



**Mariners: Potluck at the church at 1:00pm**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, February 18, 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	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	1:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd 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 1:00 p.m. every Friday for dinner. Mariner's meet at 1:00 p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

**The Mirror - February 2020**

The Mirror is published once a Month. Information deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.



Empire Church  
of the Brethren

P.O. Box 215

Empire, CA 95319

Phone: 209-522-4302

Pastor John Price: (209) 480-2778



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,  
 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;  
 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
 his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,  
 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91: 1-6*

### **IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.



### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Pat Benton** – Pain Management
- Earleen Cadruvi** – Surgery Healing
- Helen Campbell** – Skin Cancer Healing
- Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer Healing
- Eunice Lasater** – Healing from Fall
- Jose Merlos** – Shoulder Surgery Healing

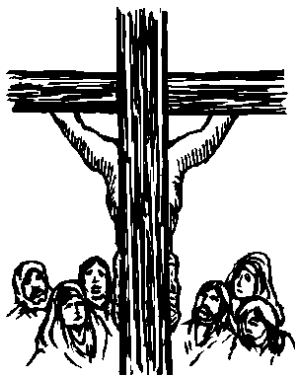


### **REMAIN IN CHRIST**

Till death, be faithful, my dear, to the Spouse to whom you've promised yourself, and you'll be crowned by God with laurels of Life. Our labor here is brief, our reward eternal. Remember this. Don't let the thrills of this world, which vanish like dew, excite you.

Don't let fake delights of this deceptive world trick you. Close your ears to hell's whispers. Be brave, resist them. Smile and endure when things go wrong, and don't let success go to your head.

Instead, look to Christ, who goes before us, take up the cross and follow Him. Never let the thought of Jesus leave your mind. Meditate constantly on the mysteries of the cross and the pain His mother felt standing there below Him.



*Pray, Always be alert  
 St. Clare of Assisi, Letters*

## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24*

Isn't it wonderful to meet a person who is really alive? Not long ago I found myself talking with a man who positively sparkled with vitality. “Tell me,” I said, “where did you get so much faith and enthusiasm?”

“I heard you speak at a meeting,” he explained. “There was something in your talk that day that changed my life. It was a single sentence.”

The sentence that had done so much for him was Psalm 118:24: “This day belongs to the Lord! Let's celebrate and be glad today.”

“And in what way has this changed your life?” I asked.

“Saying that verse helped me realize that if I take just this one day and do my best with it, then when night comes I can give thanks to God and go to sleep, knowing that He watches over me.”

Not every day is going to be a pleasant day. Not every day is going to be an easy one. Life brings to each of us some share of pain, struggle, sorrow, and/or heartache. But even in a day that is full of suffering and difficulty; there lies hidden a nugget of something good.

**Life-Lifter:** *Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for all the days You have given us. Grant, O Lord, that we may demonstrate in our living that every day, be it dark or sunlit, can be a good day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Norman Vincent Peale*



## NEW ADDRESS

**Kerby Frantz** has a new address: 27117 Northwestern Pike, Romney, WV 26754.



## MAKING IT TO HEAVEN

Anonymous

An old preacher finally made it to heaven. St. Peter welcomed him and gave him a cotton robe and wooden staff. He was so happy.

He met a man with a silk robe and golden walking stick. Impressed, he asked what the man did on earth? “I was a taxi driver in Las Vegas,” said the man. Shocked, the preacher went to St. Peter and asked how come the taxi driver got a silk robe and a golden walking stick. Peter said, “My son, when you preached everybody went to sleep, but when he drove everyone prayed.”

## DECEMBER 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 36

### **Giving:**

Local:	\$9,254.00
Sunday School:	84.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	1,120.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,458.00</b>



### OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

**Website:** [www.empirecob.org](http://www.empirecob.org); **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB](https://www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB); **Twitter:**

[https://twitter.com/empire\\_cob](https://twitter.com/empire_cob); and **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>



## HOW TO COOK A HUSBAND

Quoted from the "Moravian Cook Book" published in 1910 by the Home Mission Society of the Moravian Church, Lancaster, PA



A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women keep them constantly in hot water; others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and word. Others roast them; some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good managed in this way, but they are really delicious when properly treated.

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel, nor by the golden tint, as if you wanted salmon. Be sure and select him yourself, as tastes differ. Don't go to the market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none unless you know how to cook him.

A preserving kettle of finest porcelain is best, but if you have nothing but an earthenware pipkin, it will do, with care. See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely sewed on. Tie him in the kettle by a strong silk cord called comfort, as the one called duty is apt to be weak and they are apt to fly out of the kettle and be burned and crusty on the edges, since like crabs and lobsters, you have to cook them alive.

Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness. Set him as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzes, do not be anxious; some husbands do this till they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but not vinegar or pepper on any account; a little spice improves them, but it must be used with judgment. Do not stick any sharp instruments into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently; watch the while, lest he lie too flat and too close to the kettle, and so become useless. You cannot fail to know when he is done. If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and the children, and he will keep as long as you want, unless you become careless and set him in too cold a place.

## RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite, pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past – have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing – don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, as dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of humor.

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

15<sup>th</sup> – Phil & Pam Franklin  
24<sup>th</sup> – Don & Pat Benton

### **BIRTHDAYS**

01<sup>st</sup> – Lloyd Fullmer  
02<sup>nd</sup> – Phyllis Caudle  
08<sup>th</sup> – Norma Lutes  
11<sup>th</sup> – John Vacca  
15<sup>th</sup> – Seth Lutes  
17<sup>th</sup> – Pat Benton

19<sup>th</sup> – Natalie Hartman  
20<sup>th</sup> – Johnathan Snyder  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Evelyn Hurlbut  
24<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Carter  
26<sup>th</sup> – Tanner Radcliffe  
Loretta Stein  
Zachary Snyder  
27<sup>th</sup> – Joy Slaybaugh  
Lori Ward



*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!*



# FEBRUARY 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Exodus 13:17-22  Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano
2 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  Pastor & Teachers Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker	3 Psalm 19:1-6  Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 Isaiah 49:8-10  Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	5 Luke 10:25-37  Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.	6 Matthew 26:36-44  Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Gary & Charlotte DeHart	7 Psalm 89:1-4  Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear	8 Psalm 78:1-7  Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz
9 1 John 4:7-12  Pastor & Teachers Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10 Mark 4:35-41  Harold Harger Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 Psalm 23:1-6  Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry	12 Joshua 4:1-9  Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard	13 Psalm 37:3-6  Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib	14 Colossians 3:12-17  JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller	15 Deuteronomy 31:1-8  Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker
16 Psalm 33:1-5  Pastor & Teachers Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish	17 Luke 2:25-35  Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros	18 2 Corinthians 9:8-15  Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell	19 1 Corinthians 3:6-11  Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam.	20 Nehemiah 9:10-17  John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls	21 Psalm 103:1-8  Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer	22 1 Corinthians 2:1-10  Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam.
23 Matthew 6:25-34  Pastor & Teachers Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam.	24 Luke 22:24-30  Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam.	25 Titus 3:1-7  Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	26 Psalm 34:17-22  Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	27 1 John 5:13-15  Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam. Bev Welch	28 Proverbs 3:1-10  Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam. Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	29 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18  Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt



















**PRAYER**  
The world's greatest wireless connection





## FEBRUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>  9:00am-2:00pm
2  All Church Coffee Hour Finger Foods Only	3	4  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	5  7:00 am <b>Government Commodities Distribution</b>	6  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	7  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Black Bear Diner Turlock	8
9	10	11  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	12	13  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	14  <b>All Church Valentine's Dinner 5:00pm</b> Golden Bowl Hughson	15
16  Coffee Hour	17	18  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	19	20  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	21  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Ridgeways Modesto	22
23	24	25  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	26	27  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	28  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Su Casita Waterford	29

**EVERY SUNDAY**

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour