

Let's Gather in the War Room!... Our September "Backyard Fellowship" will meet here at the church. We will be watching the movie War Room, about the power of prayer. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 13th, and plan to bring invited guests for this special event at 5pm!

Plastic bags needed! Have a bunch of plastic shopping bags you need to get rid of? Bring them to the church! The ladies of the church are collecting them to use for the Blessings in a Backpack program at Fairfield schools. Simply put them in the marked bin in the fellowship hall.

This Labor Day, make it unforgettable!

Come celebrate 105 years of a faithful legacy at the **Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake** — Monday, September 1st, from 10:30 AM to 3 PM!

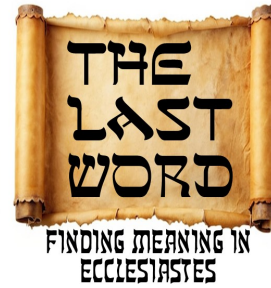
-Enjoy our Outdoor Burger Bash!

- Concert in the Park!

- Puppet show, Games, Inflatable slides, Canoeing, Archery, Pedal Karts & more!

Fun for the whole family — and it's FREE, except just \$15 per adult for lunch. Support camper families through our Scholarship Fund!

Get details at CampShipshewana.org/Anniversary (from the camp's Facebook page)



August 17th, 2025

Today's Message:

"No Fun!"

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

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

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sun., Aug. 24th— Children's Ministry Meeting after church

Mon., Sept. 1st— 105th Anniversary Celebration @ Brethren Retreat, 11:30am

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Mon. Aug. 18th— Jan Santos

Thurs., Aug. 21st— Cheri Mullins & Nate Estep

Sun., Aug. 24th— Pam Hunsberger Wed., Aug. 27th— Sheila Mullins

Sat., Aug. 30th— Mick Stump

Prayer Concerns:

- Continued prayer for Cindy
- Mary's daughter is having surgery this coming Thursday
- Jamie got a new job! Pray for this transition over the next month
- Megan N. has settled into her new apartment at Purdue
- Grayson— pray for protection for football players this season
- Pray for students and teachers as school begins

Prayer Focus *Pray that as a church we let Jesus guide us to the work he has for us to do in New Paris.*

Leading Worship Today— Megan Long
Nursery— Peggy Miller Jr. Church— Eva Estep

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2025: \$8,749

Given in August (as of 8/10): \$5,328

2025 Budget giving needed (Jan-July-): \$61,243

2025 Actual Budget giving (Jan-July): \$57,679

(\$3,564 under budget for the year)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn- #399– Higher Ground

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading– Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Hymn- #190– Are You Washed in the Blood

Message— “No Fun!”

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:

Solomon tried to find happiness in

- A party lifestyle
- Bigger home
- Business
- Money and fame

There’s only one place joy comes from, a _____ with _____

The world tries to convince us that what it offers is _____ - it’s not!



WHAT DO YOU USE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR JOY?

Daily Scripture Readings: A Primer for our next Sermon Series!

Sunday– Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 **Monday–** Proverbs 17

Tuesday– Psalm 126 **Wednesday–** Proverbs 20

Thursday– John 10:1-10 **Friday–** John 17:1-5

Saturday– Psalm 97

Upcoming Sermons:

8/24-Wisdom and Folly– Ecclesiastes 2:12-16– Solomon was the smartest man who ever lived. He knew more than anyone before him. But there’s something better than knowledge.

8/31– The Grindstone– Ecclesiastes 2:17-26– There is value in work, and God intends for us to “work with all of our heart.” But Jesus gives our work meaning!

