

# FOCUS ON FARMING

“BREAKING UP  
YOUR FALLOW  
GROUND”

JEREMIAH 4:3



**Welcome to Church!**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018**

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. We encourage you to please fill out a visitor card found by the hymnals in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it is being passed. To find out more about First Reformed Church, stop at the Information Center in the Narthex, or visit our website: [www.sibleyfrc.org](http://www.sibleyfrc.org).

## ***Glorify! God With Worship***

**9 am - Cornerstone Service**

*No Children and Worship*

**10:10-10:50 am**

**Coffee Fellowship, Prayer Time**

- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office
- **No Sunday School until September 9**

**11 am - Open Door Service**

Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.

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## ***Grow! In His Word***

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

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## ***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings for August 12, 2018:** General Fund-\$4758;  
Benevolent Fund-\$310; Building-\$5; HS Remnant-\$50;  
Village Northwest-\$70.

**Special offering for August is Village Northwest.**

**Special offering for September is Bethany  
Christian Services**



Scan here with your smart phone to  
link to our online donation page!

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, August 26:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be "Focus on Farming...Breaking Up Your Fallow Ground."
- **1:30 pm: Middle School Remnant** trip to Thunder Road in Sioux Falls, SD. Students will return by 7pm.

### Monday, August 27:

- **6:30pm / 7:00pm Nursing Home Sing-a-Long** all voices are welcome! Please sign up at the Information Center.

### Tuesday, August 28:

- **8:30am: Chickadee Quilters**

### Sunday, September 2:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be "Focus on Farming...A Sower Went Forth to Sow." We wish Leona Eben a belated 90th Birthday today. To celebrate Leona's birthday, cake will be served during the coffee fellowship time after the first service.

## Mark Your Calendars

**September 3:** Church Offices will be closed due to Labor Day

**September 5:** 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor

- 6:30 Wednesday Bible Classes and Youth Group Begins

**September 9:** 10:10 am Sunday School starts for the 2018-2019 year

**September 12:** 7:15 pm Admin Team Meeting


**September 17:** 9:00 am Faith Bible Study

- 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Elders / Deacons Meetings
- 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet

**September 19:** 5-7 pm Soup and Pie Supper (*Groups 5 & 6 are in charge*)

Faith in Action for August is the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry.

Let's help fill up the pantry! Any nonperishable food is welcome. Thank you for sharing! Faith in Action for September is ATLAS.



**Nursing Home**

**August 27**

**6:30 Sibley Specialty Care**

**7:00 Country View Manor**

Check the Information Center to get signed up!!


## Go! And Serve Him

## Opportunities and Events

**Ladies, join us on Monday, Aug. 27, at 7:00 p.m.** as we start a study on the book of Colossians. This book of the Bible is a letter written by Paul and many consider it as one of the most important letters ever written. This will be a video study, lead by Pastor Louie Giglio, that will dig deep into this book of the Bible. We will meet weekly for this eight part Bible Study. Contact Annette Jansen for more details 754-4174.

The annual **ATLAS of Osceola Fall Celebration Banquet** will be held Wednesday, **August 29, 2018**, at the Ashton Legion Building. Doors will open at 6:00 to view items offered for the silent auction and the meal served at 6:30. All those interested in attending can acquire their free ticket from any board member or by stopping at the ATLAS office.

**Happy Birthday to Tracy Den Beste** who will turn 100 years young on September 6th. To help Tracy celebrate this Milestone Birthday let's shower her with cards!! Birthday cards and well wishes can be mailed to her at the following address: Tracy Den Beste, Sibley Nursing and Rehab, 700 North 9th Avenue, Sibley, IA 51249.



**Start Dates:**

**Wednesday Night Bible Classes**


**September 5th**


**Sunday School**

**September 9th**

**Please consider helping by leading a class this year!**

**Sign-up sheets can be found on the Information Center, via a link on the church website ([sibleyfrc.org](http://sibleyfrc.org)) under the Children tab, as well as on these Google Docs links:**

 (*Wednesday Bible Classes*) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit?usp=sharing>

 (*Sunday School Classes*) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6lQFsSImqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit?usp=sharing>

## Sermon Notes:

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**Parents:** During the next few Sunday’s there may be a few items in the Sanctuary that will be tempting for your children to want to play with. Please help us keep the items and your children safe by not allowing them to play on the stage in the Sanctuary. Thank you so much!

**Children and Worship** is looking for volunteers to help with the Sunday Morning program. Children and Worship takes place during the worship services and is for children ages 3-Pre K. If you are interested in being either a leader or a helper or both please sign up at the Information Center. The future of Children and Worship depends volunteers. Thanks!

**The Ashton (& Sibley) Auxiliary Unit 290** of the American Legion will be hosting the Burger Barn south of Sibley Super Foods on Labor Day weekend. Visit them on **Aug. 31/Sept.1 for lunch from 11:00 to 1:00** – all proceeds go to help Veterans in our area.

**Heartwood Heights is asking for donations** of fabric that the residents can use. Any variety of fabric will do. Big, small, (maybe not bed sheets) What is being planned with these donations is making different types of crafts to do for our afternoon activities! An example of the crafts we would like to do would be: wrapping a roll of toilet paper to make it look like a pumpkin, or making a flower, or wreath to hang on their doors! Please bring your donations to Heartwood Heights and ask for Suzanne.



**On September 11, the Bible League Volunteers are hosting** their Fall Retreat. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, worship, and entertainment. To give you an opportunity to partner in the Great Commission, an offering will be taken for ministry in Latin America. More details can be found online at [bibleleague.org/retreat18](http://bibleleague.org/retreat18) or on the poster posted on the Information Center.

**The WeCare group will sponsor an Honor Flight fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** at the S-O High School. Pulled pork, potato salad, chips, baked beans, ice cream, and drinks will be served. Freewill offering donations accepted. Representatives of Honor Flight will be available. Please come and support your local veterans!



Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Scan our handy QR code to get quick access to our web page ([Sibleyfrc.org](http://Sibleyfrc.org)) where you can click on “Sermons” to watch the video. While you are on our home page check out our other tabs for more church information.



## In Our Prayers



If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke Schouten, 920-889-3911, any consistory elder or the church office (754-2783) Remember, we cannot print your name unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included, please contact the office.

- **Pray for those in assisted living:** Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink.
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Larry Buysman, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger, Harold Schram and Lois May
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Jeff and Chelsea Lampen, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

## Prayer Requests

**Roger Lindberg** received news that his cancer has returned. Please continue to lift him up in your prayers as he begins this road once again.

**Sharon Bartles** had surgery at the Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD this past Monday to repair a broken ankle. Please lift her up in your prayers as she recovers.

**Robert Kruger** underwent surgery to install a pacemaker on Monday. Please continue to lift him up in your prayers as he recovers and regains his strength.

## Please Note:

The September Newsletter will be available on Sept 2nd. Those celebrating Birthdays on September 1st are Lacey Julius and Rylan Marco. The 365 Bible Challenge Reading for September 1st is Ezekiel 18-19.

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: August 26</b>	<b>Next Week: September 2</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Brian & Megan Loerts/family <b>M:</b> Ken & Wilma Leusink <b>E:</b> Josh & Hannah Lucas	<b>W:</b> Dave & Jessica McDyer/family <b>M:</b> John & Kim McDougall/family <b>E:</b> Ed & Leona Meendering
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> Stan Gaalswyk <b>C:</b> Lennis Harberts <b>SW:</b> Ed Harskamp <b>BE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>BW:</b> Josh Lucas	<b>SE:</b> Josh Lucas <b>C:</b> Bill Hartzell <b>SW:</b> Dale Honken <b>BE:</b> Dan Janssen <b>BW:</b> Pastor Luke
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Dale Honken <b>Open Door:</b> Duane Vande Hoef	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Bill Hartzell <b>Open Door:</b> Dick Oldenkamp
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>Children and Worship is on Summer Break... See you next Fall!!</b>	<b>Children and Worship is on Summer Break... See you next Fall!!</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Brenda & Leah Ackerman <b>Sunday School:</b> Summer Break until Fall <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Chrissy Ackerman & Heather Tangeman	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Wilma Leusink & Andrea Leusink <b>Sunday School:</b> Summer Break until Sept 9 <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Melissa De Boer & Sami Fox
<b>Library:</b>	Imogene Rasmussen	Janice Runia
<b>Coffee:</b>	Dave & Donna Kleinwolterink	Greg & Deb Kosters



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Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8am -1pm

**Jamie Hulstein, Communications**  
Hrs.: Thurs. 8am-1pm; Fri 8am-12pm  
\*\*\*All bulletin announcements are due in the church office by Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.\*\*\*