

Sunday, May 3rd Digital Bulletin

**Please listen to the morning message on our website:
www.newparisfirst.com, click on the Sermons tab, and
choose “The Case of the Blind Optometrist”.**

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: \$110, Security Cameras: \$3,325

April Online Giving: \$2,712.97

Needed for General Budget (2020): \$2085

Budget Year to Date: -\$513.72

Connect With Your Pastors!

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Office Hours– 1-4pm (Mon-Wed), 9-12 (Thurs.)

Youth Pastor Megan Long

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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=D9BIFE-gCCI> Or search for “The Case of the Blind Optometrist- Pastor Jeff Estep” in YouTube. *Because of a technical glitch, the video ends just before the start of the closing prayer. Close in prayer as you feel led ☺*

This Week...

Online Bible Study- this Thursday, May 7th, 6pm

Using the Zoom app available on your computer or Smart Phone

A study guide for this week's study is available on the website, in the “The Case of the Blind Optometrist” sermon's downloadable files.

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

Web link for Zoom Meeting:

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

Please watch your email for information about when we hope to begin gathering again on Sunday mornings. As Indiana's economy begins to reopen, we hope in the next few weeks to begin meeting again on Sunday mornings.

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!

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sunday, May 3rd - Mark Miller

Saturday, May 9th - Jerica Johnson

Monday, May 11th - Tammi Williams

Thursday, May 14th - Diana Stump

Anniversaries!!

Tuesday, May 5th - Jeff & Jamie Estep

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 wisdom as to when to lower restrictions on travel and economic activity
- For Brethren Church leadership, for pastors, camp leaders, regarding future programming, and how to fulfill their ministry vision in the current environment
- For medical and military personnel who are helping where infection rates are high
- For our Brethren churches who, like us, are trying to find new ways to minister in these times
- For our local hospitals and medical offices who are helping those who are sick
- For God's provision for families who have lost income during this outbreak
- Many of World Missionary Press' Scripture booklets are being held up in customs because of the COVID slowdown. Pray the Word of God gets to 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*

- Tonya McKay's husband has coronavirus, and Tonya continues to recover in nursing home
- Keith Wenner- for continued grace and strength
- Maria Cox, mother of a friend of the Esteps, did not need bowel surgery but is struggling with coronavirus
- Prayer for Bill Mullins as he seeks answers for cause of high blood pressure
- Pray for Pastor Cory Smith of Goshen First Brethren, who is recovering from pneumonia
- Joyce Gill's granddaughter Alicia gave her life to Jesus! Please pray for her as she grows in her faith!

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday- Matthew 7:1-6

Monday- Romans 14:1-12

Tuesday- 2 Samuel 11

Wednesday- 2 Samuel 12

Thursday- Romans 2:17-24

Friday- Acts 18:1-8

Saturday- John 16:12-15

Upcoming Messages:

Next Week— Persistence

Two Weeks—The Sad Truth, the Joyous Hope!

May 3rd Online Service

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-6

Opening Hymn

#66 To God Be The Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-15v9iworAU>, or search "To God Be The Glory (Royal Albert Hall, London)" in YouTube

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement from sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He hath taught us great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see!

Message: Seek First the Kingdom – Sermon Notes

Don't be a _____. (vs. 1-2)

Don't be a _____. (vs. 3-5)

Don't _____ your _____. (vs. 6)

Closing Hymn

493 It Is Well With My Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFbp2FIMp5I>, or search "It Is Well With My Soul (lyrics) Chris Rice" in YouTube

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed
His own blood for my soul

My sin, Oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord oh my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul