

**Our Fall Picnic** will be held Saturday, September 30th at Gregg & Vicki Miller's Party Barn. You may begin arriving at 3:30pm, and we will eat supper around 5. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a lawn chair to sit in. Friends are also welcome! Gregg & Vicki live at 16248 CR 44 in Goshen.



**BRETHREN RETREAT CENTER'S  
ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH  
8:30am Registration,  
9am Shotgun Start**

Who do you know that loves golf and loves raising money for kids? The Golf Scramble is a great chance to do both! Cost for the event is \$75 per player or \$300 for a four-some, and includes lunch and door prizes. Whether you're a great golfer or a total "stooge", it's a lot of fun! For registration information, see Pastor Jeff!

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FALL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING**, which will be held after church on *Sunday, November 5th*. Besides setting next year's ballot and budget, we will be considering changes to our church constitution and by-laws.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Needed to make Budget each month: \$8,430  
Given so far in August (as of 9/3): \$1,500  
Budget giving needed (Jan-Aug.): \$67,440  
Actual Budget giving (Jan-Aug.): \$60,119  
(\$7,321 under budget for the year)



**September 10th, 2023**

**Today's Message:  
Dry Bones  
Ezekiel 37**

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

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**Calendar:**

**Sunday, September 10th–** Youth Community Event *HERE*, 1-3pm  
**Tuesday, September 12th–** Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am  
**Saturday, September 30th–** Fall Picnic @ Millers' Party Barn

**Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Sunday, September 10th– Erin Fowler  
Tuesday, September 19th– Ruby Thompson  
Saturday, September 23rd– Shelley Amstutz

**Upcoming Anniversaries!!**

Sunday, September 17th– Scott and Kari Miller

**Prayer Concerns:**

- Ruby T– praise God that Doug helped her when she had fallen
- Ruby B.– prayer for her niece Cathy who was diagnosed cancer
- Megan L– prayer for neighbor who is taking care of her great-granddaughter after the overdose death of the girl's mom
- Mick S.– back surgery is scheduled for 10/3, pray for relief
- Juan Carlos Poletti, Brethren pastor in Paraguay, is recovering from COVID and asks that we pray for their outreach to neighborhood children

**September 10th, 2023–  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements–**

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

**Scripture & Prayer– Acts 1:6-8**

“So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Hymn- #505–** Love Lifted Me

**Message– Dry Bones**

Pastor Jeff Estep

**Closing Hymn- #216–** Christ Arose

**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:*

When God asks a question, pay \_\_\_\_\_! He uses questions to reveal Himself and His \_\_\_\_\_.

Prophetic Application– God is not \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ people!

Practical Application– There is no \_\_\_\_\_ without the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

If we want the “dry bones” of our culture to come to life, we must:

- Have courage to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel message
- Be connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ in a deeper way so God can move through us.

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Monday–** Ezekiel 37:15-28

**Tuesday–** Joel 2:18-32 **Wednesday–** Isaiah 49:1-7

**Thursday–** Isaiah 49:8-23 **Friday–** Romans 11:25-36

**Saturday–** John 6:60-69

***Upcoming Sermons:***

***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!***

***September 24th- In the Lion’s Den– Daniel 6– We’ve all heard the story of God miraculously saving Daniel when he was thrown to the lions, but what is the meaning of this favorite Sunday School story, for grown ups?***

***October 1st– If My People– Daniel 9– Realizing the time of the Jews’ return to Jerusalem is approaching, the prophet pours out his heart in repentance.***

**Connect With Your Pastor**

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