Prayer Concerns:

- Rochelle, the cousin of April's mother, was just diagnosed with cancer
- Jenny, April's stepsister diagnosed with breast cancer
- Pray for Randy, Kim's son, who is awaiting CT scan results after battling cancer for several years
- Sharon-battling TMJ, thank you for prayers
- Willie's sister Deb battling anxiety and other health issues
- Pray for Ethan and Concord Jazz Band as they travel next weekend
- Tim- Pray for Tony Dukes, a coworker whose mother died
- Onnie Puro's son David passed away this week

PASSION PLAY AT MICHIANA EVENT CENTER...

There will be a Passion Play at the MEC in Shipshewana March 25-26, and they are looking for cast members. If you are interested in being an extra, talk to Tim Mullins.

Interested in being a delegate at National Conference? We

would be happy to send you! Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from July 17-20. Church members may serve as delegates, and money has been set aside in the church budget to help cover expenses. If you are interested in being a delegate, talk to Pastor Jeff!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Baked Potato Fundraiser for the youth group last Sunday! We were overwhelmed by the turnout, and with your help we were able to raise over \$1000 to help us prepare for the Engage Conference this summer. We thank God for you and for your support. In Christ, the Youth Group

Goshen 1st Brethren would like to invite everyone interested to a "Hymn Sing" at 6pm on Sunday, March 12th. All are welcome to worship the Lord with them!



February 26th, 2023 Today's Message: God is Seeking Your Heart (Mark 12:35-44)

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

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

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Calendar:

Today, February 26th– Worship, 10am, Youth Group 6-8pm Tuesday, February 28th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am, Missions Committee Mtg., 6:30pm Sunday, March 5th– NEW SCHEDULE– Sunday School, 9am, Worship 10am

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Tuesday, February 28th– Sonia Miller, Thursday, March 2nd– Jamie Estep Saturday, March 11th– Joyce Gill

We're starting a Sunday School program! Starting March 5th, Sunday School will begin at 9am, with Coffee Fellowship moved to 10am, and Worship beginning at 10:15am.

February 26th, 2023 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude-

Welcome and Announcements-

Opening Hymn- #473–Victory in Jesus

Scripture & Prayer-Romans 12:1-3

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to Godthis is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing, and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Hymn- #379- Take My Life and Let It Be

Message- God is Seeking Authentic Worship Pastor Jeff Estep

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 Leading Worship Today– Megan Long

Sermon Notes:

The scribes weren't looking for someone to save them from sin because they didn't think they needed a ______.

Jesus is accusing the scribes of loving only ______. They would be punished more severely because they should have ______.

What we can surmise about the widow:

- She was greatly ______
- She had great _____ in God to ______
- She gave ______ because she trusted in God for everything

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Mark 12:35-44 Monday– Psalm 110 Tuesday– Luke 14:1-14 Wednesday– 2 Corinthians 9:1-7 Thursday– 1 Peter 4:1-11 Friday– Luke 14:25-35 Saturday– Psalm 139

There's a new channel on our Right Now Media page!

In preparation for our "Change of Address" sermon series, there's a new channel on the "First Brethren Church" tab with video studies on the books of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The channel is called "Change of Address- For Further Study". Check it out! Don't have Right Now Media yet? Just text NEWPARISFIRST to 49775 to download the Right Now Media app for free!

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