

Today's Bible Lesson: July 31, 2011

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The Generosity of God

1. _____

“Your candle loses nothing when it lights another.” - Unknown

2. _____

“No person was ever honored for what he received.
Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”

- Calvin Coolidge, American President

3. _____

“Giving is the highest level of living” — John C. Maxwell

4. _____

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

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

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TODAY is ORANGE SUNDAY

What is ORANGE?

The church (Yellow) and the home (Red) partnering together to instill spiritual truths and Godly Character in children/teens.

Value #1: HONESTY Value #2: COMPASSION

Value #3: RESPECT

Today Pastor Kurt will introduce our

Fourth Orange Core Value: GENEROSITY.

Remember too this is a family worship Sunday and you are encouraged to sit with your family and wear orange!

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.

We have a gift for you today! The Orange pen is a reminder for you to “Think Orange” by taking intentional steps of modeling and teaching your family the important orange core values. 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!



GENEROSITY

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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	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>)	Amy Ihnen (<i>home</i>)
Regina Clay (<i>Toni W. Mom</i>)	Ralph Dotson (<i>Connie Burton's dad</i>)	
Ava Felgar (<i>Ray & Julia's granddaughter - Tues heart surgery at Riley</i>)		

FBC Missionaries: *Michael Bowen (Mark and Jenny Hill's son) is serving in Southeast Asia from June 2 – August 4 (Evangelism).*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today: *ORANGE SUNDAY!*
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
6:30 p.m. Decorating for VBS
7:00 p.m. Ministry of Outreach meeting

Mon: 4:30-6:00 p.m. WMS Picnic at Linda Immel's
6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS begins and continues all week
7:00 p.m. DLC in library

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

Fri: 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS Closing

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4:30 p.m. Ultreya @ Peru

INVITE YOUR
GRANDCHILDREN OR NEIGHBOR KID
TO THIS WEEK'S VBS!

Children's Ministry

Orange Sunday – Kids should worship with families today and come to **LOFT** the other hour. Our lesson will remind us that God has good plans for us.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)- This week, August 1st – 5th

Youth Ministry

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

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

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 til 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 Webb's, Immel's, Chapman's, McKinley's, Stout's Walter's, plus many others. Plan now. Registrations will soon be available.

Adult Ministry

Through the Bible in Three – Join the church Bible reading plan, to read the Bible in three years. August's Bible reading bookmark is available today. This week's reading: Acts 27-28, Joshua 1-8.

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.

Co-Ed Softball

Tuesday, August 2	7:00 & 8:00 p.m.
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.

All games at our local sports complex

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.

You Can Help

Go M.A.D. - Make A Difference

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)*.

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

There is an **urgent** need for volunteers at Camp Shipshewana. If you could help out for a day or two (*kitchen help, cleaning*), please contact Camp Director Rick Miller, 260-336-2470 for areas needed, or contact Mike McKinley, 578-0656 for any questions.

We Can Help

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.

FBC Counseling

FBC Counseling is confidential, affordable and Biblically based. Suzanna is available M-W by appointment. Just call the church and ask for her extension or leave a confidential voicemail.

Stephen Ministry:

Trained Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Susan Bushong, 982-4256; Trish Lauer, 982-7335; or Mike Pyle, 352-2807.