

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8-11

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
Fellowship Time/Common Ground
9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Communion

MONDAY 8-12

9:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting

TUESDAY 8-13

6:30 a.m. Elder Meeting
Noon—Community Prayer
6:15 p.m.—Deacon Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Full Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY 8-14

Youth Group—6:30-8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 8-16

Office Closed

SUNDAY 8-18

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
Fellowship Time/Common Ground
9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
4:30 p.m. - Prayer Walk at West Hancock

REMINDERS

This Week

Nursery (9:00) Paul & Jana Loesch
Nursery (10:00) Tyler & Hannah Harmon
Greeters: Zach & Amber Nielsen

Next Week

Nursery (9:00) Denise Johnson, Dan & Jamie Kruger
Nursery (10:00) Rob & Kristin McNeese
Greeters: Matt & Nancy Anderson

GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering--8-4-19: \$4,406.50

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for these people with health issues or other concerns

David Peterson Josh Johnson Nancy Anderson Stacy Anderson
Doug Kneisel Blanche Friedow Maria McNeese JoAnn Harle and the move

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Robert Goerish
- Missionaries including Ken & Deb Quintus—On Common Ground Ministries
- Sunday School—including K & 1st Grade —Teachers—Katrina Peterson & Kristin McNeese
- Life Group Leaders—including Dan Peterson
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Interim Pastor Randal & Linda Kay
- Pastor Steve & Carol Couch as they get ready to move to Britt and begin ministry here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE A FAREWELL RECEPTION for Pastor Randal & Linda from 9:00-10:00 on **August 25**. Donuts and coffee will be served. There will be no Sunday School that day.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A COME & GO BRIDAL SHOWER for **Kate Tobin, bride to be of Jon Christians** on August 24 from 10:00– 11:30 a.m. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

MEALS ON WHEELS

It's our church's turn to deliver meals this week. We are still in need of a driver for Wednesday, August 14. You can either sign-up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Mathew Dallman at 641-843-8380

COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR PRAYER LIST

We like to pray for those from our church family who are in college. If you or someone in your family will be in college this year, please email the office at: brittfreechurch@gmail.com and give us information about the student. Please tell us the name and college, so that we can have a complete prayer list.

JOANN HARLE HAS MOVED TO MINNESOTA

We would like to show our love to her by periodically sending notes of encouragement. If you're in the area, visits would also be appreciated.

Her new address is:

2195 Century Ave. South,
Woodbury, MN 55125

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Youth Pastor—Jesse Bewley—brittfreechurch.jesse@gmail.com—331- 999-4615

Office Staff—Cherlyn Johnson, Katrina Peterson—brittfreechurch@gmail.com

Custodian—Tom Kardoes - 515-320-3349

Prayer Chain—Marlys Perkins 843-3319

“Arriving at Our Destination”

Matthew 7:24-29

Notes

August 11, 2019

The Shepherd's Staff
Pastor Randal

Windfall

The definition of a “Windfall” is 1) an apple or other fruit blown down from a tree or bush by the wind. 2) a piece of unexpected good fortune, typically one that involves receiving a large amount of money. Well, this past week Linda and I received the first part of this definition, but sadly not the second.

Remember that storm of Monday night? It hit our apple trees pretty hard. On Tuesday, Linda and I picked up hundreds and hundreds of under-ripe apples. The trashcan is full and there's a pile on the driveway, and yes, they're still falling. Just glad none hit the windows, but they did get close. I don't know if there will be any left to harvest.

The day after the pick-up project I was thinking about all the bending over we both did (back is a little tight) and what good exercise that was for us. I realized that bending over and staring at the ground allows you to then stand up and appreciate being upright. The same can be said for our spiritual life as well.

Bending over in worship, bowing before the Sovereign of eternity, is a good posture to practice. We sometimes talk about bending our hearts or heads in worship, but what about a full-body prostration before the Lord? Yes, it may be difficult to get down on your knees, but that doesn't mean it's not a good position in which to place yourself. The good thing about bowing down before the LORD is when we rise again we do so with a new appreciation of who God is and the work that He is doing.

Therefore, I encourage you to bow down in worship. Whether it be in your bedroom or in the worship service. Bow before God's glory and then rise to do his work. It beats picking up apples!

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker”

Psalm 95:6