

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, June 21st at 1:00pm

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's Fellowship	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

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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

Kenny Fox – New Member Blessings

Norma Lutes – Upcoming Knee Surgery

Butch Peterson – Continued Healing from COVID

Kathy Price – Leg Sore Healing

Troy Slaybaugh – Ear Healing

COVID – Among Us



THE FAITH TO FOLLOW

The grace of God is demonstrated by the fact that he has a plan and purpose for our lives that he wants to reveal to us. Look at it as a pathway designed specifically for you. Do not miss what God has for you by doing your own plan for a good life. The Lord has the best plan for each of us. Discover his path and get on it as soon as possible.

If we do not fully trust God we may be reluctant to follow the path he has chosen for us. We can miss the best way to live by following our own course instead of God's path for us. God commands us to trust him. We are to have complete confidence in him as our Lord. If we lack trust we will not follow him and will find ourselves living outside the will of God. He will never let us down. We trust God because he is divine and sovereign. His sovereignty is his wisdom, power, and righteousness all together. God is loving and trustworthy at all times. He never changes and is always gracious; his mercy endures forever. He knows us intimately and has chosen exactly the right path for us. Rely on God, not yourself. Agree with God and follow his lead. Even when we do not comprehend or like what is happening, we can still rely on his loving wisdom and respond in trust. Acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. To acknowledge is to recognize. To acknowledge God is to call him Lord and submit to his authority over your life. Then his guidance and protection eliminates obstacles and confusion along your way. The straight path is the path of obedience. When we stumble God brings us back and guides us back to his path of life.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Whenever we choose our own way instead of trusting God, we are playing the fool because one day we will stand before God and give an account of how we lived. When we live in his direction we have nothing to fear. Follow God and turn from evil. To fear God is to recognize and honor him as not only the sovereign ruler of the universe but the Lord and Master of our lives. Every day we are faced with a variety of choices, and what we decide to do is based on whether we believe God. In our belief we choose the right path and plan for our lives. If we are willing to listen and trust Him, we will discover that his path leads to healing and refreshment. And peace, assurance, confidence, and satisfaction are ours when we follow him instead of going our own way. Know God, then you will be able to follow his plan for your life.

Pastor John Price

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“Saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord’s.” Obadiah 21

People practice various kinds of religion. They observe a formal kind, which means carrying out precepts and following the proper forms. They practice a doctrinal religion, which is acknowledging certain truths and creeds. Unfortunately, that is as far as most people ever get.

Then there are those who find a lifesaving, life-changing religion. They come upon a power, and it helps them to overcome pain, weakness, sorrow, frustrations, and defeats. It gives them a sparkle in their eyes and a glow on their face and elasticity in their step. It changes them so they love everybody. Their whole life flows out to bless humankind. This is vital Christianity, religion in depth.

Life Lifter: *The proud and puffed up will have a hard time, for even God resists them. But he who humbly depends upon God will receive a vast strength. Get close to God and God will be very near to you. Cleanse yourself of evil and get your thinking straight. Humbly admit your faults, ask God for strength and He will lift you up. Humbly follow Him and your life will be good, very good.*

Norman Vincent Peale

IN LOVING MEMORY



Please remember in your prayers those who have passed in the last twelve months, and their families: **Melanie Hartman, Eileene Petros, Don Glick, Don Frantz, Norman Johnson, Darlene Kennard, Mark Qualls, and Suzanne Frantz.**

Brethren Disaster Ministries

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) currently has one project in Waverly, Tennessee. Lindy Frantz flew to Ohio in April to help move equipment to the new site. He helped move two tool trailers, a household trailer and four vehicles to Waverly and helped set up the new project in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On the 24th of April, the first group of 9 volunteers from PSWD, arrived to work for two weeks. Volunteers, including Clifford Parker and I, worked for two home owners, one of them watched the neighbor's house float away with him in it. We installed and mudded sheet rock, replaced floors, laid vinyl, installed window trim and baseboards. It was a very productive two weeks with a fun and loving group.

WAVERLY, TENNESSEE FLOOD OF 2021

On Saturday August 21, 2021 as much as 17 inches of rain fell on Humphreys County according to the National Weather Service. The rain fell over a 6 hour period.

The water washed homes, cars, trees, brush, fences and other debris into waterways. The debris backed up the rivers and creeks causing flooding to neighborhoods and farms. Near the downtown area of Waverly debris backed up the water behind a bridge and 10 foot high railroad berm. When the water finally broke loose, a 6 foot tall wall of water washed through the little town of 4,000. The flood killed 20 people, including seven month old twins who were swept from their father's arms as he tried to save his four children. The water isolated the little town for over 24 hours, including knocking out all Emergency communications. Five hundred twenty three homes were damaged, 272 were completely destroyed, 168 had major damage and 31 had minor damage. Forty four commercial properties and eight public facilities were damaged. Two schools were damaged including the elementary and junior high and cannot be repaired.

The community has come together to support each other in a tremendous way. The Church of Christ started feeding breakfast, lunch and dinner to the whole community, 800 meals per day, on the day after the flood and are still feeding many, free of charge. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which houses our volunteers, is one of the smallest churches in the community. This project will hopefully continue until December 2022.

Lois Frantz

When God Created Fathers

by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame.
A female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

...And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.
The angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are

clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from pockets at the end of a day, yet small enough to cup a child's face."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right." she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him with the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross or scare off mice at the summer cabin or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words but a firm, authoritative voice and eyes that saw everything but remained calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

The angel shutteth up.

The Top 10 Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say:

10. "Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."
 9. "You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?"
 8. "I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."
 7. "Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"
 6. "What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating is not good enough for you, son?"
 5. "Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party."
 4. "Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies—ya know—that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks."
 3. "No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now quit your belly-aching and let's go to the mall."
 2. "Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."
- And the number one thing you'll never hear a dad say:
1. "What do I want for Father's Day? Aahh—don't worry about that. It's no big deal." (actually they might say this, but they don't mean it).

APRIL 2022 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 26

Giving:

Local:	\$5,787.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	300.00
Total:	\$6,087.00



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE



ANNIVERSARIES

15th –Tim & Catherine Vaughn

17th –John & Kathy Price

22nd –Thomas & Patricia Guthrie

24th –Lyndall & Lois Frantz

27th –Alex & Cathy Arellano

Joel & Susan Price

12th –Wyatt Price

15th –Zachary Baker

Jonah Price

16th –Dennis Peterson

17th –Kathleen Powell

18th –Lyndall Frantz

21st –Kerby Frantz

Kristof Vaughn

22nd –Wanda Bollinger

23rd –Katie Lutes

28th –Thomas Guthrie

BIRTHDAYS

02nd –Linda Ward

08th –Phil Franklin

10th –Alex Arellano

Jennifer (Welch) Wuchner

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!

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Twitter:https://twitter.com/empire_cob; and

Instagram:<https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>



JUNE 2022 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Mark 1:29-39 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano	2 John 15:9-17 Candice Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 Matthew 11:28-30 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.
5 Acts 2:37-41 Pastor & Teachers Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey	6 Ephesians 2:1-10 Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Luke 12:1-12 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 Psalm 23:1-6 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman	9 James 5:13-16 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield	10 Acts 10:9-16 Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	11 2 Kings 6:1-7 Jay Irizarry Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Sheryle Knott & Fam.
12 Psalm 33:16-22 Pastor & Teachers Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk	13 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Stacy Nelson	14 Isaiah 43:1-7 Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	15 Romans 16:1-16 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	16 Ephesians 4:1-13 Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	17 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam.	18 Matthew 6:25-34 Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family
19 1 John 3:16-18 Pastor & Teachers Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden	20 2 Corinthians 4:7-16 Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	21 Romans 8:22-27 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	22 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	23 Romans 8:31-39 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderman & Family	24 Psalm 66:16-20 Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	25 Colossians 3:12-17 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
26 Psalm 8:1-9 Pastor & Teachers Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam.	27 Matthew 18:15-22 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	28 Philippians 4:4-9 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Errica Wyatt	29 Galatians 6:1-5	30 Isaiah 41:6-10		















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JUNE 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	2  4:15pmFellowship Singers	3 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Marie Callender's 3500 Coffee Rd. Modesto	4 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
5  Bread & Cup Communion	6	7  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	8	9  4:15pmFellowship Singers	10	11 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
12	13	14  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	15	16  4:15pmFellowship Singers 6:00pmBoard Meeting	17 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Olive Garden 2200 Parkway Plaza Modesto	18 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
19  Father's Day	20	21  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 1:00pm Women's Fellowship Mtg.	22	23  4:15pmFellowship Singers	24	25 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
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