

## **PRAYERS & PRAISES: 8.24.25**

Please continue to prayer for **Dawn Lehman**, who is recovering from surgery last week.

Prayers and praise to our Lord, **Pastor Tom Schiefer** is in Ecuador for the Great Commission.

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Raylan Zehr, Bob Sharp, Ronda Stump, Devon Slabaugh, Sherry Miller, Joyce (Evie Tobias mother), Cindy Rogers, Kim Howenstine, Don Taylor, Deb Herr, Sue Moneyheffer, Linda Pippen, Shelly Cotter, Linda Schmucker, Mark Stump, Kris Gannon, Reed Juday, Brent Hochstetler, & Pastor Ryan Smith



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

**Nappanee First Brethren Church**

**THE WAY TO AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY**

Our hearts ache for real \_\_\_\_\_.

God wired us for \_\_\_\_\_.

We've never had more ways to \_\_\_\_\_ and yet meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ feels rarer than ever.

Let's breakdown the way to authentic community:

1. Authentic community begins with \_\_\_\_\_

♦Romans 12:1-2

♦Community problems are fundamentally \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

♦Surrender also breaks the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

2. Practice sober \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

♦Romans 12:3

♦Authentic community has 2 destroyers: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

♦Pride shows up in church as selective \_\_\_\_\_...  
Insecurity shows up as strategic \_\_\_\_\_.

♦I am not MORE than I am. I am not LESS than I am. By GRACE, I am who God SAYS I am.

3. Embrace "We \_\_\_\_\_ to one another".

♦Romans 12:4-5

♦You are \_\_\_\_\_.

♦You are \_\_\_\_\_.

**SERMON NOTES CONTINUED ON INSERT**



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## GIVE

The Center (107 E Marion St., Nappanee) needs for: **AUGUST:** cake/ brownie mixes, white rice, mayonnaise, and salad dressings (French, Ranch, etc.) **\*\*\*\*THEY ARE IN CRITICAL NEED OF CEREAL\*\*\*\***

## THIS WEEK:

### TODAY FOLLOWING DISCIPLESHIP HOUR, Fellowship Sunday Grill-Out

**Kid's Quest & Zero Gravity!** Our Back to School Splash Bash will be Wednesday, August 27th from 6-8pm. Bring a friend, your swimsuit and a towel. Supper will be provided.

**Men's Breakfast** will be Saturday, August 30th at 8:00am. We will be meeting at the church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Tuesday Outreach Team** will go out on Tuesday, September 2nd. We will be meeting at the church at 6:00pm.

**Kid's Quest & Zero Gravity** will kick off Wednesday nights on September 3rd at the church. Kid's Quest will be from 6:00pm-7:30pm and ZG **NEW TIME** will be from 6:00pm-6:45pm.

**Coffee, Cars, & Ice Cream** will be Saturday, September 13th from 11am-4pm. All makes and models welcome! Come enjoy a fun day of coffee, ice cream, and cars.

**NFBC Community Worship Service** will be Sunday, September 21st at 9:00am at the Nappanee Apple Festival.

**Do you have extra produce to share?** Bring in your extra produce and place it on the table in the lobby. Help yourself to any produce. Any leftovers will be taken to The Center.

**Do you desire to** know what your spiritual gifts are? Sign up sheets are available at the information center and in each discipleship classroom. More info to come!

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## Ways to **GIVE**

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**SUNDAYS  
AT 8:00PM**





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**THE WAY TO AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY-  
CONTINUED**

4. Discover and deploy your \_\_\_\_\_.

♦Romans 12:6-8

♦Belonging is not just emotional; it's \_\_\_\_\_.

♦When gifts flow, community \_\_\_\_\_... When gifts are bottled up, community \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Practice the marks of sincere \_\_\_\_\_.

♦Romans 12:9-13

♦Seven Marks of sincere love:

- Authenticity
- Moral Clarity
- Family Devotion
- Others-First Honor
- Spiritual Fervor
- Gospel Resilience
- Open-Handed Generosity and Hospitality

6. Overcome \_\_\_\_\_ with good.

♦Authentic Community is tested not when everyone \_\_\_\_\_, but when we \_\_\_\_\_.

♦We are never more like \_\_\_\_\_ than when we bless those who wound us.

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"Rules of life" for NFBC- 6 weekly rhythms that embody these steps:

1. Surrender \_\_\_\_\_
2. Practice sober \_\_\_\_\_
3. Act like we \_\_\_\_\_
4. Use one \_\_\_\_\_
5. Host with what you \_\_\_\_\_
6. Practice one act of redemptive \_\_\_\_\_

Authentic community is not an \_\_\_\_\_ result; it's a cultivated harvest... plant the seeds; God gives the growth.

The Romans 12 practice:

- ◆Week 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆Week 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆Week 3: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆Week 4: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in view of Your mercy, I present myself to You. Renew my mind. Free me from pride and from insecurity. Teach me to see that I belong to my brothers and sisters, and they belong to me. Show me my gifts and spend them for the good of Your body. Make my love sincere, my hope joyful, my patience steady, my prayers faithful. Open my home and my heart. Where there is conflict, make me a peacemaker. Where there is hurt, make me gentle. Where there is evil, lead me to overcome it with good. Do in our community what only You can do- build a people whose love makes the Gospel visible... Amen!