



Sing to him,
sing praises to him;
tell of all his
wonderful works.

Psalm 105:2, NRSV

First Church of the Brethren
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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



BRINGING JESUS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

EDEN, NC

Doug Diamond – Pastor

We call ourselves Christians – a word that literally means “Christ Like.” The very name demands that our lives emulate the life of Christ, that we would seek to understand who he is and to mold ourselves to look like that. But let’s face it. Too often, rather than altering our characteristics and actions to match God, we change our view of God to allow ourselves to justify our actions and imperfections.

Knowing who God is is very important in the process of becoming more like him. As children, perhaps we had an image of an old man with a long white beard wearing a white robe and walking around looking like he was always mad. We may have pictured him hurling lightning bolts down at the earth as a way to take out his anger on us, always poised to punish us for our next wrongdoing.

Or maybe we choose to make God more disconnected. He created the earth and put it on auto pilot and allowed what would happen to happen. In that image, maybe he doesn’t care so much about us as individuals. That way, maybe it doesn’t matter how we act.

I believe that God does care about how we behave as individuals and as a church and even as a society. I doubt that he cares so much about the Red, White and Blue as much as how we care for the least of these. I'm guessing that he would want us to be more concerned about us loving one another than he would about fighting for our own freedoms.

So how do we really know God, the real God? This Sunday I will start a sermon series entitled, "The Real God: How He Longs for You to See Him." I'll be exploring seven different characteristics of God and how these characteristics affect how we follow him. I hope that you will join us!

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

I Corinthians 1:21

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Prayer's Power

Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer.

—Elisabeth Elliot

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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

Galen & Kitty Shockley

District Prayer Request

Pray for Terry R. Johnson, who has served ten years as pastor of the Troutville/New Bethel Church in Botetourt County, Virginia. Let us support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

Home and Family Life will begin taking donations for the Father's Day bulletin starting this Sunday, May 15th. Please submit your list of names with your donation by Sunday, June 12th in order to have your names listed in the bulletin. We look forward to celebrating all our fathers and father figures!

Make plans to satisfy your sweet tooth and enjoy some fellowship as you join the Ministry Commission on Sunday, June 12th



at 2:30 pm for an Ice Cream social! Look for signup sheets in the Sunday School classrooms and in the narthex so you can list the homemade ice cream flavor (or baked goods) you would like to bring. We hope to see everyone there!



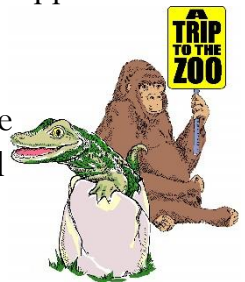
Church of the Brethren is holding National Youth Conference in Colorado in July of this year and our congregation will be sponsoring five youth and two adults to attend. Those attending will be participating in a service project to package school kits to send to needed areas. We are asking the congregation to help in this project by donating **boxes of crayons (no larger than 24 count), and boxes of unsharpened pencils (in 12 count packages)**. A box will be located in the narthex for your donations. We will collect these items in May and June.



Your support with this service project is appreciated!

The Challengers Class is planning a trip to NC Zoo Saturday, May 21, 2022 & would like to invite anyone in the congregation interested in going to let Julie Lehman know this week.

The Zoo hours are 9am-5pm & the cost is as follows: Adults Ages 13-61 \$15.00, Seniors 62+ \$13.00, Child Ages 2-12 \$11.00 and children under 2 Free.



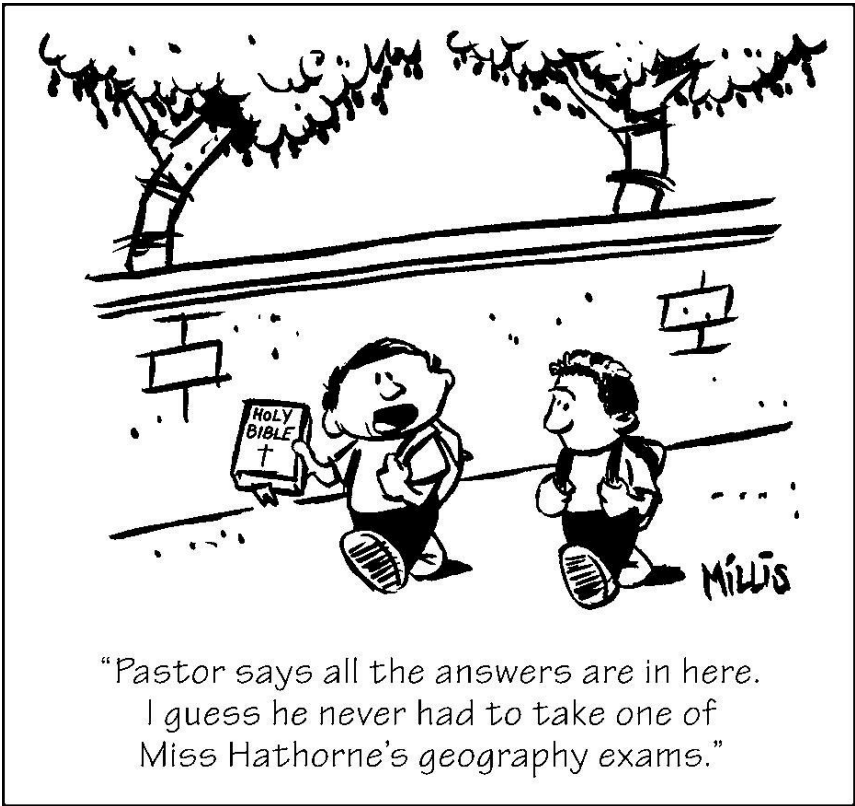
Upcoming Birthdays

May 19: Debbie Crouch

May 20: Meg Barton

Leon Walker

May 21: Velna Richardson



"Pastor says all the answers are in here.
I guess he never had to take one of
Miss Hathorne's geography exams."