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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vern & Patty Shafer—rebuilding after garage fire
Lloyd Fulmer
Seth Lutes—pain & discouragement
Vance Shafer—continuing to treat skin cancers
David & Evy Hurlbut
Nikki Waggoner waiting for referral appointments
Pacific Southwest District Conference Nov. 13-14

November 2026 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

Nov. 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints' Day
Nov. 3	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Nov. 4	Food Delivery Day 8am
Nov. 6	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
Nov. 7	Heaven's Bounty Open
Nov. 8	Coffee Hour after Worship
Nov. 10	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Nov. 13-14	Pacific Southwest District Conference Redondo Beach, CA
Nov. 17	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
Nov. 19	Church Board Meeting
Nov. 20	Shed Work Day 9:00am Friday Fellowship Lunch Out 1:00pm
Nov. 22	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 24	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 27	Decorate for Advent/Christmas
Nov. 29	**First Sunday of Advent**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

1 Heather Winchester
2 Ken Barklow
Kaitlynn Lutes
3 Wendla Dyer
8 Erica Price
10 Candice Arellano
20 Jerry Goodman
24 John Elness
25 Uriah Winchester
26 Geri Masellis
30 Laura Snyder

November 22
All Church
Thanksgiving Dinner
(After worship)
Women's Fellowship will provide

- Ham
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole
- Rolls & Butter

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.



SEPTEMBER 2026 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: 25

Giving Local: $4,311.00
Other: $ 200.42
Total: $4,511.42

*May the God of **Hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may **ABOUND IN HOPE** by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NRSV*



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:	Day	Pray for:
1	Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano	16	Oscar Phan Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price
2	Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker	17	Jeremy & Erica Price Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price
3	Ken Barklow Pat Benton Pauline Bert	18	Sam Price John Price Jonah & Morgan Price
4	Michael Best Earl Boyd Earleen Cadruvi	19	Nathan & Kim Price Wyatt Price Kay Qualls
5	Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy Arlene Cupp	20	Mike & Laura Radcliffe Lana Royer Colette Spencer
6	Deanna Dixon Chuck & Wendla Dyer Jim & Sue Eikenberry	21	Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer
7	John Elness Kenny Fox Pam & Phil Franklin	22	Troy & Joy Slaybaugh Brad Slayter Natasha & Bobby Smith
8	Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer	23	Robby,Hannah,Jacob Smith Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder
9	Jerry Goodman Thom & Patricia Guthrie Clark Hartman	24	Glenn Stanford Bill Towe John & Sue Vacca
10	David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut Jay Irizarry	25	Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca Linda Vargo
11	Sheryle Knott Chery Leib Baji Lutes	26	Nikki Waggoner Olivia Brown Linda Ward
12	Norma Lutes Seth Lutes Gerri Masellis	27	Josh&Heather Winchester Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt
13	Ric Mason Jose & Floriceta Merlos Hillary Merlos	28	Donny & Erica Wyatt Pastors & Churches of the Pacific Southwest District
14	Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	29	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients Camp Peaceful Pines
15	Brad Parrish Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson	30	The Empire Community Women's Fellowship
		31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry

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Camp Peaceful Pines

New Ovens Needed in the Kitchen!

Please donate toward replacing camp's old convection ovens so cooks can safely continue preparing the delicious camp meals everyone loves!

$15,000 needed; $8,450 received so far!

Donation Options:

Snail mail: Camp Peaceful Pines
PO box 185
Riverbank, Ca 95367

Online at:
camppeacefulpines.org/donations/

OR

SCAN ME!



THANKSGIVING

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

We often treat Thanksgiving as a seasonal mood—something that spikes in late November when life feels warm, cozy, and abundant. Yet the Apostle Paul writes to a church facing trials and tells them to give thanks **in all circumstances**, not just *for* pleasant ones.

Thankfulness is not blind denial of hard things; it is a conscious shift in focus. When we look only at our stress, our problems can feel massive and God can feel small. When we deliberately name His faithfulness, our problems shrink and our view of God grows. Gratitude is an act of trust. It acknowledges that even when life is heavy, God is still good, still present, and still at work.

Gracious God, thank You for Your unending faithfulness and for holding our lives in Your hands. Forgive us for the times we grumble and forget how deeply we depend on You. Teach us to choose a posture of praise in every season—in the quiet moments, the busy moments, and the hard moments. Amen.