ELKHART CITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

23818 CR 10, Elkhart (interim location) September 19, 2004
1716 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516 (office) 9:00 A.M.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

If we always enjoyed a bright, fervent, sensibly attractive prayer, we should feed all our lives on milk, instead of eating hard, dry bread… Do not be discouraged though your prayer seems to you dry, lifeless, and hindered by distractions. Be patient, then, in prayer, for God's sake, and go without stopping; you will be sure to make great way. -- Francois Fenelon (1651-1715)

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord"* Handel/arr. Lowe

HYMN NO. 37 (Blue) *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*
(Interlude after verse 3; unison on verse 4)

SERVICE OF GATHERING

WELCOME +ANNOUNCEMENTS + PRAYER REQUESTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Noffsinger

One: We come with fears about our jobs, our families, and our country.
All: "Come now, let us talk this over," says God.
One: We come with our weariness from trying to be all things to all people.
All: "Come now, let us talk this over," says God.
One: We come with doubts that God even listens to our problems anymore.
All: "Come now, let us talk this over," says God.
One: And so we come.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Vardaman

ANTHEM Adult Choir

A DRAMA *"Can You Hear Me Now?"* by Sue Noffsinger

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN NO. 161 (Blue) *"We Give Thanks Unto You"*

OFFERING

Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. Be careful what you do with the best you have. Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back as a love gift. God will not let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to Him that he may make it a blessing to others. --Oswald Chambers

OFFERTORY *"With Trumpets and Horns"* Handel/arr. Lorenz
* RESPONSE NO. 273 chorus (Renew) *"Jesus is Our King"*
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GROWING IN JESUS

(Preschoolers may be excused to the nursery for the remainder of the service)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:1-13

HYMN NO. 553 (Blue) *"I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength"*

SERMON Pastor David Bibbee

"Try, Try Again"

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

* HYMN NO. 324 (Blue) *"Seek Ye First"*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

*Please stand, as you are able

TODAY: SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

9:00 A.M.: Worship **10:15 A.M.:** Fellowship Time **10:45 A.M.:** Church School for All Ages

Preaching	Pastor David Bibbee
Organist	Marilee Gilliland
Pianist	Rosanna McFadden
Hymn Director	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader	Sue Noffsinger
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Message	Lisa Vardaman
Worship Childcare	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer	Mike Soucie
Facility closing	Paul Ritzmann

NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

Sermon: "The Benefits of Living Badly" Text: Luke 16: 9-31

9:00 A.M.: Worship **10:15 A.M.:** Fellowship Time **10:45 A.M.:** Church School for All Ages

Preaching	Pastor David Bibbee
Organist	Marilee Gilliland
Pianist	Shelly Randall
Hymn Director	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader	Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh
Special Music	Cary Kelsey
Children's Message	Karen Eis
Worship Childcare	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer	Gary Arnold
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Our mission:

Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we

Seek *God's love in our lives*

Celebrate *God's love in vital worship*

Share *God's love through acceptance, service, and witness*

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