

PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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APRIL 2023

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- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

Sundays:

Coffee fellowship 8:45 am
Bible Café starts 9:00 am
We are studying "The Story"
Led by Dewayne Heck
Praise and Worship 10:00 am

Tuesdays:

LifeWise class at Pittsburg
Please continue to pray for the children
and our ministry at Pittsburg

Wednesdays:

7 pm Bible Study in the Community Center

Apr 2 Palm Sunday

Apr 6 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Worship, feet washing, meal, communion

Apr 9 7:00 am Sunrise Service
Carry-in Breakfast
Activity - Easter scavenger hunt
8:45 Bible Café - "The Story"
10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship

May 14 Mother's Day

May 29 Memorial Day

June 18 Father's Day

June 21 First Day of Summer

Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

FROM THE PASTOR

The above scripture is one of the most important scriptures in the area of evangelism and works righteousness. The second thief clearly confesses his sins - that he deserves his punishment, and that Jesus is sinless. Then he proclaims Jesus is returning to His kingdom and asks Jesus to remember him. Jesus then tells him, "today you will be with me in Paradise."

Our good works do not guarantee a seat in heaven, but confessing our sins and making Jesus Lord of our lives does.

We may not be taken directly to heaven as the thief on the cross was, but confessing sins and following Jesus will change the trajectory of our lives from that moment on - such that "All things will work together for good" from then on (Rom 8:28). In this season of Hope, may we more deeply understand the power of what Jesus' death and resurrection means for all.

Pastor Ken

Castine Area Food Bank

April food item is Cereal

Items may be left with the Strawzers for transport.

WORSHIP LEADER:

April: Diane Jay
May: Bruce Shank
June: John Strawser

Note:

If we have not listed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Pastor so we can correct the list.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jessica Somers	21	Jared Hatch
8	Jordan Midland	23	Tara Zimmer
15	Dewayne Heck	24	Clifford Hoblit
16	Kim Kessler	26	Jim & Becky Black
20	Carol Goubeaux	27	Rodger Hamilton



After church on March 19th, the youth ate a sack lunch followed by devotions on “Building a firm foundation”. Then we hopped in our cars and went to the Lima Mall to try our skills at Glow Golf.

Afterwards, the thirteen of us had worked up an appetite. We enjoyed a delicious visit to Donato’s Pizza. It was an uplifting day for all.





From Gambling to Church Planting

We've asked you to pray for Pii Boon (our local recycle man) several times throughout the last 10 years. When we first met Pii Boon, he struggled with alcoholism and gambling. A few years ago, he became a Christian and began to listen to an audio Bible and evangelize among his friends. Earlier this year, Pii Boon stopped by and asked us to pray because he and his friends (under the guidance of a more mature local believer) want to start a church plant. We don't know if this will come to pass or not, but we are excited to see God's work among these individuals.

Pray for wisdom for these friends and for continued renewing of their minds through God's Word.



Karis' Baptism

In other exciting news, our daughters continue to grow in their faith. In January Nate got the privilege of baptizing Karis in the presence of many of our friends, neighbors, and church members. Pray for continued spiritual growth for each of us since God's work in our own lives is the basis for ministry.



Rice Cravings

We arrived for our spring/summer "home assignment" in the USA. One of the first things our girls wanted to do upon arrival was verify that the USA has Thai-style rice. :) After a brief visit to Ohio to visit family, we drove down to Florida to be near our headquarters and (let's be honest) the warmer weather.

Pray for patience and peace for us in this season of constant transitions. We each miss Thailand in different ways, but are finding much joy in fellowship with friends, family, and church members that we have



Our own Tom Walker plays with the Richmond Jazz Orchestra. Their next event is:

Joint Concert Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Northeastern High School 7295 N US 27, Fountain City, IN 47341-9523

For more information about this or other events, ask Tom or see Richmondjazz.org



The Pittsburg Players - "Suffering Servant"
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