

Sunday, May 17th Digital Bulletin

Please listen to the morning message on our website: www.newparisfirst.com, click on the Sermons tab, and choose “The Sad Truth, the Joyous Hope”.

Deacons on Call for May: Jimmy & Joyce Gill

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”. You may also drop off tithes during Pastor Jeff's office hours, which right now are Monday-Wednesday, 1-4pm and Thursday, 9-12. You may also drop them off to the parsonage and he will get them to Edna.

Giving Update:

General: NA

Needed for General Budget (2020): \$2085

Budget Year to Date: NA

Connect With Your Pastors!

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Find us on YouTube! You can watch this week's sermon and not just hear it. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjeNJvhj36s>.

Or search for “The Sad Truth, the Joyous Hope- Pastor Jeff Estep” in YouTube.

Our next public worship service at First Brethren Church will be held Sunday, June 7th at 10am. For more information about future worship services and how we can stay safe within them, check your mail and email for a letter from Pastor Jeff or download the letter off of this week's sermon page on the website.

Our June newsletter will be a “Potluck Issue”! Since we can't have a church Carry-in due to the COVID pandemic, we will share recipes with each other of dishes we might have brought if we COULD have one. Email your recipes to Ruby Thompson at eggrollruby@gmail.com, send them to her by mail at 67572 CR 23, New Paris, 46553. Or you can email or mail them to Pastor Jeff at the Church! For more info, watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaRmdp6LrUA>

The Zoom Online Bible Study concluded their study of Philippians this past Thursday, and we will be taking a break from online studies for the summer.

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Monday, May 18th - Mabel Rose Miller

Thursday, May 21st - Bob Fowler

Friday, May 22nd - Art Baer

Sunday, May 24th - Diana Hammonds

Monday, May 25th - Bev Deter

Thursday, May 28th - Brenda Weaver

Friday, May 29th - Jon Long

Anniversaries!!

Friday, May 29th - Charlie & Ruby Thompson

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 medical workers continuing to treat those sick and vulnerable to the virus
- For those working in nursing homes, and for the patients living there
- For business leaders making decisions as to when to bring employees back to work
- For those developing and testing vaccines and treatments.
- For the Brethren Retreat Center, who has had to make the difficult decision to cancel several of their summer camps. Pray for God's financial provision for the camp.
- For this summer's General Conference business session, which will be held electronically. Arranging the details of this will be challenging

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

- Comfort after Keith Wenner's passing. Please pray for his daughters Gretchen and Jill, his sister Sherry Houghton, and his brother
- Comfort for Ruby Thompson's children Brian and Jenny over the passing of their father
- Comfort for April McKeown and family after the sudden passing of her aunt Jean
- Wanda Miller, (Rick's mother), is now in hospice care and has discontinued her dialysis treatments
- Prayer for Bill Mullins as he seeks answers for cause of high blood pressure

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday- Matthew 7:13-14

Monday- James 1:22-27

Tuesday- Revelation 7:9-17

Wednesday- Revelation 21:1-5

Thursday- John 21:1-14

Friday- Romans 6:15-23

Saturday- 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Upcoming Messages:

Next Week— Fruit Basket

Two Weeks—Storm Stories

May 17th Online Service

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-14

Opening Hymn

Reckless Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTdQLqUh8yE> or search “Reckless Love- Matter of Faith” in YouTube

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up
Comin' after me
There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down
Comin' after me

Message: The Sad Truth, the Joyous Hope – Sermon Notes

There are only two possible _____ to Jesus' message

Many don't find the narrow road because they aren't
_____ for it

Nothing we _____ here could compare with the glory of our

Closing Hymn

213 Because He Lives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk2NQ-0p-Zc> or search “David Crowder Band Because He Lives (with Lyrics) - Fisher of Men” in YouTube

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus:

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the love and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

REGARDING THE STRAIGHT GATE-

From p. 476-477 of Studies in the Sermon on the Mount by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

His object in this Sermon, as we have seen, is to bring Christian people to realize first of all their nature, their character as a people, and then to show them how they are to manifest that nature and character in their daily life. Our Lord, the Son of God, has come from heaven to earth in order to found and establish a new kingdom, the kingdom of heaven. He comes into the midst of the kingdoms of this world, and His purpose is to call out a people unto Himself from the world and to form them into a kingdom. Therefore it is essential that He should make it quite plain and clear that this kingdom He has come to establish is entirely different from anything that the world has ever known, that it is to be the kingdom of God, the kingdom of light, the kingdom of heaven. His people must realize that it is something unique and separate; so He gives them a description of it. We have been working through that description. We have looked at His general portrait of the Christian in the Beatitudes. We have listened to Him telling these people that, because they are that kind of person, the world will react to them in a particular way; it will probably dislike them and persecute them. Nevertheless they are not to segregate themselves from the world and become monks or hermits; they are to remain in society as salt and as light. They are to keep society from putrefaction and from falling to pieces, and they are to be its light; that light, apart from which the world remains in a state of gross darkness.

Having done that, He then comes to the practical application and outworking of it all. He reminds them at once

that the kind of life they have to live is to be entirely different from the best and most religious that was known at that time. He contrasts it with the teaching of the Pharisees and scribes and doctors of the law. They were considered to be the best people, the most religious people, and yet He shows His people that their righteousness is to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. And he proceeds to show how this is to be done by giving detailed instruction as to how we are to do our almsgiving, and how to pray and how to fast. Finally He deals with our whole attitude towards life in this world, and our attitude towards other people in the matter of judgment. He has been laying down all these principles.

'There,' He says in effect, 'is the character of this kingdom which I am forming. That is the type of life I am going to give you, and I want you to live and manifest it.' He has not only laid down principles; He has worked them out for us in detail. Now, having done that, He pauses, as it were, and looks at His congregation and says, 'Well now; there is My purpose. What are you going to do about it? There is no point in listening to this Sermon, there is no purpose in your having followed Me through all this delineation of the Christian life, if you are only going to listen. What are you going to do about it?' He comes, in other words, to exhortation, to application.