

ANNOUNCING



Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 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



RISEN: THE MISSION OF CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED

This is from: In Touch with Charles Stanley
Risen: the Mission of Christ Accomplished

Jesus challenged the most powerful force on earth, the Roman Empire

What was the Mission of Jesus?

1. To reveal The Father. John 8: I and the Father are one.
2. To Redeem fallen mankind. Pay for our sins, seek the lost.
3. To revive hope in the Messiah. To fulfill the promise.
John introduced Him as the Messiah.
He came to lift our fading hopes in the coming of the Messiah.
4. To sacrifice His life for our sins. He is the salvation of the world. 1 Peter 2:24.
5. To reveal Eternal Truths. John 14-17. John 14:16-17.
To reveal the Holy Spirit, to reveal why He came, who He was, the work of the Holy Spirit and how God indwells in us the Holy Spirit, and by the Holy Spirit. God teaches, guides, leads and comforts us.
6. To teach us how to love each other and forgive each other.
How do you forgive those who have wronged you?
Jesus is the example of forgiveness as He forgave those who killed Him.
7. To teach us how to Pray. Mark 1:35.
Early in the morning Jesus went out by Himself to pray.
We cannot please God in our daily walk unless we start our day with Him.
The most important thing in our life is: our personal, intimate relationship with God our Father.
8. To bring the assurance of Life after death. Lazareth and His own resurrection. John 11:21, 25. Life after death.
Jesus gave eternal life at the cross where He defeated death once and for all.
9. To bring the assurance that Heaven is our home.
John 14:1-6. Jesus has prepared a place for us. We will live with Him forever.
We are to live our lives for others as did Jesus.
10. To inspire and instruct us to spread the Good news of Salvation. Matt. 24:42-44.
He is going back, be on the alert and ready for His return.

Jesus accomplished His Mission in three years. He was a prophet, evangelist, Son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. In the resurrection He accomplished His mission to earth and us.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Received via email in 2007



The Ellen Show was on and she read this submission to a contest from a viewer:

So, we had this great 10 year old cat named Jack who just recently died. Jack was a great cat and the kids would carry him around and sit on him and nothing ever bothered him. He used to hang out and nap all day on this mat in our bathroom.

Well, we have 3 kids and at the time of this story they were 4 years old, 3 years old, and 1 year old. The middle one is Eli. Eli really loves chapstick. LOVES IT. He kept asking to use my chapstick and then losing it. So finally one day I showed him where in the bathroom I keep my chapstick and how he could use it whenever he wanted to but he needed to put it right back in the drawer when he was done.

Last year on Mother's Day, we were having the typical rush around and try to get ready for Church with everyone crying and carrying on. My two boys are fighting over the toy in the cereal box. I am trying to nurse my little one at the same time I am putting on my make-up. Everything is a mess and everyone has long forgotten that this is a wonderful day to honor me and the amazing job that is motherhood.

We finally have the older one and the baby loaded in the car and I am looking for Eli. I have searched everywhere and I finally round the corner to go into the bathroom. And there was Eli. He was applying my chapstick very carefully to Jack's . . . rear end. Eli looked right into my eyes and said "chapped". Now if you have a cat, you know that he is right – their little butts do look pretty chapped. And, frankly, Jack didn't seem to mind.

And the only question to really ask at that point was whether it was the FIRST time Eli had done that to the cat's behind or the hundredth.

And THAT is my favorite Mother's Day moment ever because it reminds us that no matter how hard we try to civilize these glorious little creatures, there will always be that day when you realize they've been using your chapstick on the cat's butt.

MARCH 2018 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 35

Giving:

Local:	\$5,758.00
Sunday School:	55.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	52.00
Other:	820.00
Total:	\$6,685.00



CHANGE IN MIRROR MAILING

To save money: We no longer wish to "snail mail" the Mirror to those who have computer access. **We will** mail the Mirror to those who **DO NOT** have computer access. If you do not have computer access and wish to continue to receive the Mirror through the mail, please contact the church office at **209-522-4302**.

NEW INFORMATION

Empire Church of the Brethren now has a website and social media addresses! Our website address is: www.empirecob.org; Facebook address is: www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB; Twitter: https://twitter.com/empire_cob; and Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>
Other new addresses: **Don & Pat Benton**, P.O. Box 1427, Empire, CA 95319, Phone: 209-272-1213
Thom & Pat Guthrie, 2080 W. Via Lante, Fresno, CA 93711, Phone: 559-676-5139
Bev Welch, 7700 Fox Road, A124, Hughson, CA 95326 209-883-3193

CIVILITY

From Sacred Nonaggression Principle by Brian Wright

Civility is certainly right up there as a key value. And this is a wonderfully useful book. The rules, which are laid out by chapter with often refreshingly bright and robust illustrations taken from Forni's own cultivated experience, speak for themselves:

1. Pay attention
2. Acknowledge others
3. Think the best
4. Listen
5. Be inclusive
6. Speak kindly
7. Don't speak ill
8. Accept and give praise
9. Respect even a subtle "no"
10. Respect others' opinions
11. Mind your body
12. Be agreeable
13. Keep it down (and rediscover silence)
14. Respect other people's time
15. Respect other people's space
16. Apologize earnestly
17. Assert yourself
18. Avoid personal questions
19. Care for your guests
20. Be a considerate guest
21. Think twice before asking for favors
22. Refrain from idle complaints
23. Accept and give constructive criticism
24. Respect the environment and be gentle
25. Don't shift responsibility and blame

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

The **Mother's Day Tea** will be held on **May 20th**, after church. All are invited. Come and bring your family and enjoy the food and entertainment.



Thank you to all who made my Birthday and twenty years celebration a very nice day for me. You always do such a nice job of special days and times. I appreciate it. **Pastor John**

Thank you to **Lindy Frantz** for patching and painting the south end of the basement!

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12th – Troy & Joy Slaybaugh
- 26th – Vern & Patty Shafer
- 29th – Josh & Heather Winchester

BIRTHDAYS

- 01st – Sue Eikenberry
- 05th – Susan Price
Harley Radcliffe
- 06th – Steven Best
- 07th – Cherith Franklin

- 08th – Jacob Cadruvi
Sue Vacca
- 12th – Troy Slaybaugh
- 13th – Tommie Parrish
Amy Stokes
- 15th – Daniel Snyder
- 16th – Don Wyatt
- 17th – Patricia Guthrie
- 28th – Gayle Stanfill
Catherine Vaughn



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!



MAY 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Psalm 37:1-9 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2 1 Corinthians 12:21-25 Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	3 Matthew 6:16-18 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Family	4 Jeremiah 31:15-17 Ron Cadruvi & Family Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	5 Psalm 63:1-11 Ashley Cooksey & Family Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp
6 Matthew 4:1-11 Pastor & Teachers Karen Davis & Family Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Jeremiah 29:10-14 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 James 5:13-18 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer	9 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Betty Harms & Family	10 Isaiah 40:25-31 Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 Lamentations 3:22-24 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Family David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	12 Genesis 12:1-10 Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Family
13 Psalm 146:1-10 Pastor & Teachers Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk	14 Matthew 13:1-23 Norma Lutes Geri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson	15 Ephesians 4:20-32 Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	16 Psalm 84:1-12 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros	17 Galatians 6:1-10 Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	18 Luke 15:11-21 Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price	19 Psalm 119:105-112 Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family
20 Mark 7:31-37 Pastor & Teachers Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Family Lana Royer	21 Hebrews 13:1-8 Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family	22 John 14:1-6 Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill	23 Genesis 18:23-33 Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	24 Joshua 1:1-18 Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family	25 Psalm 46:1-7 Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	26 Matthew 7:1-5 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
27 1 Peter 5:6-11 Pastor & Teachers Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch	28 Jeremiah 17:5-8 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Family	29 Matthew 5:1-12 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	30 Luke 11:1-13	31 Philippians 2:1-11		
















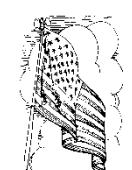






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MAY 2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	2 7:00 am  Government Commodities Distribution	3  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	4  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Alfonso's Ceres	5 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
6  All Church Finger Foods Coffee Hour		8  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	9  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	10  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	11  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Marie Callender's	
13  MOTHER'S DAY		15 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg. Mirror Deadline	16  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	17  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	18 POTLUCK 1:00pm Mariners Potluck at the Church	19  Armed Forces Day
20  Mother's Day Tea After Church		22  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	23  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	24  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	25  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl 6901 Hughson Ave. Hughson	
27	28  MEMORIAL DAY Church Will Be Closed	29	30	31		

EVERY SUNDAY

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