

# The Brethren Baptist Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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## I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU

In writing the front-page article for *The Brethren Baptist News*, I have always tried to limit myself to one printed page. And I've been successful in this self-discipline. Not once in 11 ½ years have I bled over onto page two. However, it will be hard to keep that self-imposed page limit for this, my final article. For in this article, I will express my gratitude for you, the people of Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church.

I am grateful for your **hospitality**. Most churches view themselves as welcoming and hospitable. But this self-image often does not conform with reality. Many churches really aren't that hospitable. But WBBC really is. Whoever walks through the church door receives a warm, genuine welcome.

In fact, hospitality is one of the primary ways that WBBC accomplishes mission. Yes, the church is involved in several mission efforts locally and internationally. But WBBC's primary mission has been to individuals who (for one reason or another) walk through our doors on Sunday morning. Many have stayed and become active members. Others we never see again. But all feel welcomed and blessed.

I am grateful for your **acceptance** of people whoever they are. This is what makes hospitality genuine. It is easy to welcome people who look like you, dress like you, and act like you. But WBBC has welcomed people who, in one way or another, are different. Clients from the Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment felt that acceptance. Other people, with other challenges, have felt that acceptance. Through this acceptance of everyone, you embody the love of Jesus.

I am grateful for your **generosity**. Whenever a need is expressed in the congregation, there is *always* a generous response. Compared with some churches in our community, WBBC is not a wealthy congregation. But you are wealthy in compassion toward those in need. Again, and again, you have opened your hands, your heart, and your checkbook to provide for those in need.

I am grateful for your **love for each other**. On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus told his disciples, "*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*" (John 13:34) You, the people of WBBC, obey this commandment in word and deed. This was particularly evident during the pandemic. The love you expressed for one another helped all of us survive and thrive during a year of hardship and isolation.

I am thankful for your **love for Irene and me**. Many churches expect their pastors to have perfect families. You know very well that we do not have the perfect family. But you have loved us in spite of it – *because of it*. And you have prayed for us. The number of prayers you have raised for us, and our family, surely numbers in the thousands and ten-thousands.

Let me close with words from Philippians 1:3-6, "*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*"

Pastor David

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

My deep gratitude for all your expressions of support, encouragement, sympathy, and love is beyond my ability to adequately put into words. Your emails, texts, phone calls, cards, spoken words, prayers, and provision of food were beautiful and touching displays of the love of our Lord Jesus in action in His church.

The six weeks I was in Virginia facing a monumental task has left me feeling spent, a different kind of exhaustion that I know some of you have experienced. Much of the time I was there I could pray only, "Help!" as I was too overwhelmed otherwise. BUT, you carried me along on your prayers. I recalled Romans 8:26-27 which describes the ministry of the Holy Spirit to intercede for us when we cannot pray. I think the Spirit inspires others to pray also for the one in need, and I felt that with your prayers.

Thank you so much,  
Jo Anne Cox

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**NINTH ANNUAL JUDSON DAY – JULY 18**

Since 2012, WBBC has celebrated Judson Day with our brothers and sisters from Karen Community Church of Greater Seattle. Last year, we had to cancel the event because of the pandemic. But this year we will renew the celebration on *Sunday, July 18*. During morning worship, the speaker will be the Rev. Saw Ler Htoo, president of the Karen Baptist Churches, USA.

Judson Day honors the first American foreign missionaries – American Baptists Adoniram and Ann Judson. More than 200 years ago, the Judsons began their missionary work in the country of Burma (now known as Myanmar). The people most receptive to the Gospel were an ethnic minority known as the Karen. The Karen have long been persecuted in Burma, and that persecution has only increased since the recent military coup.

This special worship service will be followed by our annual church barbeque at Hydro Park. More details to come.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Our Shut-ins:

Mary Burshek  
Carolyn Storme  
Darlene Uhrich



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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> Betty Radke  
4<sup>th</sup> Mary Carter Pringer  
Jane Shell  
11<sup>th</sup> Jim Hart  
21<sup>st</sup> Alexandr Zaytsev  
24<sup>th</sup> Tony Armstrong  
27<sup>th</sup> Estelle Acord  
28<sup>th</sup> Dayle Rushing  
31<sup>st</sup> Mary Kintner  
Cheryl Short  
Bert Bickel



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

9<sup>th</sup> Bob Salmon  
20<sup>th</sup> Connie Mitchell  
23<sup>rd</sup> Irene Morrow  
25<sup>th</sup> Maria Holland

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**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

3<sup>rd</sup> Warren & Evelyn Eikenberry  
12<sup>th</sup> Keith & Cathy Madsen

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

8<sup>th</sup> Aleksandr & Tanya Zaytsev  
14<sup>th</sup> Dan & Jan White  
21<sup>st</sup> David Morin & Cheryl Short  
25<sup>th</sup> Lael & Linda Vickery



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**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Thank you for the *wonderful* retirement fiesta! Thank you to all who planned, prepared, and carried out such a fun event. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you for all your gracious words of affirmation and appreciation. Thank you for your thoughtful and moving cards. And thank you for the love you expressed in the *overwhelmingly generous* love offering and gift cards to Sun Mountain Lodge. You have proved over and over to be a compassionate and generous congregation. We are humbled to be a recipient of your generosity. We will always love you.

David & Irene



## C O R N E R

### A NEW BEGINNING

Today is a new beginning! With LOTS of possibilities! Today there is also the empty pastor's office. And, today the Pastoral Search Committee is working hard to fill that office. But, above all else, we have "US"!!

So, I am celebrating "US", our church family. On my computer desk is a Dictionary and a Thesaurus. If you look in the Thesaurus you will find 60+ words that define a church building and more than 30 definitions for church services. But, under family you will see 64 terms like nuclear family to "the whole tribe".

On Easter Sunday when the congregation returned to in-person worship there was such joy to be together again. After a year apart we could again be the church family, the congregation that is "US"! Even with masks and hand sanitizer and distance seating we could again come together to celebrate and share our church lives and our Christian Faith. Best of all as a congregation, we have the gift of support, love, caring and concern for each other that knits us together.

Aren't we lucky to share that gift of church family?! During the pandemic there were weekly calls to members, the prayer chain continued, cards of sympathy, well wishes and concern were sent out, and on Sunday morning a Zoom gathering kept us up-to-date and grounded. Connections in a church family were life sustaining. The relationships are even more important now.

We have a great building, strong lay leadership, the fellowship of church family and the Grace of God that will carry us forward. We miss David's firm leadership. We are a stronger congregation because of it. Stay tuned! An interim pastor is going to recognize our strengths and help us move forward. There will be changes. And, there will still be "US"!

Leanne Ford

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for all your donations to the layette bags that Co Brings to us! They are greatly appreciated by those moms that have absolutely nothing!

Hope you are all vaccinated and are able to get out now and attend church services now! Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
OB Staff Confluence Health

### July/August, 2021

God created this earth, a garden for us to tend, and gardens need water.

In times like this of record-breaking heat, the importance of being careful with water is even greater than usual. Here are some simple ways to do that:

- \* When washing clothes by hand or in the machine, hang them to dry outside or inside on a railing or shower rod
- \* Don't pour unused water from a glass or water bottle down the drain; use it to water plants
- \* Of course, you already turn off the water when you brush your teeth and take short showers (baths take more water than showers)
- \* Heat water on the stove or in a teapot or microwave rather than running water from the faucet until it is hot
- \* Water your lawn and garden in the early morning to reduce evaporation
- \* In a restaurant, ask for no water unless you are going to drink it

This a short and incomplete list. What suggestions do you have to add for saving water? Email or call me with your ideas.

([merry8roy@gmail.com](mailto:merry8roy@gmail.com)) or 881-1083.

Let's be wise gardeners.

P.S.

Did you know that most receipts, like the kind you get at the grocery store, are not recyclable or compostable? The reason is that most receipt paper is coated with BPA or BPS, which are endocrine disrupters and so it must go into the landfill. Encourage local stores to purchase receipt tape that isn't coated, or join Green America's *Skip the Slip* campaign and avoid having your receipt printed.

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**11:00am Worship Service**

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**Take a few minutes to pray for our Church,  
our country & its leaders  
and the World!**

**Brethren-Baptist Church Staff**

Pastor	_____
Administrative Assistant/	Betty Radke
Bookkeeper	
Organist	Judi Delabarre
Pianist	Diane Stober
Custodian	Caleb Vickery
Jr. Church Teacher	Merry Roy
Nursery Attendant	Volunteers
July Support Deacon	Colleen Michael
August Support Deacon	Barbara Miller

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our joyful response to God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ is to be faithful servants to one another and the world.

**VISION STATEMENT**

*We seek to:*

- Experience God and mature in Christ,
- Equip the saints for service,
- Encourage one another in love,
- Evangelize the lost, and minister to a hurting world,
- Exhort one another to celebrate our faith

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday—Wednesday**  
8:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:30pm

**Thursday**  
8:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm