

**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**

Welcome

CONSIDER: Remember a long trip you have taken. But then you arrive...and then return again...and even consider another journey to take. Such is life.

CALL TO CELEBRATION

One: "Go."

**ALL: BUT WE JUST GOT HERE!**

One: "Go."

**ALL: BUT WHERE SHOULD WE GO?**

One: "Go."

**ALL: BUT HOW FAST SHOULD WE GO...AND DO WE EVER GET TO STOP?**

One: Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go..."

**ALL: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IN THE GO-ING WE FIND OUT WHERE WE SHOULD BE, HOW FAST WE WENT TO GET THERE, AND IF WE EVER HAVE TIME TO STOP?**

One: "Go."

Choir: Bright Canaan

**+Hymn:** Come, We that Love the Lord No. 14

Opening Prayer

**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings:** "I will make of you a great nation..." Genesis 12:2

From the Garden of Eden onward humanity has made a ceaseless attempt to be better than God. Could sin be such an attempt? But when we put God's will and way first, then, and

only then do we bear the greatest name - Christian, and the greatest opportunity - faithfulness enroute to the greatest world.

Most great human events start with faithfulness shared again and again in a small way. Let our ways of sharing be like the one called THE WAY and we will be more like God!

Offertory

**+Offertory Response:** No. 387

Lord, Thou Dost Love, Vs. 1

**+Offertory Prayer**

**+Hymn:** Bless'd be the God of Israel No. 174

Junior Church Dismissed

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Calling:** Blessed! To be a Blessing! Pastor Jim

**Community Sharing**

Announcements

Concerns and Joys

Prayer

**Commitment**

One: Sometimes we sit.

**ALL: SOMETIMES WE STAND.**

One: Sometimes we walk.

**ALL: MAYBE EVEN RUN AT TIMES!**

One: But however, so live that we will be a blessing.

**ALL: WE KNOW WE ARE GOD'S BLESSINGS!**

One: Now the Lord says to each of us, "Go."

**ALL: WE STAND FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN WE ARE ON GOD'S WAY...THROUGH US.**

One: Amen.

**ALL: AND AMEN!**

**+Hymn:** Standing on the Promises (insert)

Postlude

**+Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to the Stewards, we now have clean pews and clean carpets.

The date for the September BirthDay Breakfast will be moved to September 19th rather than the 26th. Gloria will be out of town during the last Wednesday of the month. The breakfast will still be held at the Fairground Diner at 9am.

Soup Kitchen Preparations will take place next Sunday afternoon around 1:30pm and will be delivered around 4:30pm. If you can help, please check the sign up chart to see where help is needed.

The Witness Commission is reminding you that the items that are posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board for Children's Aid Society are due by the 30th of September, which gives you 2 more weeks to help us with our witness to this great organization. This organization is under the umbrella of the Southern District of the Church of the Brethren. Can you help us care for the children which they encounter every day?

Deacon Meeting 9/30 Menu:     A-C     Soups or Casseroles  
  M     Desserts  
  S, T & W     Salad or Veggie

The Brethren Home is preparing for their Apple Butter Festival, being held on October 13 from 8am to 1pm. The Carlisle congregation is being asked for apple peelers on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH FROM 9:30AM TILL DONE. A sign up chart has been placed on the hall bulletin board. If you can peel an apple, we need you! We will carpool from the church that day and get a free lunch in the Terrace Dining Hall for our help. ALSO, they are asking for baked goods, as the baked goods table is one of the most productive of this event. Any items will need to be marked with ingredients used along with the name of the item. Items would need to be brought to the church kitchen by Thursday, October 11. Thanks for your help to serve the residents of the Cross Keys Village. Questions? Call Gloria Ramirez.

**Reminder:** All reports for the congregational business meeting on October 14 should be handed in to the church office no later than Friday, September 21.

October 4 - is The Brethren Housing's Fall Fundraising Banquet at Red Lion Hotel in **Harrisburg**. Tickets need to be purchased by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see a flier on the bulletin board for all the details.

October 6 - The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Banquet at the New Fairview Church of the Brethren. Tickets can be ordered from Gloria Ramirez but you need to call ASAP.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship Service - PLEASE STAY FOR THE PICNIC  
12:00 noon Church Picnic!

### MONDAY, September 17

CCNS - First days of class

### TUESDAY, September 18

CCNS - First days of class

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, September 19

9:00 am Birthday Breakfast - Fairground Diner

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, September 20

7:00 pm District Exc. Committee

### FRIDAY, September 21

Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds

Deadline for Congregational Business Mtg Reports

### SATURDAY, September 22

Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds

### SUNDAY, September 23

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Service

Joseph is unjustly put in prison; yet God is present with him there.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen