

"I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER,
BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE
Holy Spirit."

MARK 1:8, NIV



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It is so hard to believe that summer is already drawing to a close, at least as far as school summer vacation goes. Before we know it, our commutes to work will again be affected by school buses stopping at every corner to pick up kids. We'll see moms in tears as they put their little ones on the bus for the first time. We'll see seniors excitedly driving to school to spend their last year in high school before they look on to wider horizons. Friday nights will be filled with cheering fans at football games. Kids will whine about going to bed early and waking up earlier. Evenings will once again be filled with homework and sports practices.

I am excited to announce that as we prepare for this return to school, that on August 22 during our morning worship service, we will hold a "Back to School Blessing." This will be a time to bathe not only the students in prayer, but also any teachers and school support staff. We obviously hope that all of those who are a part of our church will be here for a part of this special blessing, but I hope that you will also use this opportunity to invite others in your life to join us as well.

With the world in the condition that it is in, it is important that we pray for protection of our kids in school and those who are educating them. We will pray for their safety; we will pray for their growth in stature and in wisdom. So, students, bring your backpacks, teachers, bring your briefcase or tote bag, coaches, bring a ball, others, bring whatever you have that connects you to your role in the school system.

You can help to spread the word by sharing our Facebook Post on your personal page (that is how anything that we put on FB gets beyond just our church family). I look forward to seeing many families start the school year off right – in prayer.

Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

Luke 18:15-17

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“If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn’t lead anywhere.”

—Frank A. Clark

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, 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

Patsy Underwood

District Prayer Request

Pray for Karen B. Cassell, who is scheduled to be installed as pastor of the Lynchburg Church of the Brethren today. Let us pray that we will support, encourage, and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service

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.

Home and Family Life will be making fried apple pies on October 5th. The pies will cost \$3 each and orders will continue through September 12th. To order just complete the form in the narthex or contact a member of Home and Family Life to place an order!



Eden First Church of the Brethren will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 18th from 1 pm - 5 pm.

In addition to a need for blood donors, we are also in need of volunteers to work the drive. There are signup sheets posted on the bulletin boards to sign up to volunteer or donate blood, and you can also sign up to donate online using the sponsor code Brethren.

If you're able, please help us reach our goal of donors for our drive!

King's Club is still in need of teachers and helpers for the fall! If you feel God calling you to work with the young people of our congregation and our community please reach out to Pastor Doug, the Nurture Commission, or the church office. Thank you to all who are willing to serve!

Five gifts from God

Love makes our friends a little dearer.

Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.

Faith makes our paths a little clearer.

Hope makes our lives a little brighter.

Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown



Upcoming Birthdays

August 7: Yvonne Bateman

August 10: Ron Janney

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday : 11 am Bible Study

Wednesday: 7 pm Choir Practice

Friday: 10 am Prayer Meeting



“The motion passes to form a committee,
to select a task force, to see
why we can never get anything done
in our board meetings.”