

Today's Bible Lesson: January 1, 2012

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Greater Than Solomon

Luke 2:41-52

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
January 1, 2012

January Services

January 1 – A New Year at First Brethren
Usual Sunday Schedule
8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 services

January 8 – New Sermon Series by Pastor Kurt

January 29 – Orange Sunday
Where the church and you partner together
to IMPRESS God's Truths in our spheres of influence

Church Information

Baptism being rescheduled: If you are interested in being baptized this month, please soon speak with a pastor.

First Brethren Ministry Retreat ("As you GO...") – Saturday, January 28th from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. **All ministry members are to attend**, but anyone interested is welcome. If unable to attend please call Pastor Kurt or the church office (982-6457).

Charitable Contribution Deduction Reminder – Checks that are placed in the offering plate during the first worship service in 2012 (January 1) WILL NOT qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2011, even if the check is predated to 2011 or was actually written in 2011.

THANK YOU!
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We are honored to serve as your church staff. Thank you not just for your generous Love Gift this Christmas, but thank you for your support and encouragement all year long. We are looking forward to another exciting year with you.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
First Brethren Staff*

*Preaching today is Pastor Ron Burns. He serves as our Discipleship Coordinator, helping to oversee the Adult Discipleship ministry. If you want more information about getting connected into a class, small group, or study group, or want to know how to take the next step to grow spiritually, please speak to Pastor Ron after services or call the office to make an appointment with him. You'll be glad you did.



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	Dennis Dolby	Sandy Burch
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's Mom</i>)	Tom Steele (<i>Peabody</i>)	Tayla Zartman
Vicki Sutton (<i>Wendy Blocher's Mom</i>)	Jenae Renz (<i>N. Allen's daughter</i>)	Kent Ulrey
	Velma Dean (<i>Cynthia Johnson's Mom</i>)	

Pray on Wed. mornings: At 6:30 in the library, until about 7:15. Have a prayer need? Complete a green card located in the pews and put in the offering plate.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today:	8:00 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Ron 9:15 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Ron 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Ron 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) at Town Life Center
Mon:	Offices Closed
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 9:00-11:00 a.m. MOPs 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting in sanctuary 7:00 p.m. DLC in Rm. 102 7:00 p.m. Youth Coaches in Library 8:00 p.m. Orphan Ministry in Library
Wed:	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 6:15-7:45 p.m. CHAOS (JH Youth) at La Casa
Wed:	8:00 p.m. Ministry of Worship
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Youth Ministry

The deadline to get your application and \$100 deposit in to go to the D.R. this summer is Sunday, January 15. There are still spots available for high school students and adults. See Pastor Tim ASAP.

Kid's Ministry

Wise men find Jesus is our Bible story in LOFT today as we learn that Jesus is worthy of our worship. Our new memory verse is John 3:16 and challenge is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, & 13 as we focus on God's love.

Adult Ministry

Through the Bible in Three – Join the church Bible reading plan, to read the Bible in three years (including the NT twice), alternating between OT and NT books. January's Bible reading bookmark is contained in your bulletin. This week's reading: Colossians 1-2, 1 Chronicles 1-6.

Love and Respect Marriage Video Conference – At our church Friday, February 10 (6:45 pm- 10:15 pm) and Saturday, February 11 (8:45 am-1:45 pm). "The Love She Most Desires – The Respect He Desperately Needs." A revolutionary, simple message that works in marriage, based on Ephesians 5:33.

**A comment from someone in our church
who went through the Love and Respect material:**

"To realize that we as husband and wife are not wrong, just different, has been huge. To let and encourage my husband to be the spiritual leader of our home. This video series has been awesome and a real eye opener for things to work on and change after 25 years of marriage."

REGISTRATION INFO: Beginning next Sunday morning you can register in the foyer and the gathering area. The cost is \$15 per person through Jan. 30, and \$20 after that. People from our church who register will receive a rebate of half the cost at the conference. Scholarships are available; please see Mike or Cindy Pyle, Mark or Chris York, or ask at the church office. You can also register by visiting our church web site (nmfbc.org) and following the links, or by going to loveandrespect.com.

Adult Sunday School class topics:

9:15	Love and Respect	<i>LIFE</i>	Room 102
	Discerning God's Will from a Biblical Perspective	<i>A.C.T.S.</i>	Room 104
	The Wired Word	<i>Pathfinders</i>	Fellowship Hall East
	God Establishes a Faithful People	<i>Builders</i>	Library
	God Establishes a Faithful People	<i>Seekers</i>	Room 103
	God Establishes a Faithful People	<i>Sojourners</i>	Fellowship Hall West
10:30	Parenting the Next Generation	<i>Orange Parents</i>	Fellowship Hall East
	Bible Reading Plan	<i>Men's Class</i>	La Casa
	The Christian Atheist: Believing in God but Living as if He Doesn't Exist (starting Jan. 15)	<i>HOPE</i>	Room 105

Visit a class or invite someone to join you. It's a blessing to be connected.

Go M.A.D. (Make A Difference)

Want to make a blessing IMPACT? Here are some ideas

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VOLUNTEER: Kids Against Hunger: January 14th. Sign up now for a shift to help package 20,000 meals for Haiti: 9:00 – 11:00 am (**only 3 spots left**); 12:00-2:00 pm (**only 10 spots left**). We will also need some volunteers for set-up and tear-down. Sign-up outside the church office.

DELIVER: Pork and Beef: Know someone in crisis or financial strain? Some men have butchered and prepared some meat for you to distribute to someone God is leading you to bless and build a relationship. Available in kitchen freezer. Or contact a guy from the 10:30 men's SS

GIVE: Kids Against Hunger: To prepare 20,000 meals we need to raise \$5000 (*memo: Kids Against Hunger*). **Update:** Over \$6,000 has already been raised. All additional dollars will help us package more meals now or later in the year. Donation deadline is Sunday, January 8th.

REGISTER:

Invite a couple to join you for the Love & Respect marriage video conference February 10-11. Visit our website: www.nmfbc.org for registration details.

GO: Peru 2012 (June 29-July 10) talk to Linda Immel or Sherry Searles soon.

Dominican Republic (June 21 – 28) \$100 deposit due Jan 15.

Riverside, KY (summer) - great for your family to serve together.

PRAY: Tuesday nights, 6:30–7:00 in the sanctuary. Guided prayer time and spontaneous scripture reading Adults, teens & kids welcome.

READ: Tangible Kingdom by Hugh Halter

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