

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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We Are Called To Be

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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+Stand as you are able

Thought: Long before Jesus said “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”...God spoke through Moses in Deuteronomy 6:3: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.” How am I doing in living the freedom that these words command? (in Mt. 23:39 said)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Reading from When Israel was in Egypt’s land
No. 164

Please respond with: **LET MY PEOPLE GO**

+Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty No. 37

Opening Prayer

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings Based on Joshua 7.

Following their defeat at the town of Ai, Joshua sensed the loss came because some Israelites had taken things God had forbidden from their previous win at Jericho. Then Achan answered Joshua, “It is true; I am the one who sinned against the Lord God of Israel. This is what I did: when I saw...I coveted them and took them. They now lie hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

Aren’t we anxious to know what Achan coveted? Suffice it to say he coveted for self, breaking faith with God and the

community around him. A serious venture! Read Joshua 7 for the conclusion of his covetousness.

Let us move from coveting more blessings to becoming more devoted to sharing what we can share. No defeat is before the Lord there, but instead delight in our faithfulness.

Offertory

+Offertory Response: We Give Thee but Thine Own
No. 384

+Offertory Prayer

+Hymn Bless’d be the tie that binds No. 421

Children Dismissed for Children’s Worship

Message: The Freedom of Faithfulness Pastor Jim

Community Sharing

- Announcements
- Concerns and Joys
- Morning Prayer

Challenge

One: O Lord, it is hard to covet when your gracious, truthful, silent mighty Holy Spirit dwells within us.

All: LET IT BE SO!

+Closing Hymn Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me No. 507

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone would like to share their musical gifts to provide special music during the summer months, please contact Pat Tritt to schedule a date.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
Fathers' Day

TUESDAY, June 19

9:00 am Quilting
7:00 pm Church Board Meeting

SUNDAY, June 17

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS-

June 17 - Fathers' Day
June 27 - Birthday Breakfast

Happy Birthday to the following for this coming week:

June 18 - Kurt Henry
June 20 - Mark Ditmer
June 20 - Lyle Miller
June 20 - Lynn Miller
June 21 - Lyle King
June 21 - Eldon Myers
June 22 - Debbie Meenan
June 23 - Bernie Koontz

Congratulations to those celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week:

June 17 - Francine & Howard Moody
June 18 - Joan & Graham Mulholland
June 21 - Mary & Dale Miller
June 23 - Wilma & Bernie Koontz

Many thanks to those who helped with the Pet Fun Day! All members of the Witness Commission worked hard; Gloria Ramirez, Lisa Billman, Michelle Stump and Dale Miller.

Thanks to the many, many people who helped with the Gym Sale. We had a lot of things to sell, so pricing and sorting took a long time! Thanks also for donations of baked goods!

Jim and Marla will be on vacation from June 17-24. Next week's message will be brought by Harold Yeager. Please call your deacon for any need.

