

Today's Bible Lesson: August 7, 2011

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In the Secret

Part 1: Matthew 6:1-4

1. Jesus has an _____
“ _____ ” (vs 2, 5, 16)

2. Jesus questions _____
What's similar/different from Matthew 5:16?

REMEMBER: Someone can be a _____ ,
but not a _____ person.

3. Jesus identifies the _____

4. Jesus determines the _____

REMEMBER: _____ sees what's in _____.

Superficiality is the curse of our age.
The doctrine of instant gratification is a primary spiritual
problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater
number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for
deep people.”

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline:*
the path to spiritual growth

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.
August 7, 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**

Giving is associated with Generosity. The question is
“With what does God want us to be generous?”
Regardless of age, we all have something to share. Watch
for ways to show someone you care by being generous
(examples: stop and listen to someone, forgive a person
who has wronged you, turn off the TV to help in the kitchen, invite
someone into your home for a meal, volunteer, smile...)

We have a gift for you! The Orange pens are to remind
you to “Think Orange” and to encourage you to take
intentional steps of modeling and teaching your family the
important orange core values (honesty, compassion,
respect, generosity). Remember the best way to pass
along Godly character is to live it. What is your family
seeing and hearing from you? They're watching!

Orange Pens located at the back of the sanctuary.

Congregational Information

River Baptism: August 21st – If interested, please speak with a pastor.
Baptism is an outward sign of an inward commitment of accepting Jesus as
Lord and Savior of your life. Is it time for you to make this decision?

You are invited to be a member of First Brethren. For more information
about the purpose and benefits of church membership, please contact
Pastor Kurt or Pastor Ron.



GIVING, PRAYER, FASTING

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH

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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

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Illness	Illness/Recovery	Recovery
Penny Schutz	Janet Hays (<i>Bill's Mom</i>)	Janet Miller (<i>home</i>)
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's Mom</i>)	Dennis Dolby	Peg Workman (<i>home</i>)
Jenae Renz (<i>N. Allen's daughter</i>)	Toni Wilmert	Quentin Moore
Tom Steele	Donna Warren (<i>Pbdy</i>)	Helen Conrad (<i>Tim HC</i>)
Regina Clay (<i>Toni W. Mom</i>)	Ralph Dotson (<i>Connie Burton's dad</i>)	
	Ava Felgar (<i>Ray & Julia's granddaughter</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 (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 4:30 p.m. Ultreya @ Peru
Mon:	6:30 p.m. Ministry of Nurture 7:00 p.m. DLC in library 7:00-8:30 p.m. Spanish Classes in Room 104
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 6:00 p.m. Justice Team 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry in Room 105 7:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship in Room 102
Wed:	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 6:15 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship
Thurs:	7:00-8:00 p.m. Spanish Classes in Room 104 7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Leadership at Mike McLaughlin's
Sat:	Fun Fest Fish Fry @ Warvel Park
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Children's Ministry

Forgiveness is our character quality that we will talk about today in LOFT and Sunday School stations as kids hear about Nehemiah asking God to forgive Israel.

What a great week of VBS! Thanks to the wonderful helpers and 150+ kids.

Youth Ministry

TXT90X: One more month to go! The focus for August is "Mission." Join us!

High Schoolers and Your Parents: Next Sunday, August 14 we are having a Lake Party! Right after church, we'll drive up to Gary and Rosie Purdy's lake house to play games, eat food, get to know each other better, and do some tubin! We will return to the church at 8 pm.

Family Ministry

Family Camp is just around the corner (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 at office door. Registrations will soon be available.

Financial Report for July 2011

Below is a comparison of July, 2011 to July 2010:

	2011	2010
Worship Offerings	44,682 (5 Sundays)	32,805 (4 Sundays)
Adult Sunday School	210	189
Counseling	348	212
Rental Income	1,100	1,100
Total	46,340	34,306
Expenses:	37,013	36,440

There was \$610.00 distributed in community assistance to needy individuals/families.

Designated offerings were to:

Missions - \$97.50	Lost Creek - \$140.00	Memorial Fund - \$280.00
Jones Mission Trip - \$10.00	REACH - \$50.00	Benevolent Fund - \$226.00
	Brethren Retreat Center - \$450.00	

Our average worship attendance was 297 compared to 248 for July, 2010.

You Can Help

Annual FBC Fish/Chicken Fry Saturday August 13th. **Everyone is Needed:** A sign-up sheet is posted on the office door. Early afternoon help (1:00): fish and food prep/clean tables. Late afternoon help (4:00): serving lines, drinks, carry out, clean up. Be generous with your time: give an hour or two. Sell advance tickets: \$5 *children*; \$8 *adults* (*pre-school free*).

Help will also be needed Saturday morning, 7:00 a.m. to move picnic tables.

10 coolers needed. Place in Fellowship Hall with name clearly marked.

FREE "GOLDEN TICKETS" for FISH/CHICKEN FRY

The Ministry of Outreach wants to help you initiate or deepen the relationships you are forming with those you live around, work with, or have developed a connection. **Fifty (50) free tickets are available in the office** for you to give away to people with whom you're intentionally building a relationship (*in crisis, looking for God or running from Him, lonely, wounded, or poor*). Call, e-mail, or stop by the office. Who is God nudging you to reach?

COMPASSION CORNER is Today – downstairs in the Gathering Area. Featured items include: beautifully handcrafted jewelry and knitted items from **Papudo, Chile**. Our own missionaries, Tracy and Caleb Godoy are opening doors and creating vocational opportunities for needy single mothers at their ministry called **Puertas**. They bring new hope by offering them a fair wage, but more importantly, the gospel of Christ. You may also purchase fair trade chocolate and coffee as usual.

Support the Peru Orphanage – check out the remaining items from last week's Garage Sale in the fellowship hall (*available through Wednesday of this week*).

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. Soon you will have the opportunity to sign up to be in a small group that will begin the study in September or October.

August Bible Reading Schedule – available online or in the foyer.

Co-Ed Softball

Tuesday, August 9	7:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 11	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 18	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.