

## Today's Bible Lesson: August 28, 2011

Listen or download sermons ONLINE at our church website  
[www.nmfbc.org](http://www.nmfbc.org) Check it out and pass it on!

# In the Secret

Part 4: Matthew 6:16-18

Fasting can bring breakthroughs in the spiritual realm that will never happen in any other way. It is a means of God's grace and blessings that should not be neglected any longer.

Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline – p.60

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If the Holy Spirit is not given an opening among us, if his work is not welcomed, if we are afraid of what he might do, we leave ourselves with nothing but death. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire (p. 151)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**When God's People Pray** is a six-session small group study, written by Jim Cymbala, author of *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*.

Today in the foyer you can sign-up for a group studying this six part DVD series in September or October

## WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.  
August 28, 2011

### August Sermon Series: *In the Secret*

Pastor Kurt will explore in detail the commands and blessings of Spiritual Disciplines: Giving, Prayer, Fasting (Matthew 6:1-18)

### Orange Core Value #4: **GENEROSITY**

*Why wait for Christmas? Generosity is something we think about at Christmas time – gifts, visits, "caroling", cards, hospitality. Do something you'd do in December NOW (not sledding or building a snowman)... then again in December. This a perfect time to buy some school items for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Prices are cheaper and your heart of generosity gets pumping.*

Here are two ORANGE Opportunities:

**FX** (Family Experience)

**Family Worship Night – TONIGHT!**

Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 6:15 p.m.

A night of singing, sharing, and snorkeling.

*Ok, no snorkeling, but we do hope to discover and celebrate the creative wonders of our God.*

**Family Camp at BRC in Shippshewana\***

Labor Day Weekend (Sept 2-5)

Sign-up outside the church office. More info in bulletin.

*\*In my opinion, Family Camp was one thing my parents did right. Each Labor Day weekend we went to camp and my relationship with my family was strengthened. We laughed, played, and ate a lot. I'm sure there was learning too, but I remember the togetherness, relationships, and uncluttered family time. – Kurt*



GIVING, PRAYING, FASTING

### FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH

407 N. Sycamore Street  
North Manchester, IN 46962  
260-982-6457 Fax: 260-982-1778

[www.nmfbc.org](http://www.nmfbc.org)

### Our Mission

We are committed to leading the people of the North Manchester area community into a growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has gifted our congregation to help families at their point of need, primarily through children and youth.

Kurt Stout, Senior Pastor  
Tim Bordeaux, Pastor of Youth  
Joe Burgos, Pastor of Hispanic Ministries  
Suzanna Hicks, Director of Counseling & Care  
Ron Burns, Discipleship Coordinator  
Teresa Mize, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Trevor Jones, Worship Coordinator  
Carl Petrie, Facility Coordinator  
Jim Mishler, Treasurer

August 28, 2011

---

---

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Illness	Illness/Recovery	Recovery
Penny Schutz	Janet Hays ( <i>Bill's Mom</i> )	Janet Miller
Mary Rager ( <i>Eldon's Mom</i> )	Dennis Dolby	Peg Workman
Jenae Renz ( <i>N. Allen's daughter</i> )	Toni Willmert	Norma Slack
Tom Steele	Donna Warren	Helen Conrad
Regina Clay ( <i>Toni W. Mom</i> )	Ralph Dotson ( <i>Connie Burton's dad at St. Joe</i> )	
Grace Kesler ( <i>Annette Ayres Mom</i> )	Donald Bradford ( <i>Evelyn Garman's brother in TN hosp</i> )	

### FBC Missionaries:

*You are a missionary here. Who is God placing in your life to help and offer hope?  
Who needs to know your story and the story of Jesus?  
With whom are you building a relationship?*

---

---

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (*Pastor Kurt*)

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Pastor Kurt*)

9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes

9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Pastor Kurt*)

10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes

6:15 p.m. **FX:** Family Worship Night

**Mon:** 7:00-8:30 p.m. Spanish Classes in Room 104

**Tues:** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103

**Wed:** 6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library

6:15 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Small Group Leadership meeting in Room 102

**Thurs:** 7:00-8:00 p.m. Spanish Classes in Room 104

**Fri:** 9:00-11:30 p.m. Fifth Quarter at Town Life Center

Family Camp at Brethren Retreat Center in Shipshewana

**This year Pastor Kurt will be staying with his family on Sunday morning of Family Camp. Pastor Ron will be speaking in his place.**

**Next Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (*Pastor Ron*)

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Pastor Ron*)

9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes

9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Pastor Ron*)

10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes

---

---

## Children's Ministry

**Job remains faithful in suffering** is our Bible story as we finish our Asian Adventure in LOFT and Sunday School stations for the summer. We'll have a special celebration to wrap up our quarter.

**Next week** will begin regular Sunday School classes at 10:30 for fall.

## Youth Ministry

**Weekly Sporting Event:** Are you ready for some tennis? Meet at the courts at 4:30pm on Tuesday to cheer on the guys' team.

**Fifth Quarter** Season starts this Friday at TLC! For all students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Begins at the end of the Squires' football game and ends at 11:30. Costs \$1.

## Adult Ministry

**What can the Holy Spirit do when God's people get serious about prayer?**

Join us as we study *When God's People Pray*, a six-session small group study. Written by Jim Cymbala, author of *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, this DVD curriculum examines how God moves in life-changing ways when we set aside our own agendas, take Him at His Word, and listen for His voice. Today in the foyer you still have the opportunity to sign up to be in a small group that will begin the study in September or October. If you're in a group that would like to use the DVD, or if you'd like to lead a group through the study, please talk to Pastor Ron. Copies of the book *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* for you can borrow are in the church library in the "Featuring" section.

**Adult Vacation Bible School** will be held at Peabody for residents and non-resident adults. This VBS will occur from 9-11 a.m. on August 29, 31 and Sept. 2. It includes a Bible study, music, crafts, games, service project, and snacks. Any adult planning to attend is encouraged to RSVP to Chaplain Sue Babovec at 260-982-8616 ext. 1156.

**The Brethren Way of Christ** is a means of Christian spiritual renewal, and consists in part of a three-day weekend (Thursday evening through Sunday evening) devoted to that end. The fall weekends are in October. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Warren Garner, Cindy Pyle or Pastor Ron. Also, applications are in the foyer in the Resources area under the title "BWOC Information & Application Center."

## Congregational Information



**All-Church Event** – An All-Church Event is being planned for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Todd & Dianne Floor residence. More details will follow.

## Family Ministry

**Family Camp** is next weekend (Labor Day weekend Sept 2-5). Join us for a fun and relaxing long weekend at the Brethren Retreat Center in Shipshewana, IN. Come for a day or the whole time (Friday evening until Monday noon). Cost: Adult: \$98.00; Youth 6-16: \$80.00; Children 0-5: \$30.00. Our church will pay up to half of the cost. Questions? Talk with the Webbs, Immels, Chapmans, McKinleys, Haeckers, or Walters, plus many others. Plan now. Sign-up sheet outside office door.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** – The MOPS group held here at FBC will begin Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and continue each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. They are in need of continued prayer and support especially in the areas of child care, mentoring and finance. If you feel you could help out in any of these areas or have any questions regarding MOPS, please feel free to contact Kelly Bordeaux (982-4632) or Nicole McKee (578-3749).

## We Can Help

**Children's Anxiety Group**

*What to Do When You Worry Too Much?* The 8-week group to address anxiety in children ages 7-12 will begin Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-4:50 and run weekly through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please pick up an information sheet, Information and Consent form and Child Intake form for completion in the FBC office or outside Suzanna's office and return to Suzanna. The deadline for enrollment and paperwork is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Call Suzanna Hicks at the church, 982-6457, with any questions.

**We want to PRAY for you!**

Use the green prayer cards in the pews. If you have a need for which you'd like the Wednesday morning prayer group (6:30 a.m.) to pray, please complete a card and put it in the offering plate or in the church office.

## You Can Help

**The current food crisis in East Africa** is reaching dire levels. "Rates of Global Malnutrition for children under 5 have exceeded (and in some instances doubled) emergency thresholds in Turkana..." Three consecutive seasons of sporadic and inadequate rains, have put millions of people in Kenya in great need of emergency food aid. A FBC donation to memo: Brethren Relief Fund (East Africa) will assist local Christian ministries to help in the name of Jesus.

**Reaching Out Through Reading** – Were you read to as a child? Do you know how much this helped you succeed in school? The Hispanic parents in our community don't read English. Some of the children are struggling with school work. A group has started on **Mondays and Fridays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.**, but they are in need of at least 3-4 more to help each week. If you can help reach out in relationship with these students and families, contact the office.

## 2011 THEME VERSE "Impress Me." Deut 6:7

"Impress them (God's Truths) on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."