

World Missionary Press is hosting a Prayer Service against Human Trafficking on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm in their World Prayer Center. Pastor Chris Russell of Destiny Rescue will be speaking. The event is free, but those wishing to attend are encouraged to RSVP by January 8th to Steve at 574-831-2111 ex. 230 or by email at stevek@wmpress.org.

The Official Board will be having a morning to afternoon retreat here at the church on Saturday, January 20th. The morning session will focus on “big picture” issues, and the Board would like to invite others who wish to participate in the morning session to do so beginning at 8:30am. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Bonnie Reagan.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612
Given in December (as of 12/31): \$11,220
Budget giving needed (Jan-Dec.): \$110,196
Actual Budget giving (Jan-Dec): \$94,358
(\$15,838 under budget for the year)



January 7, 2024
Today’s Message:
“Welcome to Corinth!”
Pastor Jeff Estep

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

Pastor Jeff Estep

831-2766 (church), 574-370-8171 (cell),
email– pastorjefstep@bnin.net
Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sunday, January 7th– Youth Group, 6-8pm
Monday, January 8th– Prayer Meeting, 6pm
Tuesday, January 9th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am
Saturday, January 13th– Men’s Breakfast, 8am
Saturday, January 20th– Official Board Retreat, 8am-3pm
Sunday, January 21st– Youth Community Event, 12:30-4:30pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sun., Jan. 7th– Carla Wood Tues., Jan 9th– Bob Coleman
Thurs., Jan 11th– April McKeown Sat., Jan. 13th– Sarah Morris
Sun., Jan. 14th– Hailey Mullins Sat., Jan. 20th– Hannah Amstutz

Prayer Concerns:

- Bob F. is home from the hospital, recovering from hematoma
- Ethan W. is in Colorado to begin gunsmithing training
- Pray for Sarah, who has pneumonia
- Continued prayers for April, Eli has been sick this week
- Deanna Ott’s lung cancer has returned, please pray for her
- Brenda W.– having tests run over next few weeks
- Ruby T.– prayers for sister and brother-in-law who have COVID
- Jamie– daughter Megan has been experiencing a lot of ankle pain

**January 7th, 2024–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements–

Entering With Praise– The Worship Team

Scripture & Prayer– *1 Corinthians 1:4-7*

“I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way– in all your speaking and in all your knowledge– because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.”

Hymn- #81– What A Wonderful Savior!

Message– *Welcome to Corinth!*

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Closing Hymn #295– Revive Us Again

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:

The goal of the Christian faith isn't to get into heaven but to become _____ Jesus.

Corinth was a city made up of the descendants of immigrants, rich in natural resources, and a center of banking and trade. It sounds a lot like _____.

There will always be _____ in ministry, even when you are _____ God's will.

The Corinthians had genuine faith, but also had many problems because they often focused on this _____ and not the values of _____.



If your life in Christ is compared to archery, are you content to just be on the board, or are you focused on the bulls eye? AIM FOR A MORE PERFECT FAITH!

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Acts 18:1-18 **Monday–** Luke 6:37-40

Tuesday– 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 **Wednesday–** 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Thursday– 1 Corinthians 11:17-27 **Friday–** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Saturday– Psalm 131

Upcoming Sermons:

1/14- Comfort– 2 Corinthians 1:3-11– What purpose lies in the difficulties we face as Christians? And how can they be used to benefit others?

1/21– 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?

1/28– Guest Speaker Rick Miller– Brethren Retreat Ministries, Inc.

