



For it is with your heart

*that you believe and are justified*

and it is with your mouth

*that you profess your faith and are saved*

Romans 10:10, NIV

**First Church of the Brethren**  
**730 Church Street, Eden, NC    March 30, 2022**

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**EDEN, NC**

Doug Diamond – Pastor

Life is hard. There is no way around that. Each day throws challenges at us that we may or may not be equipped to handle. Hopefully, through our faith, through our family and friends and through our church family, we are able to get through even those most difficult days. But what if you can't? What if you've turned to a substance for support? Or if your past experiences, whether they be loss or abuse or who knows what else don't allow you to function on a day-to-day basis as you should. Anger or anxiety or a host of other states of mind hold you back from being the person that God made you to be.

Maybe you don't deal with any of those kinds of issues, but I can almost guarantee you that you know someone who does. And I am certain that within our community, there are people just begging for a way to get out of that condition. But what can you do? What can we do?

I truly believe that God is calling us to bring Jesus to our neighborhoods. Jesus spent time with the broken and hurting, the abused and the downtrodden. And he offered them peace. The other weekend when I was at the Ignite Men's Conference, we heard about a ministry called Recovery Alive. Recovery Alive offers people an opportunity to heal and to grow. It prioritizes the Power of Jesus through the Holy Spirit to raise hope from the dead.


At our last meeting, the board decided that our community needs a ministry like this and that we would like to explore if this is something that First Church of the Brethren could do. I have begun making contacts with the organization and am looking to build a team to walk with me through this process. Could that be you? Would you like to see imprisoned people set free? If so, please call, text, or email me today. If you don't feel you want to be a part of getting this ministry off the ground, that's ok. But would you partner with us in prayer as we begin what could be a very daunting task. I look forward to what the Holy Spirit will do with this ministry if we let him move.

*"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves"*

*Romans 15:1*

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COMMUNITY  
*Lenten Services*

March 13th @ Jones Chapel CoB- Noel Naff  
March 20th @ Bassett CoB- Doug Diamond  
March 27th @ New Hope CoB-Doug Jones  
April 3rd @ Mount Hermon CoB- Tom Auker  
April 10th @ Eden CoB- Rick Randall

7 pm

Insight Sessions to follow



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### **Pray Without Ceasing**

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Carolyn Combs,  
Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Tania Martin,  
Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta  
Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Leon &  
Gail Walker, Danny Whitley

### **Thinking of You**

Barbara Janney

### **District Prayer Request**

Pray for the safety of Marla Abe, an ordained minister of the Lynchburg Church, as she goes on a teaching mission to Rwanda and Uganda from March 22 until April 7. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together.



Although we are in church for in person worship if you would like to worship from home you can find a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren and catch up on the weekly sermons.

The Witness Commission will be collecting food for the Rockingham County Food Drive during the month of April.

This drive benefits 8 local agencies including Cooperative Christian Ministries, Hands of God and the Salvation Army Food Pantries in Eden and Reidsville. Please help them meet their goal of 50,000 pounds of food. Any nonperishable food will be accepted, but recommendations for the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> are canned/baking goods (vegetables, fruits, soups, flour cornmeal and various mixes). There are boxes by the church office for you to place the items you wish to donate.

Thank you for all your donations!

### Facing life's giants

During the NCAA basketball tournaments, many fans enjoy rooting for an underdog, hoping a Cinderella story will emerge. First-round March Madness matchups often are billed as David vs. Goliath events, with perennial powerhouses facing off against little-known schools.

Underdogs play key roles in the Bible: Moses takes on Pharaoh's army, Daniel defies a king and David squares off against an actual giant. Being an underdog didn't faze David, who knew the source of his strength: "For the battle is the Lord's," he says in 1 Samuel 17:47. What assurance as we battle life's "giants"!

In *Goliath Must Fall*, Louie Giglio writes, "Our giants keep taunting us, so we need to hold God at his word: that he is already victorious." Instead of "staring at our giant," we must "lock eyes with Jesus" and remember that "life is short, and God is big." With bold hearts, adds Giglio, we can worship with "holy urgency" while giants fall.

Upcoming Birthdays

March 30: Susan Priddy

April 2: Aaron Roach

