



*Now to him
who is able to
do immeasurably
more than all
we ask or imagine ...
to him be glory.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV

June 30, 2021

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Reflections:

A few weeks ago, I attended a Pastors Conference in Fort Mill, SC. One of the speakers at the event suggested something absolutely earth shattering. I can't believe that I or you or the church had never thought of it before. So what was that cutting edge technique for church health, growth, restoration, etc. You're not going to believe this, but what he suggested was that we... pray. Yes that was his suggestion. Now obviously that is not a new idea for the church. We have a prayer chain, we have a time during the service when we pray for the church service, another for the offering, we have a time for sharing our joys and concerns and then pray for them. The person who tells the children's story usually prays. I pray after I read the scripture and when I conclude the message. So there is a lot of praying that goes on over the course of the hour that we are together.

Jesus spent time alone in prayer. He prayed with his disciples. The apostles prayed together in prison, prayed over the sick and showed that prayer is an important discipline in the Christian life.

Though prayer is obviously not a new concept for us, I am inviting you to join me in "upping our game." I have, for the past couple weeks, been spending about 45 minutes in prayer in the sanctuary. During that time, I pray for our church in general and I also pray through a list of everyone in the church.

It has been an amazing time of worship and talking with and listening to God. I would like to invite you to join me this Friday (July 2) at 10 am in the sanctuary in this time of prayer. We may sing a song or two and then begin to pray and seek the Spirit's leading.

I look forward to sharing this time with you and am convinced that as we come together in corporate prayer, the Lord will bless us and move in a powerful way.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

Other items:

Reminder, if you have not let Pastor Doug know that you want to attend the Ignite Men's Conference, please call, text, or email him today.

Also, Bible Study has been moved back to July 13 at 11 am.

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Infinite treasure

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

-Jean-Pierre de Causade

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Pray Without Ceasing

Sheila Barnes, Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, Donnie Gilley, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Louise Tudor, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Galen & Kitty Shockley

District Prayer Request

Pray for the moderator, officers, delegates, and attendees of the 234th Recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren meeting online from June 30-July 4. Let us pray that our leaders, delegates, and membership be given wisdom, discernment, and insight as they serve Christ and the church.

Thank you for continuing to honor your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through your tithes.

Would you rather send your tithes by PayPal?

You can find us listed as Ncbrethren.tithe@gmail.com



If you cannot attend regular Sunday service do not forget that you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren, where you can view the live stream each Sunday, or watch any of our recent sermons online.

The Witness Commission will be collecting items for Hospice of Rockingham County during the months of June & July.

Please help them keep providing comfort to others by purchasing some items on their wish list. You may place the items just inside the door downstairs or in the container in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church and put “hospice” on the memo line. You can place all monetary donations in the offering plate. Thank you for all your help!

Need to restock flavorings?

The Home & Family Life Committee can help!

\$3 per bottle

Regular Vanilla Flavoring

Clear Vanilla Flavoring

Almond Flavoring

Lemon Flavoring

Calling all King’s Club teachers, helpers, and any possible volunteers! All are invited to a brainstorming session for the King’s Club program. Join us Wednesday, July 21st at 6 pm to discuss the structure of the King’s Club program as we try to prepare a possible start date of September 1st.

Offering for the week of June 27, 2021

Offering	\$	1,200.00
CCM	\$	150.00
Hospice	\$	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$	1,380.00

Upcoming Birthdays

July 10: Barrett Apple
Medra Russom

Weekly Schedule

July 4: Sunday School Classes resume

July 6: Home and Family Life – 10 am

Deacon Meeting – 7 pm

July 8: Meals on Wheels – Jean Craven & Mandy Silvers

July 9: Meals on Wheels – Jean Craven & Mandy Silvers

