



Let all the peoples
PRAISE YOU!

———— *Psalm 67:3* ————

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A lot has been happening over the past month or so in our world. There was an earthquake in Haiti where Church of the Brethren Churches and church members were affected. Hurricane Ida has struck New Orleans and other parts of the south. Wildfires are once again ravaging the western part of our nation. But the most talked about news item has to be our military withdrawal from the almost 20-year-old war in Afghanistan.

Now, as your pastor, I do my best to not interject politics into my ministry. But I would like us to think about one of the biggest themes of the withdrawal – the Americans and Afghan partners who have been left behind. As I listen to the news, I hear interview after interview with people saying what a disgrace it is that we have the ability to get these people out and we have not done so. It is not the “American Way” to leave anyone behind enemy lines.

I want to turn the page. I spent a lot of time a couple months back preaching on evangelism. When we choose not to share the gospel with others and invite them into a life with Christ and the hope of salvation, we choose to leave them trapped behind enemy lines. We have the means and the ability to get them out.

If it is a travesty that we would leave our compatriots behind in Afghanistan, it is just as much so if we would not expend every resource to rescue those around us from the fires of hell.

Satan and his army are much more powerful and permanent than the Taliban. May we leave no man, woman, or child behind.

“I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

Luke 17:34-35

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Red Cross Blood Drive. From the donors to the volunteers to all who helped to promote the drive, all of you helped to save lives. We had a total of 29 donors present for donation. Of those, 22 were able to donate enabling us to collect 23 units of blood. One donor gave “Power Reds” which is a double donation of red blood cells which is why we have one more unit than we have donors. Thanks to all who donated gifts for the donors. Home and Family Life will draw the winner of the office chair that was given by Turner Furniture at its next meeting. Our next blood drive will be on October 22 and will begin at noon.

Alpha & Omega

God created this world, everything that it holds.
And God still is creating as each day unfolds.
What we once called the future, we now call the past.
While the present is fleeting, God stays — first and last!

—Peggy Ferrell

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, Mike Harmon, JT Hale, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Bobby Griggs

District Prayer Request

Pray for the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) of the Church of the Brethren to be held online from September 6 -10. Let us give thanks for the commitment of those whose faith has preceded and informed ours as they gather for spiritual growth and the nurture of relationships both human and divine.

Homecoming Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 19, 2021. While there will not be a meal shared after the service, don't let that stop you from joining us in Brethren worship. Pastor Doug will bring us the message, all you need to bring is yourself!



If you can't attend Sunday services you can watch 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.

Help a child "bundle-up" for the winter! During September and October, the Witness Commission will be accepting donations to be used to buy winter coats for elementary school children in need. Make checks payable to First Church of the Brethren, and note "Bundle-Up" on the memo line. Thank-you for your support!

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!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that you can participate in from your home? Consider serving as a phone volunteer for Crisis Cleanup. Crisis Cleanup helps pair survivors of natural disasters with relief organizations in their area. They're in need of phone volunteers to coordinate clean up and repair efforts for those in Western North Carolina, and other areas, who have been impacted by natural disaster, most recently Hurricane Henri. Training will be provided to volunteers. Crisis Cleanup plans to have the phone line open until September 10th. If you are interested in becoming a Crisis Cleanup volunteer, please email Gina Newby at gina@crisiscleanup.org

Brethren Disaster Ministries is looking for up to 8 volunteers for disaster relief in Dayton, Ohio during September 12-18, 2021. If anyone is interested please contact the church office so that you can get further information and required forms.

Upcoming Birthdays

September 9: Sandra Mitchell

September 10: Amanda Wilkinson

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these activities
coming in October!

(More information and details will be coming
soon!)

- On Sunday, October 10, our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse will kick off! You may pick up your shoeboxes before or after worship service. It's not too early to begin your shopping!

- Also on Sunday evening, October 10 beginning at 6pm, we will have a One Night of Renewal & Revival with Dr. Dava Hensley! Please make plans to attend and invite your friends and neighbors! You know you don't want to miss this night!!