain & discouragement

David & Evy Hurlbut

Vance Shafer—treating skin cancers

Normie Lutes—with breathing issues

Cheryl Leib—having hand surgery

Those in care facilities:

Phyllis Caudle-Ruby

Mary Raridan

Glenn Stanford

Don and Pat Benton

Marilyn Snider



2025 District Conference

November 7-8, 2025

"The Fruit of the Spirit is Peace"

Business is on

Saturday, November 8

La Verne Church of the Brethren,

La Verne, CA

Moderator, Norma Sexton

Both in person and virtual .

All are welcome!

September Birthdays

- 2 ★ Braydon Snyder
- 6 Michael Azevedo
- 7 Dakota Radcliffe
- 15 Eric Arellano
- 16 Tony Snyder
- 20 Amy Best
- 23 Kim Price
- 26 Keith Shafer
- 30 Quiana Becerra

September Anniversaries

29 John and Sue Vacca

JULY 2025 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: 25

Giving Local: \$4,357.00

Other: \$ 30.00

Total: \$4,387.00

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB

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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 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



Wonder where the money collected for our Denominational Ministries go? Much of it is dispersed in the form of Grants. Here are some recent examples:

Emergency Disaster Fund

Two grants continue work with Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria):

- \$185,000 supports the Nigeria Crisis Response program for 2025, focusing on home repairs and water projects to allow displaced families to return home.
- \$25,000 goes to EYN's response to extreme flooding in Maiduguri.

Four grants aid those affected by the invasion of the city of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):

- \$30,000 supports l'Eglise des Freres au Congo (Church of the Brethren in the DRC) in its Rapid Response to the invasion of Goma, providing food and water to church members and others.
- \$20,000 went to l'Eglise des Freres au Congo to provide food and water to church members and others trapped in South Kivu Province by the fighting.
- \$15,000 went to the Church of the Brethren in Burundi for an aid program for refugees fleeing the violence.
- \$8,600 assisted the Rwanda Church of the Brethren to rebuild or repair 11 homes damaged in fighting between M23 rebels and the Congolese military.

Two grants were given to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC):

- \$30,000 for a humanitarian response to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, specifically a program for children with disabilities living in the Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp.
- \$70,000 to a Russia-Ukraine war response focused on women's programing in the Zakarpattia region.
- \$5,000 covered the Children's Disaster Services response to the Los Angeles wildfires early this year.

Global Food Initiative

- \$5,000 helped the Haiti Medical Project drill a well in an underserved community among congregations of l'Eglise des Frères d'Haïti (the Church of the Brethren in Haiti).
- \$4,999.50 went to the Great Lakes Bible School in Rwanda for students' theological and biblical education to be combined with practical knowledge in sustainable farming.
- \$4,906 went to the Church of the Brethren in Burundi for training on Farming God's Way techniques that use fewer resources, conserve water, and improve soils without chemical inputs.