

**Prayer Focus** Brethren Academy is coming up November 7-10 in Ashland for Brethren senior high youth. Pray for all those attending, that God would prepare them for this retreat and for their spiritual growth.

### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Our annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held in November. Each year we select Board Members; any member of the congregation is eligible to serve. We are specifically looking for a recording secretary. If you would like to serve on the 2025 Official Board or have questions about the responsibilities please see Bonnie or Willie.



The annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, November 10th, where we will elect officers and set a budget for 2025. Lunch will be served as a part of this meeting. Please plan on joining us for this important meeting!

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be starting Sunday, December 1st, using a book published by LifeStone publishing. Bonnie Reagan will be teaching this class, which will meet in the classroom to the east of the Overflow off the church Sanctuary.

**Seniors!!!** Our next Senior Gathering will be Wednesday, November 6th, from 8-10am in the Fellowship Hall. Our own Becky Balon will be giving a presentation on avoiding falling prey to Internet and Phone Scams. Invite friends and plan on joining us on the 6th!

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612  
Given in October (as of 10/13): \$4,620  
2024 Budget giving needed (Jan-Sept): \$77,508  
2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Sept): \$77,932  
(\$424 over budget for the year)



**October 20th, 2024**

**Today's Message:**

**Jacob's Story**

**Genesis 32:22-32**

**9am– Sunday School**

**10:15am– Morning Worship**

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### **Calendar:**

*Sun., Oct. 20th– Youth Group, 6-8pm*

*Tues., Oct 22nd – Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am*

*Sun. Oct. 27th– Pastor Appreciation Breakfast, 9am*

*Wed., Nov 6th– Senior Gathering, 8-10am*

*Sun., Nov. 10th– Congregational Business Meeting after church*

### **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Tues., Oct. 22nd– Larry Parcell    Thurs., Oct. 31st– Anthony Balon

### **Upcoming Anniversaries!!**

Thurs., Oct. 24th– Gregg & Vicki Miller

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Barry Weaver, Theresa's dad, in failing health. Pray for comfort for Barry and the family
- Condolences to the Balon family on the passing of Becky's grandfather
- The Stumps' grandson Austin released from hospital after surgery to remove colon
- Earl Schwartz from Cowboys for Christ diagnosed with pancreatic and stomach cancer

**October 20th, 2024–  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude, Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn #8–** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture Reading–** Psalm 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Hymn #348–** Hiding in Thee

**Message–** *Jacob's Story*  
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.***

***Leading Worship Today–*** Megan Long  
***Serving Today–*** Nursery– Jamie Estep

*Sermon Notes:*

God wrestles with us for \_\_\_\_\_ benefit, not \_\_\_\_\_.

By injuring Jacob's hip, God takes away his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_.

What's the right way to wrestle with God?

Wrestle \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Him \_\_\_\_\_

Don't \_\_\_\_\_

Trust He is \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** Genesis 14    **Monday–** Genesis 18:1-15

**Tuesday–** Genesis 18:16-33    **Wednesday–** Genesis 19:1-15

**Thursday–** Genesis 19:16-29    **Friday–** Matthew 11;20-24

**Saturday–** 2 Peter 3

***Upcoming Sermons:***

**10/27- "Moses' Story"**- Exodus 4:18-26– Fresh off of hearing God's command to "Go" to Egypt, Moses comes face to face with an angel set to STRIKE HIM DEAD! He is rescued by his wife, who illustrates that if you want something done, sometimes you have to do it yourself, (even if the "something" is kinda gross!) This week we look at one of the stranger stories in Scripture.

**11/3– "Balaam's Story"**– Numbers 22– Just when you're about to put a curse on your enemies (for a hefty price, of course), God and His angel stop you with the help of a...TALKING DONKEY!

