

The Newsletter

May 2022

***Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily &
Go with Him to share
His love.***



Class of 2022

Sibley-Ocheyedan High School



**2:00 pm Commencement at
The Sibley-Ocheyedan High School**



May at a Glance

- 8: 10:00 am Youth Sunday Service
- 15: 10:00 am Graduation Sunday
2:00 pm S-O High School Graduation
- 16: 9:30 am: Faith Bible Study
 - 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study
- 17: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 18: Last Youth Groups for 21-22 year
- 22: Communion Sunday

*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship Time
- 9:00 am New Member Class will meet
Sunday School is on Summer Break
- 10:00 am Praise & Worship Service

*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- Bible Classes are on Summer Break
- 6:30 pm MS Remnant Youth Group
- 7:30 pm HS Remnant Youth Group
(Last MS & HS YG will be 5/18/22)

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Stewardship & Giving

Offering Summary through April 24:

- **General Fund:** \$109,998.03
Budget: \$315,827.88; 34% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund:** \$10,719.61
Budget: \$70,626.12; 15% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date:** \$420

Faith In Action for May

VBS Sign ups!



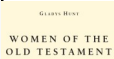
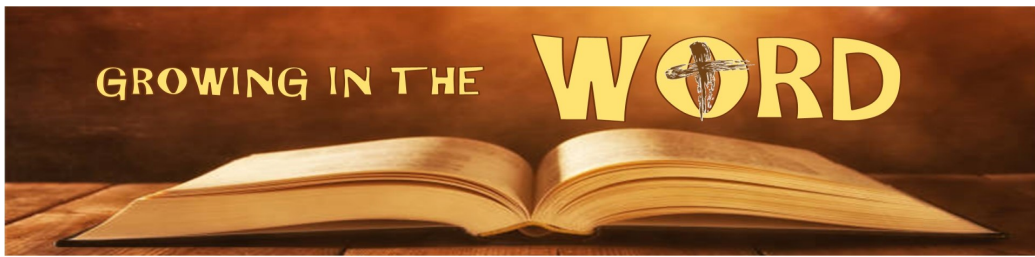
Use the VBS registration link on the back of this newsletter to signup to volunteer your time for VBS!! Keep an eye on the Information Center as Food and Volunteer Needs will be made available.

Special Offering for May *Radiate Haiti Ministries*



Trivia Time!!

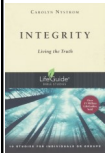
1. "And Cush begat _____. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord."
2. What was the name of the queen that was replaced by Esther?
3. What Bible character was called "The Tishbite"?
4. Who in the Bible asked God to put his tears in a bottle?
5. What was the name of the archangel who debated with the devil?
6. What does the word Ichabod mean?
7. The apostle Peter was known by three other names. What were they?
8. What was the name of the runaway slave who went back to his master?
9. Who said, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves"?
10. What is the name of the partially blind man who was ninety-eight years old and was very fat who fell off his seat and broke his neck?
11. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
12. What Bible character accidentally hanged himself in a tree?
13. How many children did Jacob have?
14. How many days was Noah on the Ark before it started to rain?
15. What type of bird fed the prophet Elijah?



Faith Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, May 16 at 9:30 am**. We will be studying Lesson #1, "The First Woman--A Far Reaching Choice," based on Genesis 3:1-13, in our new book *Women of the Old Testament* by Gladys Hunt. Janelle Van Drunen will be leader and Imogene Rasmussen will serve as hostess. All are invited as we begin this new study. Books will be placed in current attendees' mailboxes. Hope to see you there!



Patience Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, May 16 at 3:00 pm**. We will be studying the lesson "Respect Your Body" based on 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 in our book *Integrity*. Barb will lead and Lois will serve as hostess. You are invited to join us as we learn more about living with integrity as Christians.



Fellowship Bible Study at FRC every Sunday night at 6:30 pm. We will use Right Now Media or other materials to cover various topics with each topic running approximately 4-8 weeks. It is our goal to encourage spiritual growth and build relationships with our fellow church attendees. All ages, singles and couples are encouraged to attend. Child care can be arranged if needed. Come, let's GROW together!



A New Members Class will begin Sunday, May 1, at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room and continue for 4 weeks (May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd). All those planning to become members by profession of faith, transfer, or any newer members who are interested or curious are invited and encouraged to join with us.



Attention High School Students: Beginning May 1 at 4:00 pm, you are invited to the Lucas house (4973 160th Street) for a Youth Bible Study. We will be studying the book "How Do We Know the Bible is True?" Supper will be provided!! All High School students are welcome! Bring a Friend!!



Praise and Worship Greeters

- 1: E: Steve and Leanne Van Kley
C: Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
W: Brent and Brenda Wassman
- 8: E: AJ and Jenny Weg/family
C: Kody and Rachel Wills/family
W: Roger Verdoorn
- 15: E: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family
C: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family
W: Kimberly Alsip/family
- 22: E: John and Sharon Bartels
C: Gretchen Bartelson
W: Troy and Meggan Block/family
- 29: E: Travis and Jill Boeke/family
C: Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer/family
W: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort/family

Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,
but unstaffed.

Children & Worship

10:00 am during the service



**Children and Worship is on
Summer Break.
See you in the fall!!**

Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands
Group #5**
will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Dar/Dennis Jurgens
- Deb/Greg Kusters
- Shelia/Harold Van Der Sloot

Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 1: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
8: Burt and Jan Henrichs
15: Scott and Jamie Hulstein
22: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt
29: Elesson and Kelsey Joseph

Library Volunteers



- 1: Marcia Van Ruler
8: Phyllis Vander Linden
15: Alfreda Verdoorn
22: Kathy/Joel Verdoorn
29: Ruth Ann Wiersma

Hello First Reformed Church,

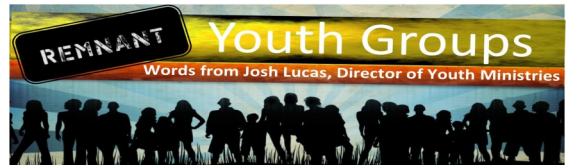
Your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for short) here to give you an update on what is happening and hopefully to encourage you! It has been a very crazy last month. I never realized just how busy the Easter time gets around here. I think a lot of people have forgotten or at least have never seen it before. With the Passion Play not being done for the last two years, Easter services being done online or with distance, or people being encouraged to not be with family during the Easter season I think people forgot just how busy this time of the year can be. I have to say that being back and doing regular services again and trying to get back to the “normal” way of doing things can be difficult but with God at the helm the pressure is off.

I hope that you were all able to go and see the Passion Play this year, it was a lot of fun to put it together and be in it. I have not done the Passion Play for four years because the last time it was done in 2019 Joanna was born and it was a difficult transition for Hannah, so I needed to be home with her during those days. However, this year was a very special one. My whole family was in it. When I say my whole family, I mean Hannah, Joanna, and Allegra. It was truly something special this year and was very heartwarming to be able to do this with my family. Also, this year it was almost an entire new cast there were only a handful of people that were the same from years past. Now that I think about it there were only about five people who returned to play the same role that they played before, everyone else was brand new. It also was special to have some of our own youth group students in the play as well. This was also only my second, I believe, Easter service I ever preached at and so it was a little bit nerve wracking but as I said before with God at the helm the pressure is off.

We are coming to a close with this year of youth group and we are already working on getting our calendar ready for the next school year. We are in the process of finishing planning for our summer activities calendar for our students. Also, we are excited to announce that our annual youth Sunday is going to be taking place on Mother’s Day this year! Furthermore, please be ready because this year we have decided to try something that has not been tried in recent years, holding the flower sale on a Saturday. This year since the youth group is going to be doing the Mother’s Day Sunday, we are going to need that Wednesday to practice the service and go over everything. Hence, why we have decided to try the Mother’s Day Flower Sale on that Saturday instead. With all of that being said the Mother’s Day Flower Sale is taking place on Saturday May 7th from 5-7 pm and there will be food provided for a freewill donation. All of the money raised will be going to go towards the summer trips that we are taking. Thank you all for taking the time to read my newsletter article. If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,

Josh Lucas



Dad Jokes With Josh:

Why was Cinderella so bad at football?

She kept running away from the ball.

2022 Annual Men & Boys FRC Fishing Trip



Where:

Hidden Hills Lodge in NE South Dakota

When:

July 7-10

Who:

Invite your grandkids, friends or any want-to-be fisherman for this fun filled weekend of fishing and discovering God's Creation.



Questions? Contact
Chris Wynia
or Dan Heilman

PRAYER WALK

Saturday, May 14
Meet at FRC at 6:00pm

Sponsored by the Outreach Ministry Team



Meeting Minutes

Consistory Meeting Highlights

- MMSA a request from Matthew Runia to transfer his membership to Westwood Church in Omaha.
- MMSA a request from Jenny Weg to use the Fireside Room to host a shower on May 7 in the morning.
- MMSA for the Youth Group to use the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen for a Mother's Day Flower Sale and meal on May 7, from 5-7PM to benefit the middle school retreat this summer
- Consistory decision to continue with 10AM worship time for Summer months.
- MMSA for special Elders' meeting to give Elders time to become educated on current denominational issues in order to inform the congregation at a later time.



Celebrations

~~*Birthday's*~~

- 1 Kenzie Wills
- 2 Brenda Ackerman
Andrea Leusink
Kristen Hurlburt
- 4 Rachel Wills
- 5 Harold Schram
Amy Carda
- 7 Tayah Beyer
- 8 Brenda Post
Tami Tracy
Codie Wynia
- 9 Ruth Ann Wiersma
- 10 Charlie Ackerman
Jamie Bruxvoort
- 11 Josh Lucas
Brody Wills
- 12 Keegan De Zeeuw
- 13 Fay Vos
Kacee Van Ruler
Kelsey Van Ruler
Dale Carda

16 Larry Verdoorn
Josh Wagenaar
Anita Hofing

17 Katha Kruger

19 Brian Alexander

20 Verlyn Smidt

21 Larry De Boer

24 Teresa Hurlburt
Lawrynn Travaille
Clayton Wagenaar

25 Imogene Rasmussen

26 Brysen Loerts

27 Cody Hurlburt
Riley Christensen

28 Sayla Julius

29 Laurie Kraayenbrink
Daren Rockman
Justin Wagenaar

30 Ed Harskamp
Gladys Tiedeman

31 Helen Vander Veen
Quinnley Ackerman

I have found
THE ONE
Whom my soul Loves
SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

~~*Anniversaries*~~

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|----|---------------------------|----------|
| 7 | Marcus and Angela De Boer | 51 years |
| 9 | Travis and Jill Boeke | 13 years |
| 10 | Dave and Sandy Lamfers | 42 years |
| 21 | Nick and Sara Buysman | 2 year |
| 27 | Dale and Karen Honken | 39 years |
| 28 | Troy and Meggan Block | 17 years |



BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
Leviticus 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Pray for our Church
2. Glenn Doorenbos
3. Kelsey Doorenbos
4. Merlin and Karen Doorenbos
5. Paul Doorenbos
6. Cory and Amy Dykstra; Cody, Wyatt, Cole
7. Pray for our College Students
8. Pray for our Church
9. LaVon Dykstra
10. Mark and Tanya Dykstra; Tanner, Makya
11. Ron and Nancy Dykstra
12. Scott and Marlys Dykstra
13. Trudy Dykstra
14. Pray for our College Students
15. Pray for our Church
16. Luella Eggink
17. Jon and Amy Elser; Mariah, Maverick
18. Anita Ernst
19. Harold and Mim Ernst
20. Paul Feldkamp; Hudson; Tyler; Tessa
21. Pray for our College Students
22. Pray for our Church
23. Henry and Barb Fisher
24. Jacob and Sami Fox; Norah, Holden, Ingrid
25. Gert Gaalswyk
26. Russ Gaalswyk
27. Gene and Renae Groen
28. Pray for our College Students
29. Pray for our Church
30. Bob and Janice Groen
31. Clark Haken

College Students:

Carter Brouwer

Andrea Leusink

Austin Wassman

Tyler Feldkamp

Dalten Bremer

Ashilyn Hulstein

Natalie Klaassen

Leah Ackerman

Grant Brouwer

Tanner Dykstra

Jaeger Johnson

Alex Mc Dougall

Ryan Van Marel

Peyton Crichton

Hannah Lucas

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &
Adrian Bobb
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki
Brian & Donna Renes
J.J. & Tim TenClay
Rowland & Jan Van Es

PRAYER JOURNAL

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MacKenzie Faith Beyer

~~Daughter of Davis and Kristen Beyer~~

I plan to attend Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA to major in Law and minor in Business. My favorite church memory is making my profession of faith and continuing to grow in faith afterwards.



Logan Harold Bruxvoort

~~Son of Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort~~

I plan to attend Minnesota West in Jackson, MN for their Welding program. My favorite memory is going on Work Trips to Texas.



Kaden Dale Maxwell

~~Son of Cory and Anne Maxwell~~

I will be attending Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, SD for their Precision Ag program. My favorite church memory was the Mission Trip to Louisiana and when Josh got pulled over.



Theodore Kent Van Gelder

~~Son of Joel and Angie Van Gelder and the late Mandy Van Gelder~~

I will be attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD and major in their Ag Systems Technology program. My favorite church memory was when Josh drank four cartons of milk if the kids promised to be quiet during class.





**REMNANT
SOUP & PIE
SUPPER
FLASH
BACK**



A Letter from Pastor Colas

Good Morning church, I greet you all in the name of the Lord and thank you very much for the gift. I want to share these Bible verses with all of you who are a part of the church.

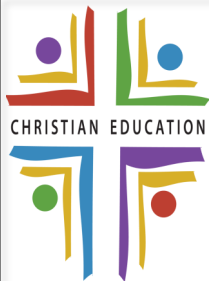
Colossians 3:14-17

[14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

We are praying for the entire church, please continue praying for Haiti. God bless you all!

Thanks,
Pastor Colas





Education Schedule:

Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:
If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities.

- **Sunday School:** Is on Summer Break
- **Wednesday Bible Classes:** Is on Summer
- **HS Remnant Youth Group:** Last session will be on May 18
- **MS Remnant Youth Group:** Last session will be on May 18



Clint Henrichs graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, IA with a degree in Computer and Network Security in December, 2021. He continues to take classes to further his education

Wyatt Dykstra will graduate in May 2022 from Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City, IA after completing the Construction Program. He will be working at Top Quality Construction and Cabinetry in Sheldon, IA.

Alyssa Wassman will graduate in May 2022 from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN with a Bachelors' degree in Elementary Education. She plans to student teach this fall and then look for a position as an Elementary teacher.

Mariah Elser will graduate in May 2022 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in Lincoln, NE with Bachelor of Art degrees in Advertising and Public Relations; Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management; and minors in Communications and Business. She plans to complete her internship at the Cannes Film Festival and then move to Orlando, FL to return to the Disney College Program.

Jaden Ables will graduate in May 2022 from the University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, SD with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She plans to remain in Sioux Falls and work for Sanford Hospital.

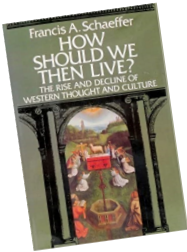
If you have a or are a college graduate please forward your information to the office so we can celebrate with you!

HOW WILL WE LIVE NOW?

I am sure I am not alone when I say that during the past two years America has been turned up-side-down and inside-out. 2020 saw riots unlike anything we have seen since the cultural revolutions of the 1960's and 70s. Since then our language has been littered with new words and terms, or by the redefining of existing words. Two years ago most of us were not regularly talking about WOKE, CRT, or LGBTQIA2S, gender identity, social justice, and many others. In October 2021, Merriam-Webster added 455 new words to their dictionary!

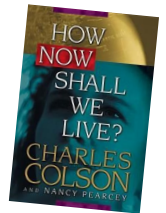
Media is quick to use these terms, and assume that we all know what they mean or where they came from. However, a followers of Jesus Christ we need to know what is being said, what it means and how we are to respond to these new ways of thinking.

While it may seem that these ideas exploded out of nowhere, they did not. Each of these new ideas and movements came from other, older ideas. As Dr. R.C. Sproul taught, there are **consequences to ideas**. Recently someone thoughtfully said that they liked hearing me teach, but said I was 'above their heads'. But I don't know anything that everyone can't learn—so during the next few months I am going to talk a bit about the ideas that have shaped our world. I am also going to add a few resources to the church library so you can read more if you are interested.



The changes we are experiencing now have come from philosophers and theologians of past centuries. One of the most influential teachers of my early adult life was Dr. Francis Schaeffer. One book above all others are worth reading now. In 1976, he published ***How Should We Then Live? The Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture***. Since reading this book I have visited many museums and cultural sites around the world and I always hear his words in my head. He explained the ideas that shaped our Western culture and he produced a video series—before everything was video. There will be a DVD copy in the library in the next few weeks.

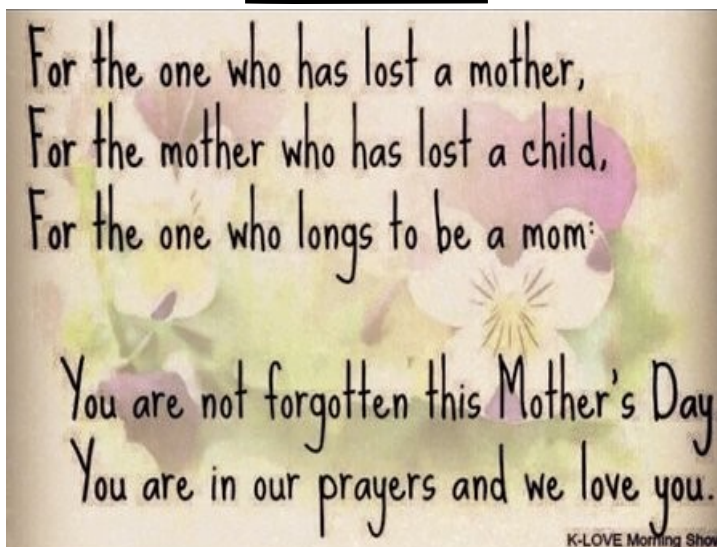
In 1999 Charles Colson published ***How Now Should We Live?*** He continued the discussion, explaining how we became a post-Christian culture and suggested ways we could rebuild our world with a biblical worldview. I have also read this book many times. For a time the student version was a part of the catechism classes for high school students at our church. I'll keep looking for the DVD of this series—but the book will be available to read.



Why this? Why now? Because It seems that our culture is disintegrating around our ears. There will be no 'swing back' from the changes we are now experiencing. What we are witnessing is the end of the dominant influence of Christianity on the western world. Dr. Robert Godfrey said in March of this year (2022 Ligonier National Conference) that the Obergefell Decision (June 2015) is the date that marks the end of the Christian era in the western world. He contends that the date we legalized same-sex marriage is a good date to mark the end of 1,500 years of Christian dominance over culture. This is pretty depressing!

However, **we are not without hope**. Quite the contrary. Both books used Ezekiel 33:10 as the text for the title of their books. "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, *'This is what you have said: "Surely our offenses and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?"'*

In verse 11 God gives us the solution. "Turn back, turn back from your evil ways!" If we do, and if our culture also turns back, then we will see our culture be redeemed. ***We have HOPE because God gives hope to us.***



Mom to daughter, *I hope she knows...*

I hope she knows how hard I try to be a good mom.

I hope she knows that my frustration never diminishes my love for her.

I hope she knows I don't want her to strive for perfection; I want her to strive to do her best.

I hope she knows how much joy she brings me *each and every day*.

I hope she knows that her laugh lights up my life.

I hope she knows that I will support her no matter her choices, and no matter where life takes her.

I hope she knows that she is always worthy, just as she is.

I hope she knows that labels, grades, numbers on a scale, and other people's opinions *do not define her*.

I hope she knows to do what is right and not what is easy.

I hope she knows that it is a privilege to watch her grow, even though it also breaks my heart.

I hope she knows that she is capable, and that *the sky is the limit for her*.

I hope she knows that every pain, tear, and heartbreak she experiences I feel a thousandfold.

I hope she knows that she is loved beyond measure and beyond words.

I hope she knows that I will never get it all right, *but I will always keep trying*.

I hope she knows.

Even though I tell her...

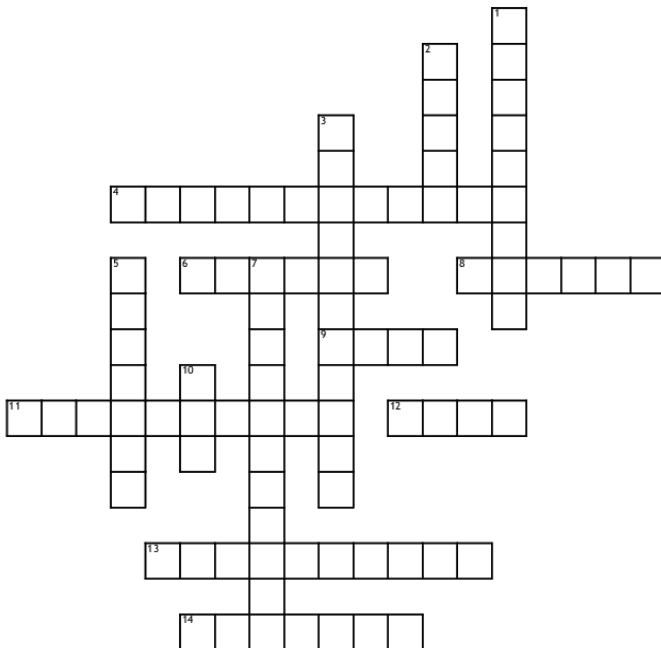
I hope she knows.

Memorial Day - USA

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 GRAVES
 LAST MONDAY
 MEMORIAL DAY
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 REMEMBERING
 SERVICE
 UNITED STATES

ARMED FORCES
 DECORATION DAY
 DINNER ON THE GROUND
 FLAG
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 REMEMBRANCE
 SERVING
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Across

4. It is a tradition to fly this on memorial day.
6. Memorial Day often is treated as the beginning of this season.
8. The day of the week that Memorial Day is celebrated.
9. This is often played at ceremonies on Memorial Day.
11. Memorial Day used to be known as _____ Day.
12. The flag only stays at half staff until this time.
13. The Flower used as the symbol of remembrance
14. In May of 2000 this President declared a National Moment of Remembrance at 3pm Central time.

Down

1. Each year the 3rd U.S. Infantry places a small American flag before the gravestones and niches of service members buried at this National Cemetery.
2. Memorial Day originated from the ____ War.
3. Often decorated with flowers for Fallen Soldiers.
5. This state is the official birthplace of Memorial Day.
7. This was the only southern state willing to celebrate the first Memorial Day.
10. The month Memorial Day falls in.



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible study Verses

Mark 7:14-16

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." (NIV)



Thoughts

I come from a ranching and farming heritage. Growing up in a very rural area, I was tasked from my earliest childhood with taking care of horses, livestock, and hunting--the only kind of life I knew until adulthood. Butchering livestock and wild game was nothing out of the "norm".

Along with that, harvesting various parts of animals for consumption, not considered edible by your average urban dweller, was also normal--the stomach of a cow or the liver of a deer to name a few. I have mentioned this to some friends throughout my life with less than positive responses: "Ugh! Cow tongue?!" "You eat rattlesnake?! You can't eat that stuff!"

Action Point

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. Read James 1:23-24.

Just as eating the less popular parts of an animal will not make you unclean, if your actions are not forthright, affiliation with a respected sportsmen group will not make you a true sportsman. Likewise, it does not matter what church you belong to, if your life and doctrine are not in agreement with it, membership will be of no advantage to you. "But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it-not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it-they will be blessed in what they do," James 1:25 (NIV).

Do not be tempted to cut ethical corners in the field, but be an ambassador for Christ wherever you are. You never know when the clean bright light that comes from you will shine on someone who will be influenced toward Christ!!!

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

When dealing with anti-hunters or anti-meat eaters, try not to overpower them with your opinions on the subject. They expect that from us. I always find it interesting to listen and take a philosophical approach. I have influenced at least one non-meat eater this way. Though he still does not eat meat, he is actually an advocate of hunting!

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Nimrod (Gen 10:8-9) 2. Vashti (Esther 1:17) 3. Elijah (1Kings 17:1) 4. David (Psalm 56:8)
5. Michael (Jude 9) 6. The glory is departed (1 Sam 4:21) 7. Cephas (John 1:21) Simon (Matt 10:2) Simon (Acts 15:14) 8. Onesimus (Philemon 10-12) 9. Goliath (1 Sam 17:43) 10. Eli (1 Sam 4:15,18)
11. Jesus wept. (John 11:35) 12. Absalom (2 Sam 18:9-10) 13. 13 (Gen 29, 30, 35)
14. 7 (Gen 7:1,4) 15. Raven (1 kings 17:1,6)



First of all, receive our heartfelt thanks for your prayers and generous support towards our ministry here in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Last year, despite all the COVID-19 challenges, we made it through with the children at both feeding places.

We ended the year with a great thanksgiving celebration. A lady from our church donated us a whole pig and the children had a pork meal for that special day plus their little gift packages.

We began this year with a new face of the feeding place. First, we painted the inner part of the building and made new tables with benches for the children. For the first feeding time of the year 2022, they were able to sit around a table like they used to before the COVID-19 days and enjoy their meal.

The Tabitha's Homes are still functioning, although not with the same objectives as before but similar. Since last year, they have been serving as a home for low-income and poor family children from the small villages that are willing to continue with their studies in Bluefields. Currently, we have four boys and four girls, half in primary and half in the secondary level. The Spanish language has been a problem for some of them but they have improved a lot this year and are doing better for this year.



The Medical brigades continue to visit the sick and poor in the remote villages. Now, besides medical attention, we do papanicolaou and stress and pain relief therapy. Moreover, on some occasions, we even carry dentists when patronized by any generous person.

The pastor and midwife training was paused last year because of the pandemic threat but since we have gotten the vaccine we are thinking of starting again this year.



Prayer Requests:

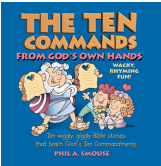
1. Please pray for health, strength, and protection for all the children in the feeding places.
2. Pray for the boys and girls that are currently in our care and are studying.
3. Pray for our family's health and for more wisdom for us to lead the ministry.
4. Pray for the safety of the medical brigades.
5. Pray for showers of blessings for this ministry in Bluefields.

Take care and be faithful until death so you can receive the crown of glory from the Lord.

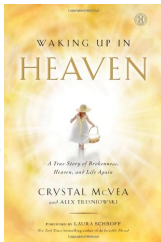
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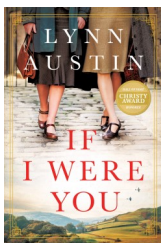
From the library--



The first book listed this time is in the children's section: **THE TEN COMMANDS FROM GOD'S OWN HANDS** by Phil A. Smouse. "He was the biggeth and talleth and largeth and higheth. He stretched from the ground straight on up to the sky-eth! Yes, armed to the teeth both above and beneath; a big, burly Philistine giant – **GOLIATH!**" Kids have probably never heard the Ten Commandments explained in quite this way before! With rollicking rhyme and zany illustrations, Phil Smouse demonstrates the meaning of the Ten Commandments in a way that kids are sure to remember, using such favorite Bible stories as David and Goliath, Adam and Eve, Daniel in the Lions' Den and other stories, the meaning of each commandment becomes clear—on a kid's level. Help kids remember the Ten Commandments, as well as ten top Bible stories, with this fun and wacky book."



The second book is **WAKING UP IN HEAVEN A True Story of Brokenness, Heaven and Life Again** by Crystal McVea. "On December 10, 2009, Crystal McVea, a thirty-two year old mother of four, stopped breathing. Her face turned a dark shade of blue, then black. Her mother screamed for help and a nurse tried to revive her...to no avail. Today, Crystal does not remember what happened in that hospital room during the nine minutes she was unconscious and unable to breathe on her own. She has no memory of the panic and the rushing nurses and the loud cries of 'Code Blue.' She simply remembers drifting off. And she remembers waking up in heaven. For most of Crystal's broken life, she felt utterly beyond the reach of God—if God was even real. Then came December 10—and the nine minutes that changed everything."



IF I WERE YOU by Lynn Austin was donated to the library. "1940 – Eve and Audrey have been as different as two friends can be since the day they met at Wellingford Hall, where Eve's mother served as a lady's maid for Audrey's mother. As young women, those differences force them apart until the threat of Nazi invasion and war bring them back together. An American stationed in England brings a chance at love for Audrey, and the collapse of the class system gives Eve hope for a future with Audrey's brother. But in the wake of devastating loss, both women must make life altering decisions that will set in motion a web of lies and push them both to the breaking point. 1950 – In the wake of the war, Audrey Clarkson leaves her manor house in England for a fresh start in America with her young son. As a widowed war bride, Audrey needs the support of her American in-laws, whom she has never met. But she arrives to find that her longtime friend Eve Dawson has been impersonating her for the past four years. Unraveling this deception will force Audrey and Eve's secrets—and the complicated history of their friendship—to the surface.

Visit the library soon, there are many books waiting to be read!

~~Jeannette Juffer

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth about \$19 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Venus Williams' hands is a Championship Winning.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationship in God's hands because...

It depends whose hands it's in.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Graduates, remember your Creator as you move on to the next step...

Remember that God is always faithful
(1 Corinthians 1:9).

Remember that you are never alone, so be strong and courageous (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Remember that you are dearly loved
(Jeremiah 31:3).

Remember that you have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 7:23).

Remember that greater is He who is in you than He who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Remember that God has amazing plans for your life (Jeremiah 29:11).

Remember that your past does not determine your future, because you are a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Remember that our God is a God of grace... and second chances (Hebrews 4:16).

Remember that there is power in Jesus' name
(Luke 10:17).

Remember that there is power in prayer
(Mark 9:29).

Remember that God is the giver of all good gifts
(James 1:17).

Remember that in all things God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

Remember that our God is a God of redemption
(Ephesians 1:7).

Remember that God will equip you to what He calls you (Hebrews 13:21).

Remember to focus your life on God
(Hebrews 12:2).

Remember your Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Life without God is meaningless.

But life *with* God? Oh sweet ones, it's filled with love, joy, peace, satisfaction, and the hope of heaven. As Christians, our lives are not perfect. We are told that we will go through hard times and heartache, but don't forget that we are promised we won't go through them alone.

A life with God has purpose.

Don't waste your life chasing after what this world has to offer.

Focus on God and invest your days in what *will* matter for eternity: God and people.



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MOTHER'S DAY Flower Sale & Burger/Brat Feed

Sponsored by the
Middle School Remnant Youth Group

Saturday

May 7th

5pm-7pm



Flowers Galore Including:
Bedding Plants, Beautiful
Hanging Baskets, and
Gorgeous Arrangements

All Proceeds go toward the
Middle School Summer Retreat!!

Location:

First Reformed Church Fellowship Hall



VBS at FRC is going to be
MONUMENTAL!!!

Mark your calendars!!

VBS will take place from
5:30pm-8:30pm,
Sunday, June 5 -
Thursday, June 9

VBS Registration is Open!!! Please go to the following link
to register your student and to volunteer to help.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/56b7a0> . The link can also
be accessed by scanning this QR code. If you have any ques-
tions, please contact Sarah Loerts.

