



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September, 2018

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS



I was reading the July 2nd devotional from a devotional book published for the 300th Anniversary of the Church of the Brethren. It's only August so I'm not too far behind!

The Scripture for that day is Luke 4:31-37 with emphasis on verse 32. *"...They were astonished at His (Jesus') teaching, for His word was with authority."*

Matthew 7:28-29 says much the same thing as Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount. *"And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes."*

Jesus spoke with authority because as the Son of God He had all the authority of God the Father. In Matthew 28:18 just before leaving His disciples, Jesus said: *"...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."* Jesus then gave them the Great Commission to: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."* In giving them that Great Commission, Jesus conferred upon them the authority to speak in His name. He trusted them to make disciples and teach them all that He had commanded because for three years He had taught them.

He knew they had the knowledge to teach, and He also knew that they lacked the confidence, the power, to carry out the commission He had given them. He also knew that the power to fulfill that commission was coming soon at Pentecost.

When they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and yielded their lives to His leading they turned the world that very much needed to be turned upside down, upside down with Christ message! *"...They dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, 'These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.'"*

As we look at the conditions of our country, our neighborhoods, our world, we can clearly see that our world needs to be "turned upside down" through the message of Christ.

The gospel of Christ can turn it upside down: hate to love, sorrow to joy, despair to hope, eternal death to eternal life.

I believe a major reason that isn't happening is that Christ's disciples don't speak His Word, His message with the power and authority given them by Christ. We (all believers) have the Scriptures, the authority given us by Christ, the Holy Spirit indwelling us, why have we not turned the world upside down for Christ?

We must ask ourselves:

1. Do I really know the Scriptures well enough to speak with the authority, Christ has given me, and most of all, truly know the Author?
2. Does the Holy Spirit really have control over my life? Am I obedient to Him and the Commission given me by Christ?
3. Have I the trust and confidence in Christ and His Word that I can speak boldly? *"Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority."* (Titus 2:15)

We have the greatest message the world has ever, or will ever, hear!! Have we (have you) the knowledge, confidence, and relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to speak boldly the Message??

If not, study the Word, open your heart and life through prayer to the Holy Spirit and speak boldly the Message with authority!!

These are questions I often ponder and they lead me to deeper study and renewed commitment. May the Spirit of God bless you as you seek to speak boldly, with authority, and turn your little part of the world upside down for Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill



HEIFER, INTERNATIONAL----- “CHALLENGE”

The Women’s Fellowship is challenging the rest of the church to raise \$5,000 for Heifer, International. \$5,000 will buy an “ark” filled with animals to benefit people in 3rd world countries. This traditional Brethren challenge begins with a donation of \$1,000 from the Women’s Fellowship. The Board will be asked for donations and all of us can participate with individual donations, as well. Place your donation in the outreach cup or in the offering plate designated for Heifer. We did it before, we can do it again!!!! The end of August total is \$1,400!! We are on our way.....

“The School Supply Fund Raiser Is Complete!”

37 teachers \$125 Staples gift card

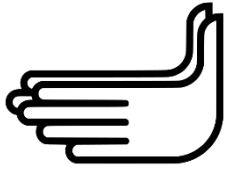


Thanks to the generosity of this congregation
which has given \$4,625.



Praise God!

What are your prayer requests?



Join Us

gathering of friends

time for instruction

prayer for each other

Sunday

September 2

7:00 p.m.

“The right way to pray is to stretch out our hands and ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SLOW POKE

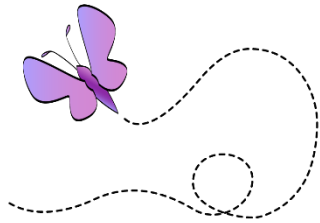
You keep me waitin' till it's gettin' aggravatin'
You're a slow poke
I wait and worry but you never seem to hurry
You're a slow poke
Time means nothin' to you
I wait and then
You're late again, eight o'clock
Nine o'clock, quarter to ten



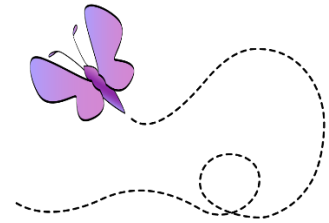
Why should I linger every time you snap your finger
Little slow poke
Why can't you hasten when you see the time's a-wastin'
You're a slow poke, dear
Why should I keep tryin' to change you
It's not the thing to do
I guess I'll have to learn to be a slow poke too

You keep me waitin' til it's getting' aggravatin'
You're a slow poke
I wait and worry but you never seem to hurry
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Submitted by Pastor Bill



Women's Fellowship



The women held their monthly meeting on August 1st. Then on August 8 the group traveled to the Pepper Mill for lunch after Bible Study. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 10:30. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings.

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: *****

- ***** **Outreach cup offerings for Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.** are designated for Heifer, International
- ***** **Birthday Sunday**, September 2, worship service
- ***** **Coffee Break**, Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.
- ***** **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 Commissions, 7:30 p.m. Board
- ***** **Women's outing**, Wednesday, September 12, to be determined
- ***** **Hayride and hot dog roast**, Saturday, September 15,
- ***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.

A NEW PRAYER CHAIN is complete. It is printed in a new format--a spread sheet rather than a wheel. Please contact Peggy McKimmy if you have any questions or know of changes, additions, or deletions that should be made.

~~~~ "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ~~~~ [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#)

## LOOKING AHEAD

*2019 Calendars will be for sale soon*

*World Wide Communion Sunday and Love Feast, October 7*

*Harvest Auction, Saturday, October 20*

*Homecoming, Sunday, October 21*

## Worship Leadership September

### **Date: September 2**

Worship Leader: Matt McKimmy  
Music Leader: Glen Blades  
Special Gifts:  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Eric and Peg Hillman  
Deacons: Claudia Whitmer & Rick Painter  
Closer: Dan Bergman

### **Date: September 16**

Worship Leader: Dan Whitmer  
Music Leader: Sherm Fassett  
Special Gifts: Puppets  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Laura McKimmy  
Deacons: Lana Blades & Bob Phillips  
Closer: Dan Bergman

### **Date: September 30**

Worship Leader: Rick Painter  
Music Leader: Becky Phillips  
Special Gifts: Dan Bergman  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Ward Simpson  
Deacons: Joanne Fassett & Dan Whitmer  
Closer: Dan Bergman

### **Date: September 9**

Worship Leader: Sandy Sprague  
Music Leader: Amy Burns  
Special Gifts: Choir  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Lila Hannahs  
Deacons: Leta Painter & Glen Blades  
Closer: Dan Bergman

### **Date: September 23**

Worship Leader: Glen Blades  
Music Leader: Amy Burns  
Special Gifts: Dan Bergman  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Don Shaffer  
Deacons: Amy Burns & Sherm Fassett  
Closer: Dan Bergman

**FUNERAL DINNERS**—*a ministry of this church.*

*Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need*

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### **Beaverton Church of the Brethren Vision Statement:**

*The Beaverton Church of the Brethren is a dynamic, Spirit-filled church impacting our community and beyond through worship, ministry and leadership development.*