

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



**Standing Tall - Falling Hard**



***Welcome to Church!***

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. Remember, we will continue to broadcast each service via Facebook live and later on our church website: [sibleyfrch.org](http://sibleyfrch.org). Whatever way you choose to worship with us today, we pray it will be a blessing to you.

***Glorify! God With Worship***

**9:00am Traditional Service**

- Children and Worship will resume September 13, 2020 only during the 9:00 service.

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

**Coffee Fellowship**

- Sunday School 4yrs-12th Grade will resume September 13, 2020
  - Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

**11:00 am Open Door Service**

***Grow! In His Word***

**SCRIPTURE:**

**1 SAMUEL 1-15**

**(ESPECIALLY 1 SAMUEL 15:10-23)**

**MESSAGE:**

**"STANDING TALL - FALLING HARD"**

***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings for August 30, 2020:** General Fund-\$4511; Benevolent Fund-\$215; Building Fund-\$60; Village Northwest;\$50. Attendance: 145.

**Special offering for September is Talking Bibles.**

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, September 6:

- **Today we continue of series on *The Story*** with today's topic "Standing Tall - Falling Hard." Please see *The Story* announcement in this week's bulletin to help you prepare for next week's sermon. Remember, you are welcome to bring your own Bible along with you to worship if you wish to follow along with the scriptures.

### Monday, September 7:

- **7:00 pm** Women's Monday Night Bible Study will meet in the Library.

### Tuesday, September 8:

- **7:00pm** Deacon Budget meeting in Fireside Room

### Wednesday, September 9:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Group begins**  
**6:30 pm** 1st-5th Grade Bible Classes  
**6:30 pm** MS Remnant will meet in the Youth Room  
**7:30 pm** HS Remnant will meet in the Youth Room

### Sunday, September 13:

- **Today we continue of series on *The Story*** with today's topic "From Shepherd to King." Please see *The Story* announcement in this week's bulletin to help you prepare for next week's sermon. Today we have the privilege of distributing Bibles to our 1st, 5th and 9-12th Grades. Remember, you are welcome to bring your own Bible along with you to worship if you wish to follow along with the scriptures.
- **10:10 am Sunday School resumes** in Pastor Luke's backyard. Remember to bring your Bibles and a towel to sit on.

## Mark Your Calendars

**September 14:** 6:00pm Elder / Deacon Meetings  
7:00pm Full Consistory will meet

**September 20:** Deadline to have Deacon nomination ballots returned to church. Please see the newsletter and check your mail for more details.

**September 23:** Drive Through Soup and Pie Supper. More details to follow!

## Transition Update

### PHASE 2: TRANSITION

#### OPENING UP CHURCH AGAIN

REVISED 8/31/2020

#### Phase 2A. Individual Safety

##### REDUCE TO MODERATE SAFE DISTANCING

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| • Sick Must Stay Home                        | • Drop-Off Only (Offering)                   |
| • Masks (Optional)                           | • Pre-Packaged Communion                     |
| • Sanitizer Stations                         | • Bulletins / Newsletters Handed Out         |
| • Handshakes (Optional)                      | • Children & Worship only during 9am Service |
| • Youth and Education activities resume      | • Increased Sanctuary Seating                |
| • Nursery is Available (Will Not Be Staffed) | • Intense Cleaning of High Touchpoint Areas  |
| • Coffee Time (Beverages Only)               |  |

#### Phase 2B. Church Programming

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| • Offer Two Services                | • Church Available for Small Gatherings |
| • Small Gatherings Resume           |   |
| • Continue Social Media Connections | • Continue Live-Stream For "Cautious"   |

For the month of September our education program will be as follows:

- **Wednesday night Bible Class** will begin September 9, for grades 1-5. For the month of September, lessons will be in a take home packet. We are asking parents to do the lessons with your children at home. Packets will be available for **pickup Sunday, September 6 in the Narthex. There will not be Wednesday Night Bible Classes held in the Church building.**
- **Sunday School for Pre-K through High School** will begin September 13. Sunday School will be held outdoors, weather permitting, in Pastor Luke's backyard. We are asking students to bring a towel to sit on and their Bible to class each week. Parents are encouraged to join their students in this new adventure.

## In Our Prayers

If you have a pastoral need while Pastor Luke is on vacation, please call Harold Ernst, any member of Consistory 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:** Gaylord Kruger, Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Marlys Brink, 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

**Continue to lift up** Rhonda Henrichs and her family as Rhonda deals with cancer. Pray for strength and healing for her.

**Please continue to lift all those who have undergone recent surgeries.** Pray for healing and strength for them.

**Please also remember all those who have had recent illnesses.** Pray for health to be restored to them.

**Please continue to lift Kelly Van De Berg** up in your prayers as she meets with doctors to discuss the next steps in her healing process.

## Updates You Need To Know:



**It's that time of year again.** Time to nominate individuals to serve on the First Reformed Consistory. Being it is an even numbered year (2020), we will be nominating Deacons first. Deacon Nomination Ballots along with a list of eligible names have been mailed to you. You should either have received these items in the mail already or will in the next couple days. Please prayerfully consider your nominations. We ask that all Nomination Ballots be returned to the church **No Later than September 20**. They can be dropped off the week prior to the 20th or bring them with you on the 20th so they can be collected in the back of church. As soon as we have a Deacon Slate we will be mailing out the Elder nomination ballots. If you have any question please contact an Elder or Pastor Luke.

**New Address: Gary and Sandy De Vries have moved.** Their new address is: 3349 Prairie Meadow Drive, Unit A, Milford, IA 51351.

## Go! Be The Light Of Jesus

### Hands & Feet Opportunities



**This time of year is usually the best time to shop for school supplies to put in your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** Pick up crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, notebooks and solar calculators while they are on sale!



**The Hands and Feet opportunity for the Month of September** are items for Atlas. We will once again be collecting food for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. All Non Perishable food items can be dropped off in the box by the office doors M-F 7am-2pm. Thank you for your generosity!!

## Community Happenings & Events

**Are you looking for something fun and fulfilling to do** in your spare time? Have you ever considered volunteering? The Village Treasure Chest has great volunteer opportunities for everyone and we need you now more than ever. All proceeds from items sold at the Treasure Chest are used to provide opportunities for adults with disabilities at Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon. If you're interested, apply at [www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer](http://www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer) if you have any questions call Brenna Haack at (712) 324-5416 or email [brennah@villagenorthwest.org](mailto:brennah@villagenorthwest.org)

**Free Food Available:** The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. This month the food will be boxed ahead of time and people will be asked to drive under the car port, stay in their cars, and the food will be loaded for them. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come.



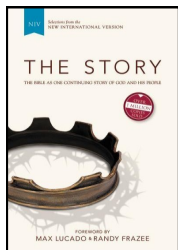
**St. Andrew's Catholic Daughters are offering** "Pray for our Country" signs. These attractive signs measure 24" X 18" and they are asking for a donation of \$20 per sign. If you are interested in purchasing this two-sided prayer sign please contact: Lila Hatting – 712-461-1684 or Bonnie Gregg 712-754-4812 to place an order, or with any questions. Our country is in need of prayer, and these reminders will, hopefully, encourage that.



## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 1-15 (ESPECIALLY 1 SAMUEL 15:10-23)**

**MESSAGE: "STANDING TALL - FALLING HARD"**



### Suggested Readings to prepare for *The Story* Sermon Series:

9/6	1 Samuel 1 – 15; especially I Samuel 15:10-23
9/13	1 Samuel 16 - II Samuel 1- 9; especially I Samuel 17:29-37
9/20	II Samuel 10-24; and especially Psalm 51
9/27	I Kings 1 – 11; especially 1 Kings 1:28-31, 1 Kings 4:29-34

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: September 6</b>	<b>Next Week: September 13:</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	The Nursery is open but is unstaffed. Parents please feel free to use the nursery as you may need.	The Nursery is open but is unstaffed. Parents please feel free to use the nursery as you may need.
<b>Library:</b>	Ruth Ann Wiersma	Jane Buysman
<b>Coffee:</b>	Scott and Jamie Hulstein	Ger and Barb Van Diepen

## Opportunities to Serve

**While we have had good capable people serve** by running sound, video, and computer during our worship services, we are in need of building that team with a few more to help out. If you have an interest, ability, gifts or might be interested in serving by helping with sound, video, or computer during the worship services here at First Sibley, we ask you to prayerfully consider that way of helping us in worship. For more information, please contact the church office, or a member of the worship ministry.

**The Education year is starting!!** Please see the bulletin announcement for more details. Right now, we are in need of Sunday **School Teachers** for the following grades: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd (Combined Class) & 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (Combined Class)

**\*\*Call Diane Langstraat for details and to sign up to teach. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!!**

**Youth Sponsors Needed!** If you have a heart for youth and are looking for a fun, exciting and inspiring way to use your talents we have the job for you! The Middle School and High School Remnant youth are looking for a few good people to join their sponsor teams. If you would like to sign up or simply want more information, please contact Josh for all the details.



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am –2 pm  
Office is closed on Tues, Wed & Fri

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