

## Today's Bible Lesson: September 4, 2011

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### It Depends on His Character (Luke 11:1-13)

## WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHERN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.  
September 4, 2011

### September Sermon Series:

Today Pastor Ron, our Discipleship Coordinator, is preaching.  
Pastor Kurt is at Family Camp in Shipshewana with his family  
and 100 others from around the district.

Next week Pastor Kurt will begin a new series called  
**TREASURE HUNTERS:**  
*Seeking the things of God*

### Orange Core Value #4: **GENEROSITY**

*Why wait for Christmas? Generosity is something we think about at Christmas time – gifts, visits, “caroling”, cards, hospitality. Do something you’d do in December NOW (not sledding or building a snowman)... then again in December. This is a perfect time to buy some school items for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Prices are cheaper and your heart of generosity gets pumping.*

### Financial Report for August 2011

The Lord continues to provide for our needs so that the church can reach out to our local and global community:

	2011	2010
Worship Offerings	32,890 (4 Sundays)	39,931 (5 Sundays)
Adult Sunday School	178	258
Counseling	570	295
Rental Income	550	1,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,188</b>	<b>41,722</b>
Expenses:	34,314	27,653

Designated offerings received were:  
Missions - \$1,060      Lost Creek - \$70      Benevolent Fund - \$2,265  
Counseling - \$50      LIFE - \$50      Brethren Relief-Africa - \$100  
Thursday's Child - \$50      V BS Offering-(To Peter Burgos Mission in China)-\$421.31

There was \$560 distributed to needy individuals/ families in community assistance.  
At the time of this report, the church Fish Fry has an approximate profit of \$1,200. There are still one or two small bills to pay. The final profit will go to Thursday's Child and Blessings in a Backpack, shared equally.

**When God's People Pray** is a six-session small group study, written by Jim Cymbala, author of *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*.

Today in the foyer you can sign-up for a group studying this six part DVD series in September or October

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13



### FIRST BRETHERN 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

<b>Illness</b>	<b>Illness/Recovery</b>	<b>Recovery</b>
Penny Schutz	Janet Hays ( <i>Bill's Mom</i> )	Norma Slack
Mary Rager ( <i>Eldon's Mom</i> )	Dennis Dolby	Peg Workman
Tom Steele	Helen Conrad	Jenae Renz ( <i>N. Allen's daughter</i> )
Regina Clay ( <i>Toni W. Mom</i> )	Velma Dean ( <i>Cynthia Johnson's Mom in OH hosp</i> )	
Grace Kester ( <i>Annette Ayres Mom</i> )	Donald Bradford ( <i>Evelyn Gamran's brother in TN hosp</i> )	

We extend sympathies to the family of Ralph Dotson (Connie Burton's father) who passed away August 25<sup>th</sup>. Services were in Claypool last Monday.

FBC Missionaries: Pray for Pastor Joe and Janice Burgos who are leaving this week to spend time with their family in Europe. They plan to return late October.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Today:</b>	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ( <i>Pastor Ron</i> ) 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship ( <i>Pastor Ron</i> ) 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ( <i>Pastor Ron</i> ) 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ La Casa
<b>Mon:</b>	Offices Closed – Labor Day
<b>Tues:</b>	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 9:00-11:00 MOPS 3:30 p.m. W.M.S. @ Timbercrest 7:00 p.m. Small Group Youth Coaches meeting
<b>Wed:</b>	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 6:15-7:45 p.m. CHAOS (JH Youth) Kickoff @ Town Life Center
<b>Thurs:</b>	7:00 p.m. Outreach and Men's Ministry Leadership
<b>Next Sun:</b>	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) @ Ayres

## Family Ministry

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** – The MOPS group held here at FBC will begin Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and continue each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. They are in need of continued prayer and support especially in the areas of child care, mentoring and finance. If you feel you could help out in any of these areas or have any questions regarding MOPS, please feel free to contact Kelly Bordeaux (982-4632) or Nicole McKee (578-3749).

## Children's Ministry

**LOFT and elementary Sunday School classes begin** our travel back in time today! We will be going back to the very beginning and learning about creation.

**Reminder:** Elementary classes begin meeting during the 10:30 service today - kids should be picked up from their classrooms. Classroom locations are posted by **LOFT**.

## Youth Ministry

**Weekly Sporting Event:** Let's cheer on the girls' volleyball team. Be at the school gym at 6 pm on Tuesday.

**JH Kickoff** is this **Wednesday, September 7!** Finger Rocket Competitions and Games, Prizes, and Pizza! 6:15 to 7:45pm @ the Town Life Center.

**Ekklesia (HS Youth)** – Game night tonight @ La Casa 6-8pm. Party @ Ruth and Andy Ayres' next Sunday, 6-8pm.

## Adult Ministry

**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. Today in the foyer you still have the opportunity to sign up to be in a small group that will begin the study in September or October. If you're in a group that would like to use the DVD, or if you'd like to lead a group through the study, please talk to Pastor Ron. Copies of the book *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* for you can borrow are in the church library in the "Featuring" section.

**Strengthen Your Marriage** – Why not try some love and respect? Mike and Cindy Pyle will be leading the a class in a discussion of the book Love and Respect beginning next Sunday morning, Sept. 11th during the 9:15 Sunday School hour in Room 102. Everyone is welcome.

### Adult Sunday School class topics:

9:15	Love and Respect (starting Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>LIFE Class</i>	Room 102
	When God's People Pray (starting Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>Young Adults</i>	Room 105
	The Wired Word	<i>Pathfinders</i>	Flwshp Hall East
	Tradition and Wisdom	<i>Builders</i>	Library
	Tradition and Wisdom	<i>Seekers</i>	Room 103
	Tradition and Wisdom	<i>Sojourners</i>	Flwshp Hall West
10:30	Parenting a New Generation (starting Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>Orange Parents</i>	Flwshp Hall East
	Bible Reading Plan	<i>Men's Class</i>	La Casa
	Weird-Because Normal Isn't Working	<i>HOPE Class</i>	Room 105

**If you're already in a class, invite someone to join you!**

## We Can Help

**Children's Anxiety Group:** *What to Do When You Worry Too Much?* The 8-week group to address anxiety in children ages 7-12 will begin Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-4:50 and run weekly through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please pick up an information sheet, Information and Consent form and Child Intake form for completion in the FBC office or outside Suzanna's office and return to Suzanna. The deadline for enrollment and paperwork is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Suzanna Hicks at the church, 982-6457.

**We want to PRAY for you!** Please complete a green prayer card in the pew and put it in the offering plate or in the church office. The Wednesday morning prayer group (6:30 a.m.) will pray for you or someone you know.

## You Can Help

**The current food crisis in East Africa** is reaching dire levels. "Rates of Global Malnutrition for children under 5 have exceeded (and in some instances doubled) emergency thresholds in Turkana..." Three consecutive seasons of sporadic and inadequate rains, have put millions of people in Kenya in great need of emergency food aid. A FBC donation to memo: Brethren Relief Fund (East Africa) will assist local Christian ministries to help in the name of Jesus.

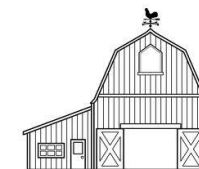
**Reaching Out Through Reading** – Were you read to as a child? Do you know how much this helped you succeed in school? The Hispanic parents in our community don't read English. Some of the children are struggling with school work. A group has started on **Mondays and Fridays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.**, but they are in need of at least 3-4 more to help each week. If you can help reach out in relationship with these students and families, contact the office.

**Ghana: Soup for Souls.** Sarah Morbitzer is leaving soon to spend a year helping an agency release and restore children trapped in slavery in the West African country of Ghana. A homemade soup luncheon (plus rolls and pies) is being held today at Victory Christian Fellowship from 11:45-2:00 (Carry out available).

**Compassion Corner - Next Sunday.** Items sold (*coffee, chocolate, T-shirts, bracelets*) will be used to purchase sewing machines for an upcoming trip to Peru.

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

## Congregational Party!



**All-Church Barn Party** – Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., at the Todd & Dianne Floor residence. It will be a carry-in with hot dogs, buns and drink provided, bring food to share and lawn chairs. Games too! Sign-up sheets in the gathering area and at the office door to see how many to plan for.