

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

February 2026 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

Feb. 3	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Feb. 4	Food Delivery Day 8am
Feb. 6	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
Feb. 7	Heaven's Bounty Open
Feb. 8	All Church Coffee Hour after Church
Feb. 10	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Feb. 17	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday-First Day of Lent
Feb. 19	Church Board Meeting
Feb. 20	All Church Valentine Lunch Out 1:00pm
Feb. 22	All Church Sunday Luncheon
Feb. 24	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Feb. 27	Shed Work Day 9:00am

Derek Wyatt

Pat Benton

David & Evy Hurlbut

Family of Carolyn Trent

Nikki Waggoner

Earleen Cadruvi

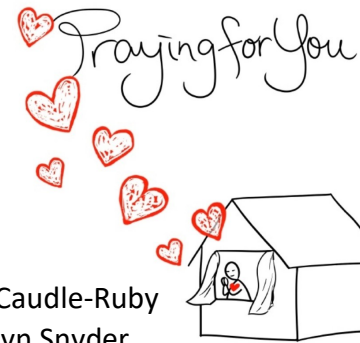
Those in care facilities:

Mary Raridan

Phyllis Caudle-Ruby

Glenn Stanford

Marilyn Snyder



February Birthdays

- 1 Lloyd Fullmer
- 2 Phyllis Ruby Caudle
- 8 Norma Lutes
- 11 John Vacca
- 15 Seth Lutes
- 17 Pat Benton
- 20 Johnathan Snyder
- 23 Evelyn Hurlbut
- Ivy Carter
- 26 Tanner Radcliffe
- Zachary Snyder
- 27 Joy Slaybaugh
- Lori Ward



December 2025 STATISTICS

Average Worship

Attendance: **24**

Giving:

Local: \$4,778.00

Shower Shuttle: \$70.00

Total: \$4,848.00

Let **all** that you do
be done in **love.**

1 Corinthians 16:14

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*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and repentance leading up to Easter, symbolizing Jesus's time in the wilderness, a time for spiritual discipline, reflection on Christ's sacrifice, and preparation for the renewal that the celebration of Easter can bring.



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



2026 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 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	Brad Slayter Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder
24	Glenn Stanford Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent
25	John & Sue Vacca Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca
26	Linda Vargo Nikki Waggoner Olivia Brown
27	Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh & Heather Winchester
28	Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt
29	Pastors/Churches in Pacific Southwest District Camp Peaceful Pines
30	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients
31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry

From the Pastor's Report to the Church Council Meeting, January 25, 2026

...Personally, I believe we have a good thing here at Empire. I am constantly amazed that more people do not join us. We have what people really need. A loving, God fearing congregation dedicated to His Word and serving of our neighbor. That is what I find when I read the Bible. The Old Testament is the struggle to understand this. The Gospels are the example of living this in God's Son. The letters are the effort to live the life seen in Jesus in our everyday lives.

God is blessing us as we believe His Word and share it with others and ask God to be an important part of people's lives. I am thrilled at our prayer life. The way we believe for others. The way we intercede to the benefit of others. The way we love and care for others.

We have something very special here and God knows it and is using us to help others in their struggles in life. I am pleased to be your pastor. I am pleased to be in God's Word each week. I am pleased to see God working in so many lives.

God bless us everyone. Now and forever more.

Amen

John E. Price / Pastor



Serving with Purpose

Each year on the first Sunday of February, the Church of the Brethren celebrates all those who are serving, and have served, in ministries such as CoB sponsored opportunities like:

- ◆ Brethren Volunteer Service,
- ◆ Brethren Disaster Ministries,
- ◆ FaithX (known in the past as Work Camps),
- ◆ Children's Disaster Services, and more.

In addition members have served in a myriad of local ministries and volunteer organizations.

Service Sunday is an opportunity to recognize those who have served in the past and/or are serving now. It is also an opportunity to inspire others. If February 1st doesn't work for your congregation's schedule, any Sunday is a good time to celebrate service! See the Jan/Feb issue of *Messenger* for glimpses of ways Brethren are "*living with purpose*" as they serve in their communities and around the world.