

Today's Bible Lesson: November 6, 2011

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Orphan Sunday 2011

God has a heart for the orphan:

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow"
Deut. 10:18

God calls us into action:

"Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow." Is 1:17

Three more ways to help the local "orphan":

1. Call a child placement agency near you and ask to become pen pals with a waiting child. Get your kids involved in writing letters!
2. Volunteer at a local child placement agency. Love on the kids; for the sole purpose of loving the "least of these".
3. Step in and share life with a family who is adopting/fostering a child. This could be done by offering childcare while the parents have a date night, fixing them a meal, delivering a welcome gift to the child, clean their house or mow their lawn, or making consistent contact to see if they have any needs.

We have been given MUCH. Therefore, MUCH is expected.

Go. Share life. Serve. Love.

Orphan Care/Adoption Fair in the Fellowship Hall

This will be an amazing opportunity for the whole family!

Informational booths from:

- Bethany Adoption agency • Gateway Woods • World Vision
• foster care organizations • Hope for Orphans
- Compassion Corner • Heart Gallery • Kids Against Hunger
• the Dominican Republic • White's Institute • IJM
- India orphan sponsorship • Ghana child sponsorship

Everyone can do something to help fight the global orphan crisis.

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
November 6, 2011

Upcoming Special Services

Nov 6 – Hope for Orphans Sunday with special guest
from International Justice Mission
8:00 and 10:30 services ONLY

9:15 – All Adult and Youth SS classes and LOFT
As well as a Q& A session with IJM from 9:30-10:00
Donuts and various displays also in FH

Nov 13 – Harvest "One Service" Sunday
9:15 – All Adult and Youth SS classes and LOFT
10:30 service ONLY

followed by the "world's largest carry-in"
Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Rolls, and Drinks will be provided*

*Three hams and 3 more 20# turkeys need to be
purchased or donations to buy. Three roasters also need to be
borrowed. Bring your own tableware and two dishes according to
your last name:

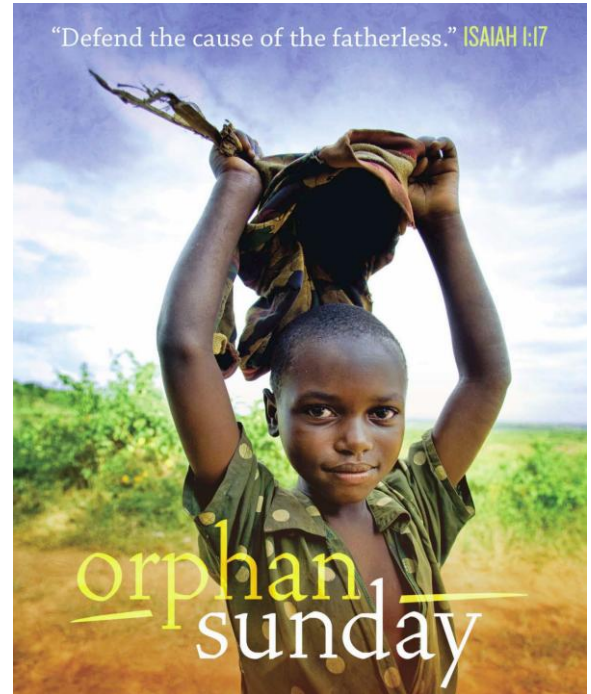
A-G salad & dessert H-M hot side & salad
N-Z dessert & hot side

Another Diaconate Leadership Council (DLC) Recommendation: ANDY COOK

After prayerful consideration and congregational input, we are pleased to announce Andy Cook as a second candidate for the DLC. A few weeks ago, Myrl Frantz was overwhelmingly affirmed by the congregation. Today the membership is being asked to consider affirming Andy into this position. *Return ballot to usher, offering plate, or ballot box in the foyer.*



My name is Andy Cook. I live here in town, but work in the RV industry in Millersburg. My wife Shannon and I have been married 9 years. We have 3 girls and 1 boy. I gave my life to Christ in March of 2007. I was in the Men's Sunday School Class and Steve Searles said something like, "we are in a spiritual battle whether we engage in it or not." The Lord started working on me through those words and a short time later I gave my life to Him. It's been a life changing journey ever since.



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

Penny Schutz

Mary Rager (*Eldon's Mom*)

Vicki Sutton (*Wendy Blocher's Mom*)

Regina Clay (*Toni W. Mom*)

Velma Dean (*Cynthia Johnson's Mom*)

Illness/Recovery

Dennis Dolby (*home from LH*)

Charlie Miller

Tom Steele

Mamie Keim (*Peabody*)

Jenae Renz (*N. Allen's daughter*)

Recovery

Sandy Burch (*home*)

Tayla Zartman

Joyce Walters

Deb Zile



Flower on the organ is in memory Dennis Miller (sent by his twin brother Doug).

Mamie Keim is at Peabody. Before visiting, please call her son Bill at 982-2852.

It's suggested that cards be sent to Mamie's home address, 301 Kohser Ave.

Peru Orphanage Update: ANNOUNCING GRAND OPENING !

Word has been received about the final official inspection and grand opening. This will give the Abuids permission to take in children needing protection and nurturing.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today: ORPHAN SUNDAY (*IJM speaker*)

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 am service ONLY

9:15 a.m. All Adult & Youth Classes, and LOFT

4:30 p.m. Faith Quest Closing

6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ Town Life Center

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Mon: 3:30 p.m. WMS at Timbercrest

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use

7:00 p.m. DLC in Library

Tues: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103

6:00 p.m. Justice team

6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting in sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Ministry of Nurture

7:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry in Room 105

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

6:15-7:45 p.m. CHAOS (JH Youth) @ La Casa

6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice

6:30 p.m. COURAGEOUS Bible study in library

Thurs: 5:45 p.m. Joyful Hearts ladies meet in parking lot to travel to Wabash

Next Sun: HARVEST SERVICE/DINNER

10:30 am worship service ONLY

9:15 a.m. All Adult & Youth Classes, and LOFT

After service – All-Church Harvest Dinner

3:00 p.m. BWOC Ultreya @ Congregational Christian, N. Man.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ Town Life Center

Children's Ministry

God makes a covenant with Abram in our LOFT lesson and elementary Sunday School today. We will learn God knows everything.

Reminder – Children's Christmas Program practice Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the LOFT.

Youth Ministry

Junior high and **senior high students** who want to go to the Turkey Bowl, Sunday, Nov 20, need to sign up outside Pastor Tim's office. Cost is \$10.

Applications for the 2012 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic are outside Pastor Tim's office. Trip dates are June 21-28.

College Ministry

Students Following Christ (SFC) Bible Study: Join other MC students and Pastor Kurt on Thursdays 4:30 p.m. @ SAC (*basement of Calvin Ulrey*).

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. November's Bible reading bookmark is available today in foyer, online, or in SS classes. This week's reading: 2 Samuel 5-14.

Joyful Hearts (*single and widowed women*) – The ladies of Joyful Hearts will meet Thursday, November 10 at the church by 5:45 p.m. and travel to Honeywell, Wabash.

Women's Missionary Society (WMS) – All women invited to a missions focused ladies study on the first Monday of each month (*3:30 p.m. at Timbercrest*). Call Linda Immel (982-8238) for Questions.

Prayer Ministry

NEW -Prayer Meeting: Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Spontaneous Scripture reading and prayer. Come and go as needed.

PRAY: receive a monthly staff prayer list. Email Pastor Kurt (Kurt@nmfbc.org)

Pray on Wed. mornings: At 6:30 in the library, until about 7:15. If you have a need for which you'd like the group to pray, please complete a green card located in the pews and put it in the offering plate or in the church office.

Congregational News

Congregational Meeting Update: 2012 budget and the proposal for a \$10,000 non-local outreach fund passed. Ballot results are in the Nov. monthly.

A Child Dedication is being planned. Interested? Please contact Pastor Kurt.

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

OPERATION BLESSING – a call for every person, class, and group to plan and participate in their own service project during the months of October/November. "Make me a blessing to someone today."

How will you be a blessing? Here are some ideas

Fill the Van: Bringing non-perishable food or household items. The WMS is challenging the congregation to "Fill the Van" during the months of Oct/Nov. Distributed locally and to CrossBars Ministry in South Bend.

Operation Christmas Child: Fill a shoebox for kids who likely will have no other Christmas than the one you put together. Collection date: November 13 during the Harvest Sunday Celebration. The Ministry of Outreach wants to encourage your participation and has decided to pay the \$7 recommended postage fee for every box you and your family fill.

Soles4Souls: Over 1.5 billion pairs of shoes lay idle in American closets. Over 300 million children around the world are without shoes. Soles4Souls gives away a pair of shoes every 19 seconds. You can help this organization give shoes away in over 70 countries by donating your gently used shoes. There is a collection box in our gathering area for collection through November.

Coats for the Community: donate gently used coats, hats, gloves & scarves. Especially kids items. Or donate money to purchase coats. Donation boxes are in the Gathering Area as well as at local businesses.

Have a project idea and need resources to make it happen? The Ministry of Outreach would like to make available to you the funding you or your class/group/family need. *Talk to Pastor Kurt, Chris Walters, Shannon Cook, Tracy Horrell, Pattie Webb, or Brian Ramer.*

Financial Report for October 2011

Below is a comparison of our revenue and expenses for October, 2011 and October, 2010:

	2011	2010
Worship Offerings	39,298	43,185
Adult Sunday School	222	214
Counseling	610	755
Rental Income	1,650	1,650
Total	41,780	45,804
Expenses:	32,854	34,221

We provided \$368 for community assistance to individuals/families.

The designated offerings were to:

Missions - \$97.50 REACH - \$50 Lost Creek - \$70 Memorial Fund - \$85
 Benevolent Fund (gas cards) - \$317 Brethren Retreat Center - \$400
 Benevolent Fund - \$475 Chile Mission Project - \$116 Counseling - \$100
 Miller Adoption Fund - \$50 Peru S.A. Orphanage - \$200

The average worship attendance was 286 compared to 290 for October, 2010.