Have you invited someone to church lately?
We are a warm and caring congregation that loves and supports one another. Who do you know that needs a strong and nurturing church family? At First Brethren we are SALT. LIGHT. FAMILY.

EVERYBODY LOVES BAKED POTATOES! On February 25th after morning worship, the youth ministry will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser to benefit our youth group. Stay after worship, load up your potato, and chow down with friends and family! All freewill donations will help our youth ministry raise money for summer ministry. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for church and for potatoes!

Budget Note: It's a new year, and that means we will now be using the Budget approved at our Congregational Business meeting in November. To reach our Budget Giving in 2024, we need offerings averaging \$1,987 per week, or \$8,612 per month. Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your giving to the church in 2024.

# **Join Right Now Media for free!**



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# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612

Given in January (as of 1/21): \$11,932

2023 Budget giving needed (Jan-Dec.): \$110,196 2023 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Dec): \$94,358

(\$15,838 under budget for the year)



# January 28, 2024 Today's Message: Guest Speaker Rick Miller Brethren Retreat Ministries, Inc.

9am- Sunday School 10am- Fellowship 10:15am- Morning Worship

#### **Pastor Jeff Estep**

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#### Calendar:

Sunday, January 28th— Youth Group, 6-8pm Tuesday, January 30th— Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am Sunday, February 4th— Youth Group, 6-8pm Monday, February 5th— Prayer Meeting, 6pm

## **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Tues., Jan. 30th– Bill Mullins Wed., Jan. 31st– Kari Miller Sat., Feb. 10th– Becky Balon Mon., Feb. 12th– Gregg Miller

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Praise that Board Retreat went well on January 20th!
- Sue requests prayer for Diane Miller, a single mom having heart bypass surgery
- Bill M.– praise God that blockage in his aorta seems to have gone away!
- Edna's great-granddaughter able to go home from hospital after being admitted with severe strep throat
- Joy's thyroid cancer surgery went well, awaiting iodine treatments
- Prayer for Ruby T., having stomach and knee problems
- Bonnie

  praises God for Finn & Liam doing so well after premature birth 9 years ago
- John W.– prayer for Shannan, who isn't feeling well

# January 28th, 2024– ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements-

Opening Hymn #436— Whiter Than Snow

**Scripture & Prayer**– *Matthew 7:7-8* 

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

**Hymn- #410**– My Faith Looks Up To Thee

**Message**– A Faithful Legacy
Rick Miller, Brethren Retreat Ministries, Inc.

Responding with 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:



#### **Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday**– Matthew 7:7-8 **Monday**– Proverbs 4:1-9

Tuesday- 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Wednesday- Psalm 24

**Thursday**- Psalm 34:1-10 **Friday**- Hebrews 11:1-6

Saturday – Luke 12:27-34

# **Upcoming Sermons:**

**2/4– Holiness and Sincerity**– 2 Corinthians 1:12-22– In what ways do the integrity of Christian leaders impact their ministry? Is there any place in the church for hidden agendas or gimmicks?

**2/11– The Purpose of Church Discipline**– 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11 Church discipline sometimes gets a bad rap, and sometimes it's not done well. But what is the goal of putting church members under "discipline"?

**2/18– Ooh, That Smell!-** 2 Corinthians 2:12-17 Paul says we are the "aroma of Christ". What does that mean?