

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



## The Battle Begins



***Welcome to Church!***

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

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***

#### **9:00 am - Cornerstone Service**

- Children and Worship for those 3 yrs-Kindergarten

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

#### **Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time**

- Sunday School 4yrs-12th Grade
- Adult Sunday School Guide class meets in the Library
- Men's Bible Study meets on the West end of the Fellowship Hall
- Women's Bible Study "Grace Filled Marriage" meets on the West end of the Fellowship Hall
  - Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
  - Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

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#### **11 am - Open Door Service**

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

- Children and Worship for those 3 yrs-Kindergarten

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

#### **MESSAGE:**

**"THE BATTLE BEGINS "**

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

**Joshua 6:1-23 PG: 337**

### ***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings for February 9, 2020:** General Fund-\$3044; Benevolent Fund-\$310; Building Fund-\$0; Remnant Youth-\$280; Osceola Communities Express-\$20. Attendance: 1st-119; 2nd-80.

**Special Offering for February is Middle School/High School Remnant**

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, February 16:

- **8:30 am Joyful Voices Choir will Practice to sing today**
- **Today we continue the Sermon Series, "The Story" with the sermon topic "The Battle Begins"** Today's sermon is based off of Chapter 7 pages 89-102 in the book "The Story." We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for sharing their musical talent with us this morning.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **6:00 pm Ministry Team Training** will take place. This training is for all members of all ministry teams.
- **6:30 pm Sunday Evening "The Story" Bible Study** will meet at Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar's home.

### Monday, February 17:

- **9:00 am Faith Bible Study will meet**
- **3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet**
- **7:00 pm "The Story" Monday Night Bible Study will meet**

### Tuesday, February 18:

- **8:30 am Chickadee Quilters**

### Wednesday, February 19:

- **9:00 am Mothers Together will meet**
- **6:30 pm Wednesday night "The Story" Bible Study at Pastor Luke's house**
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups will meet**
  - 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
  - 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant meets in the Youth Room
  - 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant meets in the Youth Room.

### Friday, February 21:

- **Pastor Luke will be out of town on the 21st and 22nd.** If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact Harold Ernst.

### Saturday, February 22:

- **6:00 pm: AGAPE Meal and a Movie** (see announcement for more info)

### Sunday, February 23:

- **NO Joyful Voices Choir**
- **Today we will conclude the first set of messages on, "The Story" with the sermon topic "A Few Good Men...And Women"** Today's sermon is based off of Chapter 8 pages 103-119 in the book "The Story." For corresponding scripture please see Sermon Notes page in the bulletin. Today we will also have Communion Preparatory to help prepare our hearts and minds to partake in the Lord's Supper next week.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**

## Mark Your Calendars

- March 1:** Communion Sunday  
**March 2:** 6:30 Special Elder Meeting  
**March 4:** 5-7pm Remnant Soup and Pie Supper

## Go! And Serve Him

## Opportunities and Events

### Sibley First Reformed Church

# Agape Meal

# and a Movie

**Saturday, February 22 Doors Open at 6:00 PM**

STEAK SUPPER WITH CHEESY POTATOES,  
GREEN BEANS, CEASAR SALAD , AND PIE

Movie "War Room" will be shown following Meal

**Anyone is invited to attend!!**

**\$25 Single or \$40 couple**

**Call 712-754-2783 or**

**stop at the church office to reserve your tickets**

\*\*A High School Remnant Rocky Mountain High 2020 Fundraiser\*\*



**Winter won't last forever...Summer is just around the corner!!**

Please grab a brochure today to see all the exciting opportunities that await our young people this summer at Inspiration Hills. **Please remember our church will pay 1/2 of the Camp registration fees only.** If you want to provide a canteen card for your student that needs to be covered 100% by the family. If you have any questions please contact the office. Thanks!



**First Reformed Church is in charge of Meals on Wheels** for the week of February 17-21. Please head to the Information Center to get signed up. Thanks!

**It is time to clean out your closets!!** The Chickadee Quilters are in need of blankets, mattress pads and bed spreads for their homeless quilts. Donations can be dropped off in the Fireside Room. Thanks!!

**A limited number of Missionary Prayer Cards** have been placed on the Information Center for anyone who is interested in having those.

**The Remnant Youth Soup and Pie Supper will be March 4 from 5-7pm.** Sign up sheets have been posted. If you have a child in youth group be sure to sign up to help and donate food. Others are welcomed to sign up as well. Thanks!

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### Opportunities and Events

**REGISTER FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME!** Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend of **March 6-8** at Carmel Reformed in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org/sign-up](http://www.TriStateTEC.org/sign-up) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

**Sibley-Ocheyedan High School is hosting** IHSSA District Individual Speech contest on **February 29, 2020!** We need room hosts, timers, and concession workers. You could work all day or a morning/afternoon shift. Please contact Rachel Keber at [rachel.keber@thegenerals.org](mailto:rachel.keber@thegenerals.org) if you can help or have questions.

**The Fellowship of the Carpenter youth group** will hold their annual Soup & Pie Supper on **Wednesday, Feb. 19, serving from 5-7 p.m.**, in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Chili, Broccoli & Cheese, Chicken 'n Noodle, Chicken 'n Wild Rice, Chicken Tortilla, and Vegetable Beef soups will be available, along with ham 'n cheese sandwiches, and a variety of pies and desserts. For carry outs, please call 754-2479. All are invited! Freewill offering. Proceeds go to help cover costs of Rocky Mountain High.

### Drivers Needed!!

We are in need of drivers to help Marlys Pietz get to her Dialysis Treatments in Worthington. If you are willing and able to help, please use the new sign up sheet on the Information Center. Thanks!



### S-O Elementary Early Childhood Registration

Registration  
Deadline:  
Friday,  
February 21, 2020



#### CHILDREN AGE 4:

If you have a child who will be (4) by September 15, 2020, and are interested in having him/her attend S-O Elementary Preschool in the fall, please call to register.

#### CHILDREN AGE 5:

If you have a child who will be (5) by September 15, 2020, and are interested in having him/her attend S-O Elementary Pre-K in the fall, please call to register.

#### KINDERGARTEN:

If you have a child who will be (5) by September 15, 2020, and they are not currently enrolled in the S-O Preschool or Pre-K programs please call to register.

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
PLEASE CALL (712)754-3636**

## Sermon Notes:

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#### SCRIPTURE:

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### Suggested Readings for February 16, 2020

#### Session 8: February 23, 2020 - A Few Good Men...and Women (Chapter 8)

Incomplete Conquest and Apostasy (Judges 1:1 – 3:6)

Oppression and Deliverance (Judges 3:7 – 16:31)

Othniel defeats Aram Naharaim (Judges 3:7 – 11)

Ehud defeats Moab (Judges 3:12 – 30)

Deborah defeats Canaan (Judges 4 – 5)

Gideon defeats Midian (Judges 6 – 8)

Jephthah defeats Ammon (Judges 10:6 – 12:7)

Samson check Philistia (Judges 13 – 16)

Religious and Moral Disorder (Judges 17 – 21)

## 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:** Margaret Calsbeek, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim Ten Cley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

## In Our Prayers

Please continue to lift LaVon Dykstra, Jessa Wolter, Dianne Kass, Anita Hoting, Marilynn DeBoer, Chelsey Alexander, Dave Stofferan, Dean Ackerman, Jodene Kruse, Larry Riebeling, Ray Schram, Dave Kleinwolterink, Cavell Van Westen, Kelli Van De Berg, and Michael Block Jr. up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues.

Larry Verdoorn was able to return home from the hospital on Wednesday from his hip replacement surgery. Please lift him up in your prayers as he continues to recover.

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: February 16</b>	<b>Next Week: February 23</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	W: Dave & Lesa Stofferan M: Bob & Gladys Tiedeman E: Ken & Sharalyn Tjaden	W: Greg & Tami Tracy/family M: Chad & Megan Travaille/family E: Randy Van De Berg & Ryan Wiersma
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	E: Cal Runia C: Pastor Luke W: Josh Lucas BE: Marlin Runia BW: Bob Tiedeman	E: Duane Vande Hoef C: Paul Vander Linden W: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: John Van Diepen
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Harold Ernst <b>Open Door:</b> Greg Kosters	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Marlin Roelfs <b>Open Door:</b> Marlin Runia
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>Children and Worship</b> 9:00 am: Karen Honken <b>Helper:</b> Aiden Ver Steeg 11:00 am: Karen Honken <b>Helper:</b> Family of Jackson/Cole Van Tilburg	<b>Children and Worship</b> 9:00 am: Deb Kosters <b>Helper:</b> Elliot Daiker 11:00 am: Deb Kosters <b>Helper:</b> Family of Addison McDyer
<b>Nursery:</b>	9:30 am: Chelsea Hulstein & Karissa Hulstein <b>Sunday School:</b> Jena Ver Steeg 11:00 am: Marvella & Uchan Harberts	9:30 am: Wilma Leusink & Andrea Leusink <b>Sunday School:</b> Heidi Saylor 11:00 am: Sandy Heronimus & Kira Christensen
<b>Library:</b>	Jamie Hulstein	Jan Juffer
<b>Coffee:</b>	Scott & Jamie Hulstein	Burt and Jan Henrichs



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