

Today's Bible Lesson: January 8, 2012

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State of the Church Address: INTRODUCTION

2012 Theme: _____

Theme verses: _____

3 Part Strategy for the Church

1. _____:
2. _____:
3. _____:

FBC Peru Esperanza Team members:

Leticia Callaway, Linda Immel, and Sherry Searles

On December 26, 2011 a brave team of women boarded a plane and began an amazing adventure near the Amazon jungle in Peru, South America. For one week they endured the squelching heat, biting insects, and time away from their families. But in the course of that week, as they interacted with the Peruvian people, they saw God open doors of ministry, open hearts to the Message, and open lives to freedom. This is a journey you are not only invited to listen to today, but a journey you are invited to join (June 21 – July 3).

IMITATE † IMPRESS † IMPACT

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

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

January Services

January 8 – State of the Church Address: INTRO

January 15 – IMPACT God's World

January 22 – IMITATE God's Love

January 29 – IMPRESS God's Truth

Orange Sunday

Sit with your family, wear orange, and get ready to hear about another core value to integrate into your family life.

Church Information

Baptism scheduled for Sunday, January 29th: If you are interested in being baptized after services on the 29th please speak with a pastor soon.

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

Please pick up dishes left in the kitchen in the gathering area.

Financial Report for December 2011

A comparison of revenue and expenses for December 2011 and 2010 is below:

	2011	2010
Worship Offerings	46,574	48,466
Adult Sunday School	136	190
Counseling	240	120
Rental Income	1,100	1,100
Total	48,050	49,876
Expenses:	47,581	47,069

There was \$920 donated to individuals/families for financial assistance in December

Designated offerings:

Counseling - \$125 Kids Against Hunger - \$8,362.63 REACH - \$75
Benevolent Fund - \$4,550 Lost Creek - \$50 Brethren Retreat Center - \$1,450
REACH Christmas Boxes - \$50 W.M.S. - \$50 Outreach - \$1,000
Burgos China Mission - \$550 Dennis Miller Endowment - \$500
Youth Mission Trip (DR 2012) - \$100 Camper Scholarships (2012) - \$200
Staff Love Offering - \$2,504 India Pastors - \$100 Love & Respect Seminar - \$215
Peru SA Orphanage - \$44 Anonymous Family - \$100 KY Mission Trip - \$140

Average worship attendance was 297 compared to 312 for December, 2010.

2012 STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS



Matthew 28:18-20

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

Trever Jones, Worship Coordinator

Carl Petrie, Facility Coordinator

Jim Mishler, Treasurer

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Illness	Illness/Recovery	Recovery
Penny Schutz (<i>home</i>)	Norma Slack (<i>Parkview</i>)	Sandy Burch
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's mom</i>)	Jenae Renz (<i>N Allen's daughter</i>)	Tayla Zartman
Vicki Sutton (<i>W Blocher's mom</i>)	Dennis Dolby	Kent Ulrey
Velma Dean (<i>C Johnson's mom</i>)		

Need Prayer? Fill out a green card (in the pew) and put in the offering plate.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today:	8:00 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 9:15 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) at Town Life Center
Mon:	3:30 p.m. W.M.S. @ Timbercrest
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 6:00 p.m. Justice Team in Library 6:30 p.m. Prayer service in sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry in Room 105 7:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship 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
Sat:	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Kids Against Hunger in Fellowship Hall
Next Sun:	8:00 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 9:15 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kurt 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 12:00 p.m. Esperanza 2012 meeting (lunch) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) at Town Life Center

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Kids Against Hunger: To prepare 20,000 meals we needed to raise \$5000

Update: Praise the Lord! About \$9000 has been raised. All additional dollars will help us package more meals another time later this year. Thank you!

Riverside Christian School in Lost Creek, KY: The school librarian with 2 of her grandchildren were in an auto accident this week. Grandmother and grandson were killed and the granddaughter is on life support. Both kids were Riverside students.



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Tom Steele, husband of Marieta Steele, who passed away Sunday, January 1st. Services were held at McKee Mortuary Wednesday, January 4th. He is also the brother of Teresa Coble, Vicki White, and Kim Vanlandingham.

Marriage Ministry: IMITATE God's Love

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:

“It has really opened my eyes to the differences in gender and how my spouse sees and feels about different topics”

REGISTRATION INFO: Beginning today 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 Ministry

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
		<i>Seekers</i> Room 103
		<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.

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 spring weekends are in March. 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.”

Kid's Ministry

“God wants us to believe in Jesus” is our point of the day in LOFT and elementary classes. We will learn about Jesus' baptism and give kids an opportunity to choose to follow Jesus. Please follow up in your home and talk together about understanding and making this important decision.

Youth Ministry

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

Volunteers Needed: Two Youth Coaches on Wednesday nights with the Junior High group and two Food Coaches for Sunday nights. See Pastor Tim.

Outreach Ministry: IMPACT God's World

VOLUNTEER: ONLY 6 MORE SPACES! - Kids Against Hunger: This Saturday, January 14th. Help package 20,000 meals for Haiti: 9:00 – 11:00 am (**only 5 spots left**); 12:00-2:00 pm (**only 1 spot left**). And a few spots to help set-up and tear-down. Sign-up sheets outside church office. “Factory” Location: Church Fellowship Hall.

Blessings in a Backpack: 8-10 people needed to pack food for local school children and their families. 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 27th at Manchester Elementary School. (1/2 hour to an hour). Call Jo Montel (982-4814 or 578-0263).

Junior High Youth Coaches: Wednesday nights (6:15-7:45 p.m.) Interact, encourage, shape the life of a teen. Call Pastor Tim.

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

ORDER: Super Bowl Subs – fill out the form in the January Newsletter or sign up in the church office. One sub is \$6 or three for \$15. Proceeds will help the Esperanza 2012 Peru mission team.

BAKE: Food Coaches for youth ministry: Sunday nights. Call Pastor Tim.

REGISTER: Invite a couple to join you for the Love & Respect marriage video conference February 10-11.

GO: Esperanza 2012 (Peru) (June 21-July 3) talk to Linda Immel or Sherry Searles soon. Lunch meeting next Sunday here at noon.

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 pm in the sanctuary. Guided prayer time and spontaneous scripture reading Adults, teens & kids welcome.

Wednesday mornings 6:30 – 7:15 am in church library.

READ: Tangible Kingdom or **AND** by Hugh Halter and Matt Smay