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April Newsletter

Emmanuel Church

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Life

The season of spring is full of life. All we need to do is look around to see evidence of it. This is what Easter means to us. It's about life. Romans 6:8 - 9 says: "Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is mastery over Him."

At this time of year, we celebrate what this verse gives to us. Jesus gave His life for us. He also rose from the grave. This tells us that our sins are covered by One who gave Himself on our behalf. He also rose from the grave. In this we know that God will give us life. Jesus isn't subject to the limitations of death. We can therefore have the assurance that He conquered death on our behalf as well. Once experienced, there is life once again ahead of us. This what Jesus offers us. What a grand and glorious reunion we have to look forward to.

Happy Easter to all.

Dean Garrett

Suggested memory verse: Romans 6:9

Keep your fork – dessert is about to be served!

Inglenook Desserts is coming to your kitchen this summer! The cookbook continues the Inglenook tradition of the Church of the Brethren by featuring favorite dessert recipes that have been passed from generation to generation. The recipes have been tested in kitchens across America, and selected for their value, excellence, and simplicity. The success of Inglenook cookbooks has been their appeal to everyday people—those who embody the principles of simple living and value good food, tastefully prepared.

Now dessert is being served. Brethren Press follows The New Inglenook Cookbook (2013) by publishing Inglenook Desserts. This sweet new cookbook reflects our rich Brethren heritage, bringing together some of the best dessert recipes from across the country. With over 175 recipes it is a simple yet profound way to unite our kitchens around memories and traditions of cooking and eating together. Whether it's in a sprawling farmhouse or a compact urban apartment, Inglenook Desserts will create delicious endings to meals that enrich our lives.

Brethren Press is offering generous early-bird discounts off the retail price of \$25, to ensure that the cookbook finds its way into your kitchens. For individual copies ordered before April 9, the price will be \$21 each. If your congregation makes a group order of 10 or more copies before April 9, the price will be \$18 each.

Thought: When the Race Drags On

Do you ever feel like a prisoner of your situation—as if you're trapped in a circumstance with no way out? And just when you finally think you see an end in sight, something happens to propel you backwards instead? When we're in those situations, we tend to think we're the only ones—that somehow we've hit a pit no one else has encountered. But that's just not true.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

Jesus faced every temptation we do: fear, loneliness, despair, discouragement, etc. Yet He didn't give in to sin. He got it right. More than that, He claimed all our wrong as His own and took that punishment for us on the cross. And now He offers His righteousness to everyone who repents and believes in His finished work.

But the good news doesn't even stop there. God's very Spirit dwells within those who have placed their trust in Jesus. While we may feel trapped, all *God's strength* to walk victoriously through any situation is ours!

When you find yourself feeling trapped, run to Jesus. Like Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25), start praising God in the middle of your "prison," whether that prison be a sickness, a financial crisis, a strained relationship, a difficult job, an actual prison, or some other situation. If your circumstances truly need to be changed, God will change them or show you how to change them. But if He allows your "prison term" to continue, know He will give you the strength to walk victoriously *in* the "prison." We always look at the time God set Paul free from prison, but tend to forget that later He allowed Paul remained in prison many years, during which time God used Paul to pen several books of the New Testament. God sees the big picture and works *all* things together for good.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 3-18-18): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbsen Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Gloria Shearer, Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Ray Carroll; Sue Slone; Ann Conrad, Karen Mejia; Virginia Donahue; Paul Conrad; Allie; Sue Timbrook; Kim Walker, Harper Knecht (hearing); Shirley Gooch; Charlotte Paugh; Matt & Trish; Gareth Snyder; Faye Tyler; LeeAnne's son; John Pierce; Suzy E; Becky's brother; Bill Pentecost; Regina Smith; Lillian and Josh; Jay's brother Chuck; Darren Ginter; Marsha Lyle; Margie Swigart; Angie; Claire Rexrode; Kay Deekman; Nathan; Leisa Snyder; Julius; Shirley Hill; Susan; Tammy Ludwick; Dick McClure; Ronald Favers; Roger Swigart; Carl Baughman

Easter Breakfast:

April 1st, a light breakfast will be available before the service at 10:30am.

Carry-in Council:

April 22nd, after the service we will be eating the fine food brought, and then the business meeting of the church will be held. Bring a dish to share!

Bible Study:

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Wednesdays of the month (4th, 18th), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in. Call the pastor for the location!**



Coming up:

May 13th, Mother's Day Breakfast.
June 10th, Church Board after services
June 17th, Father's Day Breakfast.

Local News:

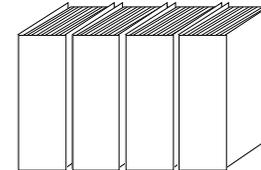
Tax forms have been sent to our employees, hope you have yours filed already!

We're getting ready to seal the driveway, let Brandon know of a company you know would do a good job.

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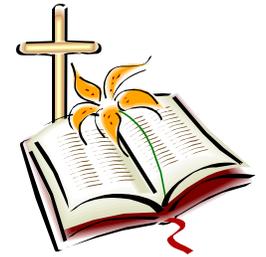
Brethren Heritage Center



The center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, usually 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact them at 937-833-5222 or email amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org to schedule a visit.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter Breakfast ¹ 9:30am Byrl & Janet Shaver	2	Amy Knecht 3	Betty Oren 4 Bible Study 6:00pm	5	6	7 Mill Ridge Pancake 7:45am
Christy Vaughn 8	Amy Ballew 9	10 Larry & Dawn Shope	Jamie Cook 11	12	John Collins 13	14
15	16	Jeff Vaughn 17	18 Bible Study 6:00pm	19	Virginia Donahue 20	Vicki Page 21 Bonnie Porter
Jeremy Baker 22 Council Carry-In After Services	Kyle Huwer 23	24	Karen 25 Baughman	26	27	David Oren 28
Rhonda Horn 29 John & Sue Edwards	30					