

**Change of Address:** Nate Estep can now receive notes of encouragement from friends and family. If you would like to write, please send your letters to: Nathaniel Estep, DOC# 284955, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, 9310 S. State Road 67, Pendleton, IN 46064.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Continued prayer for Ron Landis, recovering from heart attack. He is doing very well!
- Pray for Vickie Oldenburg, a pastor at Jefferson, whose husband Ron suddenly died on vacation December 30th
- Comfort for Karen, a friend of the Balon family, whose husband died this last week
- Prayer for Sheila's mom, who broke ribs in recent fall

Pauline Yoder, who has long been affiliated with our Helping Hands ministry, is leaving with several Brethren ladies for India this week to serve with the Kumars, and requests that we be praying for her and the group. Persecution against Christians in that part of India is increasing. Please pray for protection and for God to minister through His servants!

### **Missions Committee Formed!!!**

We are excited to announce that a Missions Committee has been formed! This committee will be charged with the task of gathering information about our Brethren Global Partners, and prayerfully deciding which of these partners God is calling us to support over the next few years through our finances, our prayers, and ongoing communication. This committee will be co-chaired by Brenda Donat and Kim Hostetler. Also serving on the committee are John Wessler, Sandy Sizemore, Willie Hostetler, Jamie Estep, and Jeff Estep. They will begin meeting in January. Please pray for the committee, this process, and for our Brethren Global Partners!



**January 8th, 2023**

**Today's Message:**

**God is Calling Us to Count the Cost (Mark 10:17-31)**

**9:30am– Fellowship,  
10am– Morning Worship**

**Welcome to First Brethren Church!  
We're glad you're here!**

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### **Calendar:**

*Today, January 8th– Youth Community Event, 2-4pm*

*Tuesday, January 10th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am,*

*Official Board Meeting 6:30pm*

Membership & Baptism Sunday– We are scheduling a Baptism & Membership Sunday for January 22nd. If you have never been baptized as a believer but are interested, or if you've been thinking of becoming a member of the church, talk to Pastor Jeff today!

### **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Monday, Jan. 9th– Bob Coleman

Wednesday, Jan., 11th– April McKeown

Friday, Jan. 13th– Sarah Morris Saturday, Jan. 14th– Hailey Mullins

Friday, Jan. 20th– Hannah Amstutz

Saturday, Jan. 21st– Finn Reagan & Liam Reagan

**January 8, 2023**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Sermon Notes:*

**Prelude-**

**Welcome and Announcements—**

**Opening Hymn- #43—Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Scripture & Prayer— *Philippians 3:12-14***

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Hymn- #366— I Surrender All**

**Message— God is Calling Us To Count the Cost**

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**Responding in Worship— The Worship Team**

**Closing Prayer**

*If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the Sanctuary*  
*Deacons on Call for December: Tim & Sheila Mullins*  
*Leading Worship Today— Willie Hostetler*

The Rich Young Ruler believed he could \_\_\_\_\_ salvation through good works.

Jesus knows this man has fallen short of the most important commandment— to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Salvation comes when we have childlike faith to believe that God will keep His promise to save us; we must receive it as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday—** Mark 10:17-31    **Monday—** Mark 10:13-16

**Tuesday—** Deuteronomy 6:1-5    **Wednesday—** Isaiah 64:1-6

**Thursday—** Luke 16:1-15    **Friday—** Ephesians 2:1-9

**Saturday—** 2 Timothy 3:10-17

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 AND WOULD LIKE SOME, TALK TO EDNA VANDIEPENBOS!  
IF YOU HAVE ENVELOPES LEFT OVER FROM 2022, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO EDNA SO THEY CAN BE “RECYLED” AS PEW ENVELOPES.

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