Prayer Concerns:

- Ruby T– thank you for prayers during recovery, still trying to get stronger
- Ruby B.- praise God, she is cancer free!
- Jimmy G's blood pressure is too low, pray also for Joyce
- Bonnie W.– pray for Gary, who needs surgery for torn retina
- Megan L- thankful for her two beautiful children
- Bev L.- stepson Ryan had to have triple bypass surgery
- Bev L.– best friend's sister murdered her husband last week. Please pray for God to work in midst of the tragedy



It's Barbeque Time! The Brethren Retreat's Spring BBQ Fundraiser with King's BBQ is being held Saturday, April 27th at the LaGrange Courthouse in LaGrange. To preorder, use the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Money isn't due until the date of sale!

We will be starting a monthly gathering for seniors on the first Wednesday of each month! Our first gathering will be Wednesday, May 1st, from 8-10am in the church fellowship hall. We are looking for "runners" to help out. We need someone to "run" the coffee maker, someone to "run" and get donuts, and many to "run" their mouths by talking to people attending. Talk to Becky Balon if you have questions!



Annual Breakfast and Sausage Fundraiser Saturday, May 11th, 8-10am Money raised will send kids to camp!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612 Given in March (as of 3/24): \$9,366 2024 Budget giving needed (Jan-Feb): \$17,224 2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Feb): \$20,842 (\$3,618 over budget for the year)



March 31, 2024 Today's Message: Stop Doubting and Believe! Pastor Jeff Estep

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

Pastor Jeff Estep 831-2766 (church), 574-370-8171 (cell), email– <u>pastorjeffestep@bnin.net</u> Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sunday, March 31st– Sunrise Service, 8:45am, Breakfast 9:30am Morning Worship 10:15am Monday, April 1st– Prayer Meeting, 6pm Tuesday, April 2nd– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am,

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Thurs., Apr. 4th– Jayden Fowler Sun., Apr. 7th– Tim Mullins Mon., Apr. 8th– Riley Miller Sun., Apr. 14th– Theresa Miles

Upcoming Anniversaries-

Fri., Apr. 5th– Bob & June Fowler Wed., April 10th– Larry & Joyce Parcell

If you brought flowers this morning for our Live Floral Cross, feel free to put them on the cross located at the front of the Sanctuary. This is a visual reminder of the new life we have through Christ's death and resurrection!

Leading Worship Today– Willie Hostetler Serving Today– Nursery– Laura Schneider NO JR. CHURCH TODAY! Serving Next Sunday– Nursery– Jamie Estep Jr. Church– Ruby Thompson

March 31st, 2024– ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn- #220- He Lives!

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading- Psalm 16:7-10

"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay."

Hymn- #216- Christ Arose

Message- "Stop Doubting and Believe!" Pastor Jeff Estep

Responding with Worship- The Worship Team

Dismissal

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Sermon Notes:

Reasons we often doubt:

- Skepticism
- Disappointment in ______

God will never abandon you to your doubts but He will allow you to ______ with them for awhile.

Thomas says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!", the only place in the Gospels where someone acknowledges that Jesus is _____ in the _____.



For us to hit the target, we must remember that in our seasons of doubt and struggle, Christ is walking beside us. We must keep praying, studying, and seeking. He will prove Himself faithful!

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– John 20:1-18 Monday– John 20:19-25 Tuesday– John 20:24-31 Wednesday– John 11:1-16 Thursday– John 14:1-6 Friday– 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 Saturday– 1 Peter 1:13-21

Upcoming Sermons:

4/7– Veiled and Unveiled– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6– Because we see Christ clearly, we present the Gospel plainly, without trickery or distortion.

4/14– Gloriously Fragile– 2 Corinthians 4:7-18– Many Corinthians thought Paul's frailty as a bad thing. But Paul pushes back, claiming that God is glorified in our weaknesses!