

# FOCUS ON FARMING



**“A SOWER  
WENT FORTH  
TO SOW”  
MATTHEW 13:3-9**



***Welcome to Church!***  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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.

*No Children and Worship*

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

**SERMON TITLE: "Focus on Farming...**

**A Sower Went Forth to Sow"**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

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## ***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings for August 26, 2018:** General Fund-\$10,927;  
Benevolent Fund-\$340; Building-\$5; Village Northwest-\$10.  
**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, 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.
- **6:00 pm:** The Education Team will meet.

### Monday, September 3:

- **Church offices Closed.** Happy Labor Day!
- **7:00pm: Women's Bible Study**

### Tuesday, September 4:

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

### Wednesday, September 5:

- **9:00am: Coffee with the Pastor**
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
  - 6:30-7:30 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
  - 6:30-7:30 pm: Middle School Remnant meets in the Youth Room
  - 7:30-8:30 pm: HS Remnant meets in the Youth Room

### Sunday, September 9:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be "Focus on Farming...A Heart For Harvest." We will be nominating people to the office of Elder next Sunday, September 16. Please use the list and sample ballot found in this week's bulletin to help you prayerfully consider your choices.
- **10:10am: Sunday School** begins for ages 3 years old - Adult

## Mark Your Calendars

September 12: 7:15 pm Admin Team Meeting

September 16: 8:20 am Senior Choir will meet in the Fireside Room

- College Students will be sharing about their Mission Trip to Louisiana between services
- Elder Nominations

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 September is ATLAS. Items needed are:

Canon Printer ink: #240—black #241—color; \*Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper (Highly Needed Items) Card Stock Paper—white; Hershey's Kisses; \*cans of coffee (also highly needed); 30 gal trash bags.

## Go! And Serve Him

## Opportunities and Events

**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.

**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!



**FRC Soup and Pie Supper will be September 19** from 5-7pm. Sign-up sheets for helping and items needed are posted on the Information Center. Please check the sign up sheets and see where you can help out. Work groups 5 and 6 are heading up this Fall Fundraiser for Missions.



### 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/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6IQFsSImqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit?usp=sharing>



**Get Signed Up!!** As the education year gets underway we remind all parents to stop at the Information Center and pick up a copy of the “remind” codes to sign up for. Remind is a mass text messaging service that we use at church to send out announcements, especially with MS and HS Remnant. We encourage you to sign up so you will not miss out on important information!



**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!

**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! Please bring your donations to Heartwood Heights and ask for Suzanne.

**Hope Haven will be holding it’s annual Trail Ride** on Saturday, September 22 at Newton Hills State Park! Registration starts at 8:30 am with the ride beginning at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00. For more information please visit, [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org)



**The September Newsletter, in color,** is available on our website, <https://www.sibleyfrc.org>, under the “Publications” tab.



**FRC is responsible for Meals on Wheels  
September 24-October 5th.**

**Sign up at the information center to help out.**

## Sermon Notes:

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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

**Rhonda Riebeling had surgery** on Thursday for a detached retina. Please continue to pray for a successful healing process as well as patience during the recovery period.

**Please continue to lift Eugene Groen** up in your prayers. Eugene has recently found out about a golf ball sized tumor in his neck. As of now, the doctors want to start him on medication to see if the tumor can be shrunk. This is still very early in his journey with more questions now than answers for Eugene, Renae and their family. As of now, Eugene is requesting prayer. We don't know if the tumor is cancer or not. We don't know the steps that may be taken by the doctors. We do not know a lot of answers, but we do know of the power of prayer. Please lift up the Groen's. Let them feel God's presence all around them so they know that they are never alone.

**Please continue to lift Kelli Vande Berg, Cavell Van Westen and Roger Lindburg** up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. Pray for strength and healing for them as well as a sense of God's presence in their lives.

**Pray for those who are mourning**, whether it has been years ago or just a few moments ago. Pray for God's comfort and peace for those facing the pain of loss.

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: September 2</b>	<b>Next Week: September 9</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Dave & Jessica McDyer/family <b>M:</b> John & Kim McDougall/family <b>E:</b> Ed & Leona Meendering	<b>W:</b> Keith & Brenda Michelson <b>M:</b> Dick & Marcia Oldenkamp <b>E:</b> Marlys Pietz & Jen Schram
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<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>SE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>C:</b> Josh Lucas <b>SW:</b> Dr. Greg Kosters <b>BE:</b> Arnie Langstraat <b>BW:</b> Ken Loerts
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Bill Hartzell <b>Open Door:</b> Dick Oldenkamp	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Heath De Jong <b>Open Door:</b> Marcus De Boer
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>Children and Worship is on Summer Break... See you next Sunday!!</b>	<b>Children and Worship</b> <b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kosters <b>Helper:</b> Family of Brynna Loerts <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kosters <b>Helper:</b> Family of
<b>Nursery:</b>	<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>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Laurel & Natalie Klaassen <b>Sunday School:</b> Peg Van Kley <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Kathy Runia & Abby Kreykes
<b>Library:</b>	Janice Runia	Jen Schram
<b>Coffee:</b>	Greg & Deb Kosters	Charlie & Brenda Kuhl



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Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8am -1pm

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\*\*\*All bulletin announcements are due in the church office by Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.\*\*\*