



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

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!

**WE HAVE PRINTED INVITATIONS TO THE SENIOR
GATHERING! TAKE A COUPLE WITH YOU, AND
INVITE A COUPLE OF FRIENDS!**

We need delegates to represent our church at the Brethren Retreat Ministries Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 18th, from 10:30 -2:30 at the camp. Delegates will hear reports about the last year, about the vision of the Brethren camping ministry, and elect people to serve on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, talk to Bonnie Reagan or Pastor Jeff!

Leading Worship Today– Megan Long

Serving Today– N– Bonnie Reagan JC– Jon & Megan Long

Serving Next Week– N– Jon & Megan Long JC– Peggy Miller

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

Given in April (as of 4/21): \$5,911

2024 Budget giving needed (Jan-Mar): \$25,836

2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Mar): \$31,422

(\$5,586 over budget for the year)



**April 28, 2024
Today's Message:
Here But Not Home
Pastor Jeff Estep**

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

Pastor Jeff Estep

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email– pastorjeffestep@bnin.net

Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sunday, April 28th– Youth Group, 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 1st– Senior Gathering, 8-10am

Tuesday, May 7th– Butterfly Mornings Luncheon, 11am

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Fri., May 3rd– Mark Miller Mon., May 6th– Clarence Garver

Upcoming Anniversaries–

Sun., May 5th– Jeff & Jamie Estep

Prayer Concerns:

- Linda G.– praise that her great-granddaughter is being baptized today!
- Eva E.– competing at dance competition in Ft. Wayne
- Grace– prayer for Norma Weaver, who is still recovering from two broken hips
- Willie– friend Jackie’s stomach surgery went well
- Pray for Amanda, the daughter of a worker at Bill’s Heating, who will be having surgery to remove a brain tumor
- Clarence– pray that a lifelong friend named Bob, who is dealing with cancer, is able to attend the Freedom Flight on May 13th.

**April 28th, 2024–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn- #399– Higher Ground

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading– Philippians 1:21-24

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.”

Hymn- #517– I’d Rather Have Jesus

Message- “Here But Not Home”

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:

Our great hope is Christ’s _____ and the resurrection!

Our desire for heaven doesn’t just make us “groan”, it gives us _____.

Are you living _____ faith or are you living _____ faith?



To hit the target, we must see our hope in the resurrection as the “North Star” we orient our lives around. Our purpose flows from our future!

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 **Monday–** John 14:1-14

Tuesday– Titus 2:11-14 **Wednesday–** 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Thursday– Psalm 84 **Friday–** Isaiah 65:17-25

Saturday– Revelation 22:12-21

Upcoming Sermons:

5/5– Living for Jesus– 2 Corinthians 5:11-15 For Paul, serving Jesus wasn’t just a job or a lifestyle, it was a COMPULSION! Do we have the same attitude?

5/12– A New Creation– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 When we accept Christ, He doesn’t just change our life– HE GIVES US A NEW ONE! We are called to live into that truth!

WORLD MISSIONARY PRESS IS HOSTING A COMMUNITY SERVICE AS PART OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, FROM 12-1PM, AT THEIR WORLD PRAYER CENTER. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR OUR NATION. THE WORLD PRAYER CENTER IS LOCATED AT 19226 CR 146 IN NEW PARIS.

