



EMMANUEL
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
5657 ROSEBURY DR
DAYTON OH 45424-4349

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

May Newsletter

Emmanuel Church

News for May 2019 Issue 5 Volume 29

Dean Garrett, Pastor, Roger Oren editor

The Major Prophets

We are soon approaching a half-way point through the year. It is hard to believe that the year is going by so fast. Soon school will be out and summer activities will be going on. Along with this will be vacation plans for many of us. Just so, I have a half-way point for the pastor's piece. There are six Old Testament and six New Testament segments. The major prophets are five in number: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. They aren't major because of their message, but because the books are larger than the minor prophets.

Isaiah speaks to spiritual situations going on around him. He also gives a number of prophecies about Christ. He warns Judah to repent of sin, or be taken over by another nation for chastisement, followed by miraculous restoration. This happened about a hundred years later.

Jeremiah lived right before and during the Babylonian captivity. His message denounced their idolatry and faithlessness toward God. He spent more time than Isaiah in addressing the impending judgement.

Lamentations by nature falls in the Bible poetry category. It follows Jeremiah because it expresses the sorrow the people felt after Judah and Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. It expresses their repentance, along with the hope and trust they have for God's forgiveness.

Ezekiel performed his ministry while a captive in a foreign land after Jerusalem fell. His message was to give the Jewish captives encouragement and hope. He explained why what happened took place. There is also a lot of prophecy about their rebuilding and farther reaching end time events.

Daniel gives an account of how four Jewish men (young men in the beginning) did not compromise their convictions as they faced the captivity away from home. A large section is also devoted to end time prophecy.

Lessons learned from these prophets: We are directed toward loyalty to God and assured that He has a plan for us. **Suggested memory Scripture:** “Call unto me and I will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” - Jeremiah 33:3 Jeremiah 29:11 is another favorite.

Blessings to you for the month of May! - Dean

How to Love Your Enemies

Why did Jesus ask us to do such a thing? And how can we follow such a difficult command?

I don't know of any commandment from Jesus that's harder to follow than His command to love your enemies. How can I do that?

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...” (Matthew 5:43).

I was recently reading a new book by the columnist Arthur C. Brooks, president of the American Enterprise Institute, with the title Love Your Enemies. It's not the sort of book I usually go for. I figured it'd be drier than dust and as polemical as an op-ed.

In fact, Brooks offered a very helpful example of how to put Jesus' words into practice. He described getting an email from someone who read one of his books. “Dear Professor Brooks,” it began, “you are a fraud.” And then went on for

some 5000 words, “criticizing in vitriolic detail every chapter in the book and informing me of my numerous inadequacies as a researcher and person.”

Brooks was flummoxed for a moment. How to respond? There seemed to be three possibilities: Ignore the guy. Insult him. Or destroy him by picking out his own errors and throwing them back at him.

Brooks, to his credit, chose a fourth way, a way that impressed me. Of course he felt insulted and attacked. But somehow he also had to acknowledge that the man had actually read the whole book. And that made him grateful.

So instead of answering screed for screed he replied—in measured tone—that though the man had hated his book, it took Brooks a lot of time and work to write it, and therefore he appreciated the time and attention the man had given to it. (Note to self: he didn't grovel or apologize.)

What came back 15 minutes later was an email that totally surprised him. Something very friendly in tone, cordial, even the suggestion that they get together sometime and talk over dinner. From enemy to friend in a matter of minutes.

How to love your enemies? Respond to them as real people. We can all disagree but we are indeed all God's children. Loving your enemies means making an effort to understand them.

Why did Jesus ask us to do such a thing? Because it's an avenue for growth. I have discovered that the people who get me all riled up aren't necessarily across the world or country. They might be sitting in the next pew.

Who better to start praying for? If I desire to be understood, shouldn't I try to understand them?

Latest Prayer List (4-21): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribber Sr; Ed Cromwell; Cathy Coldwell; Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, David Hackett, Rene Mayjia, Joshua & Becky Pentecost & Lillian; Jaffeth Saucedo; Jay Johnson, Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Sue Slone; Allie; Sue Timbrook; Kim Walker; Shirley Gooch; Matt & Trish; John Pierce; Suzy E; Becky's brother; Bill Pentecost; Regina Smith; Darren Ginter; Marsha Lyle; Nora Pierce; Shelly Porter; Louise Mobley; Butch Wise; Dick Hyde; Bobbi Suber; Rita and Jay; Joy Lynn Garber; Lou Schneider; Janice's grandson; Nancy Davis; Bill & June Parker; Sharita Arnold; Katie & Tim Harris; Debbie Obanon; David Pierce; Wilbur Holbrook; Audrey Gilbert; Chevel Morgan Pettifore; Janice; Jonah Dove; Mike Langston; Ida Palmer; Toni Page; Zane Rodehamel; Lisa; Fay Price; Sherry Turley; Charlotte Paugh; Leeann; Donna Ray; Brad Bush

Bible Study:

May 1st, 15th, 29th



Pastor will hold Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:00pm at the Schneider
Homestead.

Clean-up Day:

Adam would like helpers to clean the church
starting 10:30am, May 4th, see him for details.

Bowling with the Pastor:

Dean wants to bowl at Marion Lanes on May
5th, starting at 4:30pm, go to a local eatery after.
Let him know you are interested.

Mother's Day Breakfast:

May 12th, at 9:30am we will have a light meal
and honor the women of our church.

Coming up:

June 16th, Father's Day breakfast
July 21st, next Board Meeting
August 18th, Ice Cream Social

Local News:

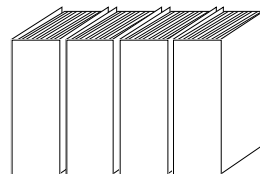
We had enthusiastic people at our Easter Sunday
service, many more than usual. Riker Wilke brought lots of
his family, Leann Johnson sang, the Young Folks Class sang
while Harper Knecht played.

Our Pastor:

Pastor Dean Garrett
3198 State Route 503 S
West Alexandria OH 45381-9352
Office: 937-233-1422
Home: 937-839-4233

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.



Mother's Day



MAY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 6:00pm Jay's	Bob Plummer 2 Trevor Ballew	3	Clean-up 4 Day 10:30am
Lynn Baker 5 Bowling 4:30pm	6	Tim Goldschmidt 7	8	Emily Knecht 9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Breakfast 9:30am	13	Joy Horn 14	15 Bible Study 6:00pm Jay's	John Edwards 16	17	18
19	Scott Campbell 20	21	22	23	Alan Keiffaber 24	Angie Porter 25
26	27	Susan Hughes 28	29 Bible Study 6:00pm Jay's	30	Jo Pierce 31 Carolyn Campbell Marilyn Campbell	