

Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, July 17, at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 5:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet after Friday Fellowship on the third Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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Trust in the Lord with all of your strength. And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount upon with wings like eagles, they will walk and not become weary.
Isaiah 40:31

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person can accomplish much. James 5:16

PRAYER CONCERNS

All Those With Seasonal Ailments

Pat Benton – Shoulder & Back Pain

Lindy & Lois Frantz – Loss Of Their Home

Josephine Moore – Loss Of Son Howard

Marilyn Snider – Nerve Pain

Larry Ward – Recovery From Surgery



THE BIBLE

These thoughts come from Dr. David Jeremiah.

The Bible: A Book that will make a difference. Based on Psalm 19.

Psalm 19 is a beautiful poem with a powerful message.

In verses 7-11 David tells of the power of God.

The Bible is the Law of the Lord, the Testimony of the Lord, the Statutes of the Lord, the Commandments of the Lord and the Judgments of the Lord.

It is a book to be obeyed. It is: Perfect, Sure, Right, Pure, Clean and Righteous.

Action Statements about the Bible.

It will restore your soul: it is God's agent of salvation.

It renews your mind: a practical guide of wisdom.

It will rejoice your heart and lift your spirit.

It will refocus your vision and clarify it.

It will reinforce your life.

It will replace your doubts for it is true.

It will reorder your values and put you on the right track.

It will redirect your path and keep you on that right track.

It will reward your obedience and help you to live in the will of God.

God holds those who love and obey Him in the palm of His hand.

God's person, in the center of His will, is immortal and invincible until God is done with them.

The Bible will change your life for it is a living and powerful Word of Life.



WASH DAY
Author Unknown



Monday – Wash Day: Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday – Ironing Day: Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday – Mending Day: O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday – Cleaning Day: Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday – Shopping Day: O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday – Cooking Day: Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday – The Lord’s Day: O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Our life is always deeper than we know, is always more divine than it seems,
and hence we are able to survive degradations and despairs which otherwise must engulf us.
William James (1842-1910)

APRIL 2018 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 37

Giving:

Local:	\$7,402.00
Sunday School:	75.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	104.00
Other:	58.72
Total:	\$7,639.72



NEW MAILING AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Joel and Susan Price no longer have a landline phone. If you need to contact them their cell phone numbers are: **Joel – (209) 204-1956, Susan – (209) 204-1653.**

OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

Website: www.empirecob.org; **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB; **Twitter:**

https://twitter.com/empire_cob; and **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>

SONS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Susan Price

A few weeks ago I did a Storytime during church about a book written by **Francine Rivers** called, “*Sons of Encouragement*,” which tells the Bible story of five faithful men in the Bible. The book is divided into sections pertaining to one Biblical character at a time. In the back of each section there is a Bible Study to gain further depth and knowledge about the character. It also asks questions to help us see how we can apply what God has shown us through the character. The first section of the book is about Aaron. Throughout the Bible Study there is a section called “*Stop and Ponder*.” I would like to share with you several of these passages. As you read them, stop and ponder what God is saying to you and how you can apply them in your life.

“Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.” **Ephesians 3:20**

“God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never forsake you.’ That is why we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper, so I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’” **Hebrews 13:5 B -6**

“We can gather our thoughts, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.” **Proverbs 16:1-3**

“If we confess our sins to him [Jesus], He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from every wrong.” **I John 1:9**

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for He wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” **I Timothy 2:1-4**

“That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to Heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to Him and never stop trusting Him. The High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.” **Hebrews 4:14-16**

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

20th – Roger & Cynthia Welch
28th – Skip & Kathleen Powell

18th – Sheryle Knott
Carolyn Trent

20th – Jean Davisson
Pam Franklin

BIRTHDAYS

01st – Bailey Price
02nd – Natasha Towe
06th – Glenn Stanford
13th – Pat Shafer

21st – Sue Best

24th – Cynthia Welch

29th – Veronica Suderman



If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.

Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.

You are important to us!



JULY 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 Pastor & Teachers Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano	2 Psalm 145:9-13 Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	3 Isaiah 43:14-211 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Family	4 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Ron Cadruvi & Family Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	5 Psalm 84:1-12 Ashley Cooksey & Family Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Karen Davis & Family	6 Matthew 6:25-34 Jean Davisson Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Psalm 18:1-6 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin
8 Joshua 1:1-9 Pastor & Teachers Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman	9 Hebrews 11:1-10 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman	10 Matthew 5:14-16 Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Family	11 1 Samuel 7:8-12 David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Norman Johnson	12 Romans 8:18-27 Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater	13 Hebrews 12:1-3 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	14 John 16:32-33 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson
15 Philippians 1:3-11 Pastor & Teachers Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	16 John 20:19-29 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson	17 Joshua 14:6-13 Eileene Petros Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	18 1 Kings 19:1-14 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Family	19 Psalm 34:1-10 Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls	20 Hebrews 6:9-12 Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Family	21 Luke 22:54-62 Lana Royer Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family
22 Genesis 50:15-26 Pastor & Teachers Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill	23 Psalm 27:4-8 Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	24 John 15:12-16 Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family	25 Psalm 37:23-31 Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	26 1 Samuel 16:1-7 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	27 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch	28 1 Samuel 18:1-4 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Family
29 John 14:15-19 Pastor & Teachers Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	30 Isaiah 43:1-3	31 Psalm 103:1-14				


















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JULY 2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1  Red, White And Blue Coffee Hour	2	3  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	4  Independence Day Church Office Closed	5  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	6  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita Hatch Rd., Ceres	7
8	9	10  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	11	12  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	13  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Perko's Oakdale Road	14
15  All Church Finger Foods Coffee Hour	16	17 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg. Mirror Deadline	18	19  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	20  1:00pm Mariners Potluck at the Church	21
22	23	24  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	25	26  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	27  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl Hughson	28
29	30	31  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon				

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School
10:45am Informal Worship
11:00am Worship Hour