

Sunday, April 5th Digital Bulletin

Please listen to the morning message on our website:

www.newparisfirst.com, click on the Sermons tab, and choose “Fasting”.

Deacons on Call for April:

Don't forget to tithe! Checks can be mailed in to the church at P.O. Box 117, New Paris, IN 46553. Or you can give gifts online through our website, or download the Give Plus app on your smartphone and look for “First Brethren Church of New Paris”

Or...New This Week- *If you would like to drop off a check at the church, a Drive-Thru Tithe Drop-Off will be held 12-1pm on Sundays beginning April 5th.*

Giving Update: (March total online giving totals given next week)

General: \$590, Deacons: \$500

Needed for General Budget (2020): \$2085

Budget Year to Date: \$4306

Tentative Calendar- All Services Cancelled for April

Saturday, May 9th- Spring Picnic

Connect With Your Pastors!

Pastor Jeff Estep

831-2766 (church), 831- 3628 (parsonage)

574-370-8171 (cell), email- pastorjeffestep@bnin.net

Office Hours- 9-12 (Mon-Thurs)

Youth Pastor Megan Long

574-354-7198 (cell) or email-meganlara257@gmail.com

Please contact Kim Hostetler for info to put in the bulletin

(574) 575-0452 or khostetler@gmail.com

We can't meet for Easter Sunday, but we are working to make next Sunday's message download special! Have a blessed Holy Week and plan on worshipping with us through the downloaded message at newparisfirst.com on Easter morning!

New This Week...

Online Bible Study- this Thursday, April 9th, 6pm

Using the Zoom app available on your computer or Smart Phone

This week's study is over Jeremiah 29 and related passages, about the topic, “When God's Plan Isn't Our Plan!” A study guide for this week's study is available on the website, in the “Fasting” sermon's downloadable files.

Zoom Meeting ID- 432-608-5416, Password 190763

(We are requiring a Password to prevent hacking)

Web link for Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4326085416?pwd=VCs0TFE1ZVILY0FJeFpTckltVFVhdz09>

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”- Jesus, in John 14:27

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Birthdays!!

Sunday, April 5th- Elmer Yoder

Tuesday, April 7th- Tim Mullins

Wednesday, April 8th- Riley Miller

Tuesday, April 14th- Theresa Miles

Anniversaries!!

Friday, April 10th- Larry & Joyce Parcell

Wednesday, April 15th- Doyle & Brenda Weaver

Ministry Opportunities–

April's newsletter is online! If you go to the "Prayer" sermon on the Sermons page at newparisfirst.com, a link to a pdf version of the newsletter is available. Newsletters have been mailed out to those who do not communicate by email.

Though most of our church activities have been canceled for the coronavirus, your church family is here for you. If you have a need over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to reach out to a Deacon or to our pastors. We will get through this together, with God's help!

Please pray during the Coronavirus Pandemic:

- For wisdom for world leaders, for President Trump, his administration, for Congress, and for state and local officials
- For educational leaders as they make decisions about school
- For a vaccine and treatment to be found to prevent future outbreaks
- For medical staff at local hospitals who are taking care of those infected or potentially infected
- For churches to be a Biblical witness of love, hope, and salvation to their neighbors
- For protection for people in our families and communities from the virus
- For medical equipment to get where it needs to go

Prayer Concerns– *To start prayer chain, contact Cheri Mullins at 574-607-1208 or Sheila Mullins at 574-831-5264*

- Richard VanDiepenbos- Home from the hospital and doing well!
- Mary Brenneman- son suffering from what appears to be coronavirus
- Keith Wenner- for continued grace and strength
- Pray for Brethren Retreat Center- that COVID-19 is under control soon so camps can run this summer!
- Pray for school children whose routine has been disrupted by the closing, and for teachers and staff
- Barb Johnson, from Butterfly Mornings, begins chemo treatments Monday for multiple cancerous tumors. Please pray.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday- Matthew 6:16-18

Monday- Leviticus 23:26-32

Tuesday- Acts 13:1-12

Wednesday- Acts 14:21-28

Thursday- Psalm 136

Friday- Psalm 42

Saturday- Isaiah 58

Opening Hymn

#295 Revive Us Again

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoJu1Uka7bc> or search
"Revive Us Again Gaither Lyrics" on Youtube

We praise Thee o God, for the Son of Thy love
For Jesus who died and is now gone above

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

We praise Thee O God, for Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain

Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

***Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:16-18

Message: Fasting – Sermon Notes

Fasting is voluntarily giving up _____ for a _____
purpose.

The hunger we feel during fasting reminds us we desire _____
more than _____, it reminds us of our heart's desire.

Fasting is meant to be a form of deep _____ of God and
_____ His face.

Closing Hymn

#425 In The Garden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F1o8m-VGqQ> or search
"In The Garden- Alan Jackson Lyrics" on Youtube

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses

Chorus:

And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He have to me within my heart is ringing

I'd stay in the garden with Him tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling

Upcoming Messages:

Next Week– Easter Message

Two Weeks–Treasures in Heaven