

Prayer Focus Pray for the Kids For Christ Bible Classes that will begin meeting this week. Pray for the teachers, and that the students will have open hearts and minds to the Gospel.

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!

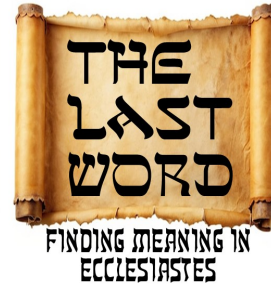
-Enjoy our Outdoor Burger Bash!

- 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 31st, 2025

Today's Message:

"The Grindstone"

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

9am– Sunday School

10:15am– Morning Worship

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

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

Tues., Sept. 2nd– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

Wed., Sept. 3rd– Senior Gathering, 8-10am

Sun., Sept. 7th– YOUTH GROUP! 6-8pm, Parents Mtg. 7:30pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Fri., Sept. 5th– Johnathan Estep Sat., Sept. 6th– Grace Cline

Mon., Sept. 8th– Bev London Wed., Sept. 10th– Erin Fowler

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Mon., Sept. 1st– Tim & Sheila Mullins

Sat., Sept. 14th– David & Emily Taylor

Prayer Concerns:

- Bruce Miller, friend of Esteps, in hospice following stroke
- Ruby B.– friend Carol having cardiac surgery in Ft. Wayne
- Kim– parents finally sold their home
- Jan– comfort for family of Steve Stutzman who passed away
- Doug– Sonia in hospital awaiting test results

Leading Worship Today– Megan Long

Nursery– Eva Estep Jr. Church– Jamie Estep

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

Given in August (as of 8/24): \$9,150

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

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

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

August 31st, 2025–

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn- #463– Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading– Philippians 3:10-12

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. “

Hymn- #371– Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Message— “*The Grindstone*”

Pastor Jeff Estep

Closing Hymn- #462– Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dismissal

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

Sermon Notes:

God designed us to _____.

There is no part of our life or experience that is not fundamentally changed by the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Our work is a _____

Our work is _____

Godly work reveals _____ of eternal blessings



**DEDICATE YOUR WORK TO THE LORD,
AND TO HIS SERVICE!**

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

Sunday– Ecclesiastes 2:17-26 **Monday–** Genesis 2:1-15

Tuesday– John 5:1-17 **Wednesday–** 1 Kings 14:21-28

Thursday– Genesis 3:1-19 **Friday–** 1 Peter 2:1-12

Saturday– Matthew 25:13-30

Upcoming Sermons:

9/7– Time– Ecclesiastes 3– The Byrds turned this passage into a hit. But what is the point of Solomon’s familiar poem about “seasons”?

9/14– How Long, Lord?– Ecclesiastes 4:1-6– Injustice and oppression are all too familiar in our world, which left Solomon in despair. Is there hope that one day all injustice will end?

