

## New Vision Statement of the Brethren Church:

“The Brethren Church is led by the Word and Spirit as a family of churches creating innovative, relational spaces for every tribe, language, people, and nation to encounter God’s redemptive Kingdom.”

**We will be hosting another BINGO night this fall!** We have begun collecting prizes to give away on a table in the fellowship hall. Prizes should be in the \$5-10 range, and could include toys, bags of candy, snack foods, and fast food gift cards. For more information, see the August newsletter.



## New Sermon Series Coming in October!

Join us for a unique sermon series exploring how we look at money, possessions, and giving. Coinciding with this series will be a Sunday

School series using a daily devotional from Everence Financial called “30 Days of Generosity”.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month: \$8,430  
Given so far in August (as of 8/20): \$7,708  
Budget giving needed (Jan-July): \$59,010  
Actual Budget giving (Jan-July): \$51,126  
(\$7,884 under budget for the year)



**August 27th, 2023**  
**Today's Message:**  
**The Way of Life and Death**  
**Jeremiah 21**

**9am– Sunday School, 10am– Fellowship**  
**10:15am– Morning Worship**

**Pastor Jeff Estep**

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### Calendar:

*Sunday, August 27th– Youth Group, 6-8pm*

*Monday, September 4th– Prayer Group Meeting, 6pm*

*Tuesday, September 5th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am*

### Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sunday, August 27th– Sheila Mullins

Wednesday, August 30th– Mick Stump

Tuesday, September 5th– Johnathan Estep

Wednesday, September 6th– Grace Cline

Friday, September 8th– Bev London

### Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Friday, September 1st– Tim & Sheila Mullins

Friday, September 8th– Clarence and Mary Garver

### Prayer Concerns:

- Cheri Mullins gets to come home on Monday!
- Cowboys for Christ Trail Class Competition went well!
- Prayers for family of Nick, good friend of Brenda D.'s who passed away suddenly.
- Big Event regional gathering went well in Shipshewana this week

**August 27th, 2023–  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements–**

**Entering With Praise–** led by the Worship Team

**Scripture & Prayer–** *Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

**Message–** *The Way of Life and Death*

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**Special Music–** “When God Ran”

**Responding in Worship–** led by 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– Willie Hostetler***

*Sermon Notes:*

Zedekiah wants God to respond to Jeremiah’s \_\_\_\_\_, not his own.

God says not only will He not \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem, He is \_\_\_\_\_ on the side of the Babylonians.

It is always better to fall into God’s \_\_\_\_\_ than to stand before God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Question– Can we trust God’s \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, through Jesus Christ!

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** Ezekiel 34:1-19 **Monday–** Ezekiel 34:20-31

**Tuesday–** Isaiah 1:18-26 **Wednesday–** John 10:1-18

**Thursday–** John 10:22-30 **Friday–** Matthew 23:1-15

**Saturday–** Isaiah 53

***Upcoming Sermons:***

***September 3rd– A Tale of Two Provinces– Jeremiah 39-42– Back in Jerusalem, everything is falling apart. Yet those in exile in Babylon are in relative peace. We cannot control the decisions of others. We must choose to obey God and hope that our influence can point them the way to Jesus.***

***September 10th– Dry Bones– Ezekiel 37– Ezekiel has a vision that has captivated the imagination and inspired songs. Certainly bones putting on flesh and walking is an incredible thing to see. But what message was God giving His people through such a vivid vision? And what does it mean for us today?***

***September 17th– Gog– Ezekiel 38-39– God gives Ezekiel a vision of a future attack on Israel, where God intervenes to protect His people, resulting in national revival among the Jews. When will this happen? Join us for a sermon about one of the most fascinating passages of prophetic Scripture in the Bible!***

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