

Today's Bible Lesson: November 27, 2011

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Do not merely listen to the word,
and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. - James 1:22

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"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." – Matthew 7:28-29

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
November 27, 2011

Upcoming Special Services

November 27 – an ORANGE Advent Begins
and a Child Dedication Service

Finley David (July 11, 2011) son of David and Kim Pyle
Levi Aaron (May 11, 2011) son of Matt and Elizabeth Smith
Owen Benjamin (July 1, 2010) son of Ben and Carrie Vineyard

December 18 – Children's Christmas Program
6:30 p.m. "Live From Bethlehem"

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services
An evening of Carols, Candles, and Communion
6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day at First Brethren
10:30 Service ONLY
There will be No SS classes or LOFT

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

Orange Core Value #5: Gratitude

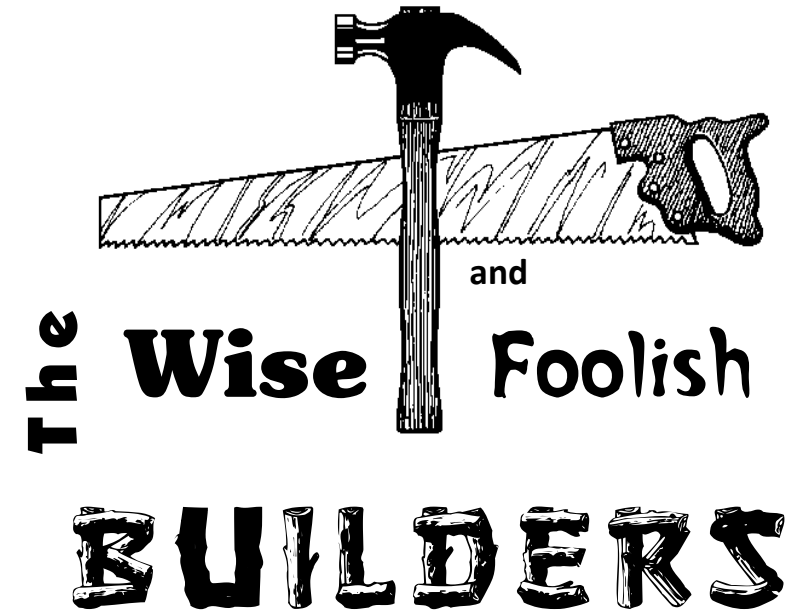
Interact with people less fortunate than you.

- As a family volunteer at a community supper
- Discuss a family mission trip to KY next summer
- Deliver REACH Christmas boxes
- When you go to the city carry granola bars and water/juice with you to hand to the homeless
- Worship at a low income ministry
- Buy fewer gifts for your kids & together buy gifts for a family in need



Buy a Poinsettia in Honor or Memory

Poinsettias to decorate the church will be offered again this year. Anyone wanting to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone may do so by using an envelope available in the foyer, or contacting the office, or Cottage Creation. Prices this year are \$17, \$28 and \$43 depending on size wanted.



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>)	Ralph Reiken (<i>Timb HC</i>)	Tayla Zartman
Vicki Sutton (<i>Wendy Blocher's Mom</i>)	Tom Steele	Joyce Walters
Regina Clay (<i>Toni W. Mom</i>)	Mamie Keim (<i>Peabody</i>)	Charlie Miller
Velma Dean (<i>Cynthia Johnson's Mom</i>)	Stephanie Sparks	Deb Zile
Jenae Renz (<i>N. Allen's daughter</i>)		

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 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ Town Life Center
Mon:	6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas in the Sanctuary
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting in sanctuary 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wed:	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 10:00-11:00 a.m. Children's Spanish Classes 5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice in the LOFT
Thurs:	8:00 p.m. Ministry of Worship
Sat:	Noon-5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
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2012 Directory Updates

If you wish to **confirm accurate information** (spelling and contact info) a draft copy of the directory is in the foyer for you to make changes as needed. Also if your name doesn't appear in our address directory there are sheets you may fill out to be included.

Children's Ministry

God cares for Hagar and Ishmael in our LOFT and elementary SS lesson to remind us that He hears our prayers.

Reminder: Last chance to say memory verses for an award this Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Applications for the 2012 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic are outside Pastor Tim's office. Trip dates are June 21-28. Cost is \$1400. Deadline to commit to the trip is the end of the year.

Youth Fundraiser: 2012 calendars and greeting cards can be ordered today in the Gathering Area. They will be available to be picked up by December 11. Proceeds help students serving in the Dominican next summer. Thank you.

Women's Ministry

Christmas Cookie and Gift Exchange: All women and girls invited on December 5th (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) to an evening of caroling, cookies, and coffee (or hot tea/cider/chocolate or punch). Music and devotions provided by special IWU student Caryn Rehm. Bring a \$1 gift to exchange and 3 dozen of your cookies to trade. Church fellowship hall. WMS sponsored.

Prayer Ministry

NEW – Prayer Meeting: Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Spontaneous Scripture reading and prayer. Adults, teens, and kids welcome.

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

Adult Ministry

Sunday School Class Name Change: The Young Adults Class is now known as the A.C.T.S. Class (Allowing Christ To Shine). The class meets at 9:15 in Room 105, and is now studying the topic "Discerning God's Will from a Biblical Perspective." Everyone is invited.

Congregational News

Interested in Using the "Offering Envelope Program"? This assists our Financial Secretary (*Dennis Dolby*) in recording each donation. In turn, at the end of the year, a giving statement is provided for tax purposes. If you would like a box of envelopes, please contact the church office or Dennis Dolby. Or place a note in the offering plate before the end of November.

Organist question: The Ministry of Worship is seeking input and ideas related to the absence of an organist. Please call the office or speak with one of the Worship Ministry members: *Rick Grindle, Trever Jones, Carma Cummins, Kelly Bordeaux, Erin Wood, Ben Vineyard, Katie Cumberland, or Nicole McKee.*

Special Worship Evening – Sunday, December 4th, 6:30-7:45 pm. A night of worship and a speaker from Uganda from the mission Trever and Jasmine had the privilege to serve with while in Uganda. Childcare will also be provided.



Staff Love Gift: To remember our Pastors and staff with a special Christmas time gift, please make your check or donation to the church (Memo: "Staff gift") or cash envelope. Funds will be collected through Sunday, December 18th and divided among all paid church staff.

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

Want to make a blessing IMPACT? Here are some ideas

DONATE:

Fill the Van: Bring in non-perishable food or household items. Check out the van in the parking lot – one more week to donate.

Soles4Souls: Bring in your unused shoes to the gathering area

Coats for the Community: bring in new and gently used winter coats, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves and blankets as well as monetary donations for purchasing children's coats.

Items will be distributed primarily through the Manchester Community Schools Gift of Giving held on December 5th from 3:30-6:00 at MJHS. If you know of someone in need of a winter coat or wish to help tag coats or set up this project please contact a member of the L.I.F.E. Class or the church office. Thank you for being a blessing to our community!

CREATE: Crocheted/Knitted Scarves: If you knit or crochet and would be willing to make a scarf for a homeless lady in Fort Wayne for Christmas, contact Kelly McKee, 982-6224.

READ: Reaching Out Through Reading: There is a need for 1 or 2 more people to come read, or help with homework for our Hispanic congregation children on Fridays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you can help reach out in relationship with these students and families, contact the office.

COOK/SERVE: Community Suppers on Dec 13th and 27th. Help cook or help serve a meal to our community. Call Shannon Cook (982-7001).

DELIVER REACH Christmas Boxes: Saturday December 17, 9:00 am at FBC.

GIVE: Peru Missions Team (*Esperanza / "Hope"*) is raising funds to help offset expenses of their trip (Dec 26 – Jan 2). Looking for 270 freedom partners to give \$27. (*check to First Brethren, memo: Esperanza*).

Kids Against Hunger coming to our church on January 14th! This will be a great opportunity for the whole family to get involved to help fight hunger. To prepare 20,000 meals we need to raise \$5000 (*memo: Kids Against Hunger*).



SHOP: Advent Conspiracy or "Advent in Action" – buy one less gift this Christmas and give the money instead to feed hungry families in our world. Worship Ministry is encouraging you to give to the January 14th Kids Against Hunger project.

GO: Peru 2012 (*June 29-July 10*) informational meeting on Dec 18th.