

The Brethren Light

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Our Mission Statement:

- Love God
- Love Others
- Live Following Jesus' Example
- Lead Others To Do The Same

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Ministry and Mission

by Pastor John Shelton

The Bradford Church of the Brethren is on a mission. It is mandated by God to fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We have a desire to keep the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37) to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We also want to keep the second greatest commandment (Matthew 22:39) to love our neighbor as ourselves.

I am so glad to be your interim Pastor during these challenging times. It's my desire to work with each of you in fulfilling God's **Ministry and Mission** for our people and community. My door will always be open, and I trust you will feel the freedom to call on me if needs arise in your life, and I can be of help to you. It will be a high priority for me and our staff to pray each day for the leadership of our church, our families and loved ones, and our community. We in turn will ask you to pray

God will prepare us for ministry and open doors of opportunity for us to share Jesus.

It's my belief that when we all pull together, God will be pleased and draw us close to him. This challenge is a must for all of us and will keep us all on the cutting edge of personal growth.

It's a fact that when we set goals for ourselves, like writing down each evening the five most important things to do tomorrow, we will work hard to accomplish those goals. This is just one way to keep in touch with our dreams and accomplishments. I find when I am ready for the challenges of tomorrow my **ministry and mission** get done. On the other hand, if I don't plan ahead and don't have goals, **ministry and mission** have a way of not getting accomplished.

We here at the Bradford Church of the Brethren need to

be trend setters - the people in town with a mission. It won't take long for word to get out that we mean business at this thing of serving Jesus and being a servant leader in our community. I know you share with me the thrill of seeing changed lives, marriages that are happy and filled with love, children learning about Jesus from their parents and church, teens taking an active role in this Christian walk and totally involved in the ministry of Jesus in the Church.

Yours for Souls,
Pastor John



Pastor John & his wife Jane

Elizabeth Jordan Honored as October Lamb of the Month

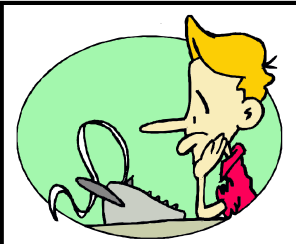
Well-known as the driving force behind the project to help Dwight Cook, Lamb of the Month Elizabeth Jordan believes in living the truth of her favorite scripture, Matthew 25:40.

She wants to encourage others to do whatever they feel the Lord is calling them to, no matter what others may think. She feels that this is the best way to live the words of

her favorite worship song "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High."

Elizabeth, who moved to Bradford 4 years ago from Oklahoma, came to the Lord as a result of a New Year's resolution to "straighten up and follow Him." She now feels He is calling her to share the Word, and to lead as an authentic follower of Jesus Christ.





Many personal financial goals depend upon your stage of life. You might be saving for college, starting a family, or planning for retirement. No matter your goal, MMA has calculators to help you. Visit the Financial Services home page at MMA-online (www.mma-online.org)

This Month with MMA

Items of interest from the MMA toolkit

Preventive Health Care

Some people like health savings accounts to pay for medical expenses when they have a high deductible health insurance plan. However, they may have a tendency to neglect basic preventive care like immunizations or flu shots. If this is your situation, you can now choose a high-deductible plan with preventive care benefits. Talk to our MMA representative Julie Wombold (448-2215)

or call (800) 348-7468 to see if this option is right for you.

Drug Errors Common

Medication errors are among the most common medical errors, says a new report from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. The institute recommends people maintain a complete list of their medications, including over-the-counter drugs and supplements. Make sure your doctor has the list when making prescription changes.

Words of the Heart

In the past 70 years, some portion of the Bible - often the entire New Testament - has been translated into 1,500 languages. But The Seed Company estimates 270 million people speak another 2,500 languages that still need a translation. The Seed Company has a goal of translating the Bible into 150 more languages in the next three years.



ANNUAL BAZAAR

By the Brethren Retirement Community Ladies Auxiliary

November 4, 2006

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Brick Room

Brethren Retirement Community
750 Chestnut St., Greenville, OH

Handcrafted items
Homemade baked goods

Lunch Served 10:00-1:00



By Auxiliary members

Card Shower for Harold Fraley

Harold Fraley, a former member of our church, will be celebrating his 90th. birthday on Sunday, November 26, 2006. There will be an informal reception in Harold's honor at Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd. in Englewood. It will be held in the Community Room, which is located in the back of the main building. Please use the direct entrance

to the Community Room at the rear of the building. There is plenty of parking.

Harold would enjoy a card or note from his friends and relatives. His address is :

Grace Brethren Village

Room 36

1010 Taywood Rd.

Englewood, OH 45322

If anyone has questions, they may call Harold's niece Jane Schwaiger at 937-832-6329.



I have been crucified with Christ; It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me....
Galatians 2:20

In Memoriam *Remembering those in the Church and Community family who have passed on*

Donnie G. Bolinger

Nov. 30, 1938 - Sept. 16, 2006

Donnie G. Bollinger passed away at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville.

His parents were the late Omer and Merle (Foreman) Bolinger. He graduated from Franklin Monroe High School in 1956, and served in the U.S. Army. In addition to farming, he worked for 37 years at Corning in Greenville. He was a fan of racing and rodeo.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorothy (Grow)

Bolinger; a sister, Norma Glunt of Union City; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Daryl Peeples, Sr. Interment with military honors was at Harris Creek Cemetery.

Betty E. Sellers

Aug. 7, 1920 - Sept. 21, 2006

Betty was born in Covington to the late Levi and Lydia (Minnich) Hershey. She was retired from Container Corp.

in Piqua after 26 years. She married Lloyd Sellers July 17, 1937; he survives, along with two daughters and son-in-law Vivian and Don Wintrow and Jeanne Keister; five grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law Martha Jane Pollard and Wayne Howard of Odessa, Texas; and other friends and relatives.

The Rev. Daryl Peeples, Sr. officiated at the funeral services. Burial was at Gettysburg Cemetery.

News from the Purpose Teams

Mission

When the new mission team met last fall, we weren't exactly sure which direction we wanted to go. We decided to try to define what "mission" meant to us. We wanted to be able to help others in our community, country and the world so we narrowed our focus to the projects that we felt we could handle during our first year as mission team.

We began by focusing on our community, collecting local school supplies and providing the thirteen week Dave Ram-

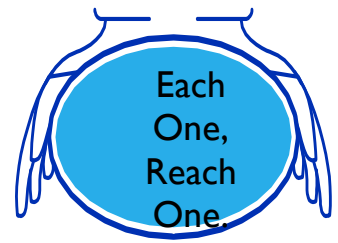
sey Financial Peace University course. Our blanket Sunday, health kit project and the Operation Christmas Child project will be helping the world communities. We will be kicking off the Operation Christmas Child project in November so watch for important details.

We hope in the coming year to provide more support for the Plain Gospel Mission and the Browns, who do an amazing job in Mexico.

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University will be offered

again beginning in January if we have at least 10 people interested. Please contact Julie Wombold to sign up for this helpful course that teaches you how to get rid of debt, understand insurance, get big bargains, and save for your future.

We would like to thank anyone who has helped us reach our goals for this year. Please don't hesitate to contact Debbie Barger, Beth Keihl, or Chris Palsgrove if you have a project that you would like the mission team to consider for the coming year.



The Bradford Area Association of Churches will once again be sponsoring a community

Thanksgiving dinner. This will take place at the Bradford Community Club on Nov. 19. Shut-in meals will be delivered beginning at 2:00 pm. Serving for the general public will take place from 3:00 until 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for the

**meal. The menu will include:
Turkey
Dressing
mashed potatoes
Gravy
green beans
Noodles
cranberry or jello salad
rolls
assorted pies
coffee, punch and water.**

Fellowship

After a big month in October sponsoring the annual Friend Day celebration, the Fellowship Team will not be slowing down. Team leader Ginger Godfrey, along with members Donna Reed and Cathy Baker, will be attending a seminar on biblical hospitality. To be held on November 11 at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, the workshop will be led by the Rev. Fred Bernhard. He will be teaching on biblical hospitality, and how it affects all ministries of the church. The group will also explore strategies for hospitality as it relates to worship.

Ministry

Our Visitation Team's ministry of visiting shut-ins, nursing homes, Brethren Retirement Community and hospitals are currently visiting 20+ people. The 7 people actively involved in this ministry will tell you that they receive as much blessing as those they visit. This is a great way to be a part of God's work in someone's life. John Shelton leads this team and would love to help anyone who is interested in being a part of

it. If you are interested in joining this outreach, please contact Gary and Patty Mason (448-6120) or the church office (448-2215).

Administrative/Trustees

The Trustees have ordered a new vinyl, maintenance-free swing set. Delivery and set up should take place before the end of October.

The green house has been prepared for demolition. This will be done by M&T Excavating, after they have finished tearing down the old grain elevator.

A new telephone system has been installed in the church because the old system broke down and parts are no longer available for repair.

Executive Team

The Executive Team continues to meet with the pastor search committee. In the meantime, they have hired John Shelton to serve as interim pastor.

They have also met with various teams in the church to discuss concerns. They are working with the Leadership Team to prepare an agenda for

the Church Council meeting on November 5.

Worship

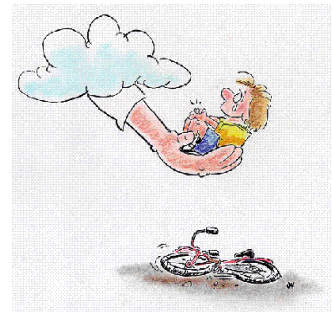
The Worship Team is working to develop two teams - one to plan and present the contemporary worship service, the other to do the traditional service. Anyone interested in participating and having a voice in the services should contact team leader Cherie Roeth (526-5559) or attend team meetings on Mondays at 6 pm.

The worship team will be making a proposal to the Church Council on Nov. 5 to change the time of our worship services. To view this proposal, please turn to page 5.

Discipleship

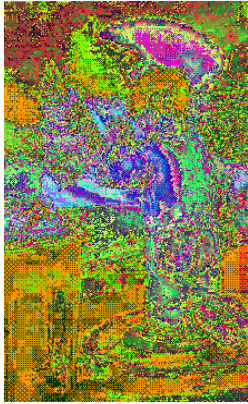
A midweek children's ministry will be starting up on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. in January. The exact starting date will be announced soon.

If you are interested in attending a class on Brethren beliefs, contact Pastor John Shelton. If you would like to be a part of one of our small group fellowships, please contact the church office for more information.



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



"...for truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Community Prayer Needs

Immediate Prayer Needs

Norman Bowman, Jeanette Marshall, David Shoup, Marcella Swabb

On-going Prayer List for Various Personal or Medical Needs

Cory Canan, John Fenstermaker, Edmonia Fine, Norman Fine, Trudy Frolke, Pauline Harmon, Harry Horner, Dale Miller, Jack Miller, Max and Judy Stover, Jane Ulrich, Mary Via, Rosemary Wood

On-going Prayer List for Those Who Deal with Cancer

Harriet Beard, Doug Burch, Steve Cales, Don Canan, Gary Coon, John Cruse, Alan Deubner, Becky Elliott, Maria Floyd, Peggy Frantz, Ed Garwood, Lori (Swank) Gilbert, Mary Hicks, Dean Horner, Bill Jones, Julie Keilh, Rex Kendall, Tammy King, Beth Kolpenski, Mackie Manson, Ben Massie, Patty Owens, Kate Palsgrove, Mary Seas, Suzie Selanders, Lyn Sharp, Tom Shelton, Larry Stonerock, Carrie Wackler, Ellen Wheeler, and Wilma Willoughby



November Anniversaries

21 Doug & Cheryl Rodgers 1992

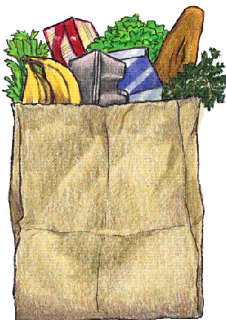
25 Mark & Rebecca Harleman 1989

Max & Annette Miller 1989

30 Billy E. & Helen Peeples 1948



Christmas Food Drive for Resource Center



The Ministry Team is once again sponsoring a food drive for the Resource Center. The Christmas season is the busiest time of the year for the center. Bags will be distributed on Sunday, October 22 and October 29. A list of items will be printed on the outside of the bag. These items include:

- Macaroni and cheese
- Elbow macaroni
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Canned fruit
- Tomato juice
- Single roll paper towels
- Laundry soap
- Soups - chicken noodle, tomato, and vegetable
- Kidney beans
- Toilet paper (4 roll pack)
- Tooth paste
- Bar soap

After you fill your bag, bring it to place on the altar to be picked up November 5.

We thank you for your generosity and for being a part of God's living Word which says in Matthew: "I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of these..... You did it for Me."

Once again, thank you from the Ministry Team.

Giving & AttendanceSeptember 17 - October 15

Date	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	October 1	October 8	October 15	Totals/Period
General Fund	3,046.00	2,320.00	2,694.00	2,789.00	1,885.00	12,734.00
Building Fund	10.00	170.00	230.00	20.00	0.00	430.00
Deacon Fund	55.00	90.00	80.00	65.00	60.00	350.00
Resident Aid Fund	5.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	50.00
County Line Christian	20.00	285.00	55.00	30.00	10.00	400.00
Change for Change	95.50	101.00	72.50	0.00	57.50	326.50
Tape Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico Mission (Browns)	25.00	15.00	20.00	40.00	10.00	110.00
Mexico (Pastor Pepe)	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	20.00	50.00
Mexico (Orphanage)	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Mexico School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disaster Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resource Center	45.00	45.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	130.00
Special Offerings	20.00	25.00	50.00	10.00	98.31	203.31
Puppet Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Kitchen	55.00	63.00	71.00	35.00	35.00	259.00
Youth Ministries	20.00	20.00	30.00	10.00	0.00	80.00
Bus Ministry	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	100.00
Misc. Giving	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
Total Worship Giving	3,426.50	3,339.00	3,357.50	3,059.00	2,230.81	15,412.81
8:00 am Attendance	52	38	69	34	37	230
10:30 am Attendance	99	96	104	92	78	469
Worship Visitors	4	0	0	0	0	4
Total Worship Attendance	151	134	173	126	115	699
S.S. Operating Fund	45.39	54.35	61.02	37.25	37.88	235.89
S.S. Class Accounts	23.38	13.10	0.00	20.00	10.50	66.98
Total S.S. Giving	68.77	67.45	61.02	57.25	48.38	302.87
S.S. Attendance	96	86	101	72	77	432
S.S. Visitors	3	0	6	0	1	10

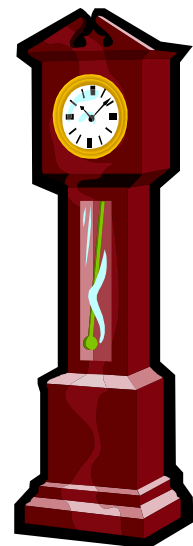
Proposed Time Changes for Worship Services

On November 5, 2006, the Worship Team will present the Church Council with the following proposal for worship service times:

- 9:00 am to 10:15 am - Traditional Worship Service
 Sunday School for children up through 12th. Grade
- 10:15 am to 10:45 am - Fellowship Time
- 10:45 am to 12:00 - Contemporary Worship Service
 Sunday School for older adults

In this proposal adult Sunday School classes could choose to meet the first hour if they wanted to attend the later worship service.

The Worship Team presents this proposal in response to ongoing concern that we need to make our service times more convenient. If Council approves this proposal the Worship Team will make plans for when and how to make the change. If Council does not approve the proposal, then the Worship Team will either continue to work under the present schedule, or develop a new time change proposal, depending on the direction they receive. This proposal was developed from ideas brought forward by congregation members who attended the Sept. 16 Worship Forum.



Pickett's Poems *Reflections on*



The Woolly Worm

A lot of guys
 Profess to being weather-wise;
 And when the Winter's drawing nigh,
 They all begin to prophesy,
 By using signs,
 And nature lore of many kinds;
 Like birds and bees,
 And other things, like moss on trees
 Squirrels storing nuts away,
 And how the groundhog spends his day;
 They, all together,
 Help forecast the coming weather.

I'd say they've got
 Perhaps about as good a shot
 At being on the proper track
 As has the Farmers' Almanac,
 Which I would guess
 At fifty-fifty, more or less.
 My system's tried,
 And proven valid, far and wide:
 I'll take the good ol' woolly worm;
 And records of the past confirm
 That, all along,
 I seldom have predict3d wrong!

The amber shade
 Foretells that we have got it made;
 But when I see a fuzzy back,
 From end to end in solid black,
 The news is sad -
 The weather up ahead is bad!

So, when I find
 One of the dark foreboding kind,
 With coolness and aplomb to spare,
 I make believe it isn't there,
 And seek, with resolution firm,
 A lighter colored woolly worm!



Autumn

Autumn wanes;
 Sunbeams shatter frigid dawn,
 Reflecting diamonds girt with white;
 Jack Frost plied his art last night,
 And etched his lacy web upon
 My window pane.

Across the sky,
 I see the dappled blue and grey
 Of clouds, a-tossing like a sea
 In tempest, rolling, wild and free;
 Gusty northers romp and play,
 For Winter's nigh!

In Nature's plan,
 The seasons come, so quickly go'
 The flowers blossom fair in May,
 But Autumn comes, they fade away,
 Then winter - all is still, and so
 It is with man.

But everything
 Is in its place, and orderly;
 As the sun will shine when clouds are gone
 And night is followed by the dawn,
 At winter's end there'll always be
 Another Spring!



*To everything there is a season,
 and a time for every purpose
 under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



**....Back to those thrilling
 days of yesteryear....**
*Ed Roeth drives to the basket
 for Defiance College in 1971*

Ed Roeth Honored by Defiance College

On October 14, Ed Roeth was inducted into the Defiance College Athletic Hall of Fame during the halftime of the Defiance-Anderson University Football game.

Ed, a stand-out player for Bradford High School, continued his success at Defiance. His honors there include: three varsity letters, co-captain 1970-71, Mid-Ohio Conference first team 1970-71, NAIA Dist. 22 first team 1970-71, honorable mention All-American 1970-71, Most Valuable Player & free

throw leader 1970-71, and NCAA individual free-throw leader (90.8% average). Ed scored 1136 points during his college career, and is the only Defiance College player to be listed in the NCAA Div. II record book.

The foundation of Ed's athletic skill was his God-given talent, but he built a successful career on that foundation with commitment and hard work. When Ed wasn't working or doing chores, he played basket-

ball, sometimes 6 to 8 hours a day. He played in the heat after baling hay. He played in zero degree temperatures, keeping 3 or 4 balls warm in the milking parlor, so that when one lost its bounce in the cold, he could pick up another.

Ed has kept that commitment to hard work throughout his life. He has been just as whole-hearted in his dedication to his family, his principles, and his faith. Heartiest congratulations to a man who has led by word and by work.