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This past weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the Ignite Men's Conference in Lynchburg, VA with my son, Zach, and 3 other men from the church. It was an amazing time of worship, hearing several thousand men there gathered in the sanctuary, singing praises to our God and King. There were interesting speakers who brought the Word of God and challenged the men there to rise up and be the men of God that they are called to be. Please mark your calendars now for March 11 and 12, 2022 for the next conference.

One of the things that I had heard at the conference that really made an impression on me was this statistic (my numbers are estimates because I didn't write them down, but they are close enough that you will get the point): If a child comes to church and gets saved, there is about a 5% chance that the entire family will come to church and get saved. If mom comes to church and gets saved, there is about a 10% chance that the whole family will do so. But if dad comes to church and gets saved, there is about a 90% chance that the whole family comes to church and gets saved.

How important it is that we minister to the men in our community! Yes, children's ministries are important. Yes, women's ministries are important. But there is Kingdom power in having an effective and relevant ministry to men. What ideas do you have to reach men? What can we do to attract a demographic that is so missing in church, not to mention, in the family.

Speaking of women, the same organization that puts on Ignite also does a women's version called Extraordinary Women. It will be in Lynchburg on October 15 & 16.

*Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.*

*I Timothy 2:8*

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**The road of life**

*God of our life,*

*there are days when the burdens we carry  
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;  
when the road seems dreary and endless,  
the skies gray and threatening;  
when our lives have no music in them,  
and our hearts are lonely,  
and our souls have lost their courage.*

*Flood the path with light,  
turn our eyes to where  
the skies are full of promise;  
tune our hearts to brave music;  
give us the sense of comradeship  
with heroes and saints of every age;  
and so quicken our spirits  
that we may be able to encourage  
the souls of all who journey with us  
on the road of life,  
to your honor and glory.*

*—St. Augustine*

# FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## Pray Without Ceasing

Lewis Apple, Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, 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

JT Hale

## District Prayer Request

Pray for Rhonda Pittman Gingrich as she begins August 23 as Annual Conference Director for the Church of the Brethren. Let us prayerfully uphold those who serve with and for us throughout our nation and the world.

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 5<sup>th</sup>. The pies will cost \$3 each and orders continue through September 12<sup>th</sup>. To order, complete the form in the narthex or contact a member of Home and Family Life!



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!

Orders are due by August 22 so we can have them for King's Club Kickoff!

Home and Family Life is selling

First Church of the Brethren  
T-shirts and hats



T-shirts available in Sapphire Blue or White

Hats will be tan

T-shirts - \$15 each\*

Hats - \$20 each

See a Home and Family Member to order or use the sign-up sheet on one of the bulletin boards

For large orders from one family, first 5 will be \$15, anything after 5 will be \$12. Samples shown here are just examples. Final products will look much nicer.



Upcoming Birthdays

August 22: Charlie Barton

August 24: Rocky Craig

Joe Richardson

Tony Stowe

Jack Via, Jr.

August 27: Brynna Blizzard

Frankie Wilson

Happy Anniversary

August 25: Dave & Amanda Perfetti

August 26: Gary & Gail Oakes

