



The Newsletter

September 2023

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

Harvest Prayer

**Father, as we celebrate
this season of harvest,
we give thanks for the blessings of
food, provision and nourishment.**

**Please grow in us a harvest for the
world. Come sow a seed of hope
within our souls Lord, that we
might yield goodness, patience and
kindness in abundance.**

**Sow a seed of peace in our lives
Lord, that we might bear the fruits
of forgiveness, compassion and
righteousness.**

**Come sow a seed of love in our
hearts Lord, that others would reap
the blessings of family,
friendship and community.**

**May each seed of hope, peace and
love grow within us into a harvest
that can be feasted on by all.
Amen.**

September at a Glance

- 3: Elder Sample Ballots given out
- 4: Labor Day - Offices will be closed
- 10: Bibles will be handed out to 1st & 6th-9th Graders at this service
 - 10:10 am Sunday School begins
 - Elder Nominations filled out
- 11: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon meetings
 - 7:00pm Full Consistory will meet
- 13: 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home services
 - 6:30 pm Bible Classes resume
 - 6:30 pm MS Youth Group resumes
 - 7:30 pm HS Youth Group resumes
- 18: 9:30 am Faith Bible Study
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- 20: 5pm-7pm Mission Soup & Pie Supper
- 24: Communion Prep Sunday
 - Deacon Sample Ballots given out
 - Volunteers will serve at Freedom's Gate Church, Sioux Falls, SD

***Sundays (beginning September 11):**

- 9:00 am Praise & Worship Service
- 10:10 am Sunday School for 3yrs-Adult
- 10:10 am Coffee Fellowship Time

***Tuesdays:**

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

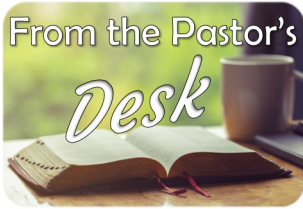
***Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:**

- 6:30-7:30pm 1st-5th gr. Bible Classes
- 6:30-7:30pm MS Remnant will meet
- 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant will meet

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Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, People have been wondering about the Restructuring conversation that has been going on within the denomination. That restructuring conversation has been happening now and more feedback was received at 2023 General Synod. It is important to note that this past General Synod was **NOT** to vote on a proposal, rather our job was to give feedback and insight for a proposal to come before the 2024 General Synod. It is important to note that this con-

gregation is close to 400 years old and change in any church organization is never fast as you well know. I would like to share with you the values and principles that are guiding this discussion.

RCA Values The Reformed Church in America recognizes this current moment as a strategic opportunity to faithfully discern and determine its call as a 21st century institution and beyond. As a part of this process, the GSC staff of the RCA faithfully commit to the following values as part of the expression of church and mission in our participation in the disruptive, redemptive, and transformative work of Jesus Christ here on earth:

- WE VALUE the multiplicative and generative work of the Holy Spirit, which is expressed through the practice of disciple making, apprenticeship and ministry multiplication.
- WE VALUE the body of Christ, composed of disciples and leaders of all races, abilities, and generations—men and women—who courageously contribute to God’s kingdom mission here on earth.
- WE VALUE the participation of the Church in the practice of community renewal here and around the world, partnering with local and global leaders to see the restoration and flourishing of our communities.
- WE VALUE our local and global responsibility to bear much fruit and multiply as followers of Jesus—loving God, loving others and making disciples—from where we are to the ends of the earth.

Guiding Principles for the Re-structure of the RCA

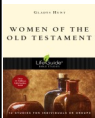
As followers of Jesus Christ and agents of transformation in the world, we must to go back to the calling we have from God to be a blessing to our communities so that the people we serve can experience the transforming power of the gospels in their lives. We need to come together in love, which is Jesus’ basic message, and to refocus all of our efforts and energy in the proclamation of the gospel and the making of new disciples of all ethnicities. In order to do that, the RCA needs to reorganize and restructure to maximize focus on the mission. These seven principles will guide the re-structuring vision for the future of the RCA:

1. Focus on the missional priorities of making disciples, multiplying leaders, ministry multiplication and missional engagement. The making of disciples must be at the tip of the spear of RCA work in the future.
2. Reaffirm the historic RCA statements on human sexuality. As a denomination we are not walking away from our historical understanding of sexuality and marriage.
3. Embrace covenantal relationships that reflect Hebrews 10:23-25 at the classis level. Classes must embrace a covenantal relationship at the local level to support and encourage one another in love for mission, ministry and good deeds.
4. Accept the RCA polity regarding exercise of discipline. RCA polity gives local classis the responsibility for the ordination and oversight of their pastors. If a pastor needs to be disciplined for any reason, his or her classis are responsible for the exercise of disciple and restoration.
5. Reorganize and streamline RCA structure to maximize focus on the mission. The organizational

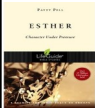
- structure of the denomination will be revised to allow for more flexibility and less bureaucracy.
6. Transition the General Synod meetings toward ministry equipping and celebration. General Synod meetings are too heavy on business. In the future we will include intentional time for leadership development and celebration of ministry.
7. Extend love and grace toward those who decide to leave.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I was at this years General Synod as a delegate for East Sioux Classis and I served as a moderator for the small group feedback sessions. I have more hope now for our denomination than I have had in a long time. We are healthier now as a classis than we have been since I transferred into East Sioux Classis in 2006. Please continue to pray that God's leading of the Reformed Church in America would bear much fruit and help others to enter and receive the kingdom that has drawn near to us in Christ.

Sincerely,
Pastor Troy



Faith Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, September 18 at 9:30 am**. We will be studying chapter #4 "Jesus the Master over Fear" in our book *Meeting Jesus*. Scripture will be Luke 8:22-39. Anita will be leader and Imogene will serve as hostess. All are invited! Hope to see you there!



Patience Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, September 18 at 3:00 pm**. We will be studying lesson 3, "Evaluating Advice" in our book, *Esther*. Scripture for the lesson is Esther 3. Barb will lead and serve as hostess.



Young Adult Singles/Married Couples Bible Study Opportunity

Plans to start in September. Please keep watching the bulletin for more details.

6:30pm Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study Opportunities beginning soon!

****Message Discussion and Application Bible Study****

*Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar's home **Begins September 10**

*FRC Fellowship Hall **Begins September 17**

Digging into God's Word: (Book to be determined)

*Kevin and Laurel Klaassen's home **Begins September 10**

All ages, singles and couples are invited to attend.

Childcare can be arranged. Come, join a group and let's grow together!

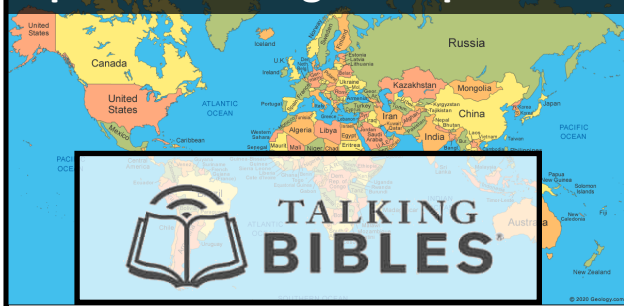


Stewardship & Giving

Offering Summary through August 26:

- **General Fund: \$222,474.44**
Budget: \$340,984.97; 65% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund: \$23,677.17**
Budget: \$70,205.23; 33% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date: \$1,590**

Special Offering for September



Faith In Action for September



Stamps

24lb Copy Paper

20lb Copy Paper

Bottled Water

Canon Ink

#240 & 241

Cans of Pop

Hershey Kisses

13 gal Trash bags

30 gal Trash bags

Grocery Cards

Gas Cards

Keurig Coffee Cups

First Reformed Church Soup & Pie Supper

**Wednesday,
September 20, 2023
5:00-7:00 pm**

*Homemade Soups,
BBQs and Pies!!!*



Consistory Meeting Highlights August 14, 2023

- MMSA Church use and Wedding request from Kalie DeBoer and Randy Fuoss on Saturday, July 27, 2023
 - Josh will be on vacation from December 18-28
- Consistory received reports from both Discernment Teams concerning denomination research. Consistory will prayerfully review information received and will reconvene for a special meeting on August 28 at 7pm.
 - Congregational meeting will be held on November 8 at 7pm.
 - Remnant Youth will host their Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser prior to the congregational meeting from 6-6:45.

Praise and Worship Greeters

- 3: E: AJ and Jenny Weg/family
C: Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma
W: Ryan Wiersma
- 10: E: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family
C: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family
W: Kim Alsip/family
- 17: E: Gretchen Bartelson
C: Tony and Jamiey Bevers/family
W: Troy and Meggan Block/family
- 24: E: Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer
C: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort/family
W: Nate and Angie Buysman

Nursery



Our Church Nursery is currently available for use but is unstaffed. If you see a need to have the nursery staffed during

Sunday services or Sunday School, please contact anyone on the Worship Committee and we will set up a staffing schedule.

Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 3: Ed and Jan Harskamp
10: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
17: Scott and Jamie Hulstein
24: Burt and Jan Henrichs

Children & Worship during the service



**Children and Worship is for
3 yr- Kindergarten Students**

- 3: On Summer Break
10: Deb Kosters
17: Deb Kosters
24: Deb Kosters

Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands
Group #3**
will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Jamie/Scott Hulstein
- Sandy/Dave Lamfers

Library Volunteers



- 3: Jamie Hulstein
10: Jan Juffer
17: Jeannette Juffer
24: Leona Meendering



WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

I love words. I love it when they make me think, or smile or sometimes laugh out loud. For example, what does it say when I buy **Old Dutch** tortilla chips to make **nachos**? I wonder if we could buy **Old Mexican stroopwafles** south of the border?

Putting the silliness aside, one reason I studied theology in college was that I love the words of God, because they reveal the nature and character of God. The more I learn, the more there is to learn. There is no end to learning about the God of glory. He is infinite and I am not! I always think about the words from *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. As the book ends everyone in Narnia is running towards Aslan—faster and faster and faster! This is what he wrote, “*The further up and the further in you go, the bigger everything gets. The inside is larger than the outside.*” God is like that, as his word.

One of the great blessings that I have had the past few months was to work on the Denomination Discernment team. It was delightful to work with a great team that took the time to evaluate many, many denominations. We had several criteria we used in the evaluation process, but the primary question was to find denominations that were faithful to Biblical inerrancy and infallibility.

To do this we looked at the confessions, statements on websites, BCOs and other documents to try to see who consistently seeks to treat the Bible as described in the Belgic Confession. It wasn’t always easy. Theological words can get slippery—and understanding the underlying theological positions. Our team learned to dig down, ask questions, read lots, and then discuss our findings to come to a consensus to present to the consistory.

It was fun! I took the time to read the Triple Unity (*Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism and Canons of Dordt*), and the Westminster Confession and Catechisms again. And, just for extra fun, I read the scriptural supports. I am convinced that the reformational scholars that wrote these confessions were correct, and what they wrote was as important now—as then. They were confronted with the errors of Catholicism, while we are facing the errors of liberal theology.

The purpose of the confessions is to have a statement of beliefs to guide and direct our understanding of what it means to be the people of God, and to be the Church. The congregational survey demonstrated that 83.93% of us agree that the Confessions help believers to understand Biblical doctrines and help to prevent false beliefs. And 76.78% of us believe that our faith is objective truth, not personal opinion.

Whatever decisions we make in the next few months, let us pledge ourselves to study God’s word and the Triple Unity to make sure that what we decide leads us *further up and further in*! To help you on your way, read the Belgic Confession Articles 3-7. From the scriptures, read Matthew 5:17-18, John 17:17, 2 Peter 1:19, 2 Timothy 3: 16-17, Proverbs 30:5, Hebrews 6:18, John 10: 35, Luke 24:44, and Romans 3:4 to begin with.

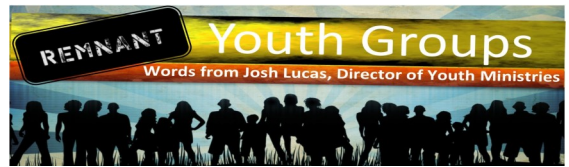
Hello First Reformed Church,

There was an aspect of my sermon that I wanted to stretch out a little bit more and that is the beginning on the word, "Love." I think there needs to be some clarity on something here, I am not in any way going to condemn or talk down on anyone who says that they "love something." It was just merely a suggestion of a thought to the idea of using a word out of context. However, I do also think it is important for us to understand what we are teaching ourselves when we use this word. We tend to lose its meaning if we say we love everything. Let me explain it this way, have you ever asked a young Gen Z aged person what love is? They say that it is a feeling majority of the time. They have no idea, because they are not taught what love is, the culture or Hollywood explain what it is. Granted there are a few movies out there that explain that love is not a feeling it is an action, but in general there is a change in the culture that love is just a feeling. The other sad reality is that one of the more recently popular podcast subjects is on dating. If you listen to some of these podcasts that talk about dating, they have usually college aged women and even men as well talking about the idea of dating and marriage, the results may shock you. Girls especially in this culture have no idea what it means to be in love and have no real desire to marry, at least until they are significantly older, mid-thirties usually. Our culture has tried to redefine what love is, but what is love? Love is sacrifice. Jesus made it abundantly clear in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." Now the context of this verse is Jesus ultimately is talking about His upcoming death on the cross, however the principal applies here that the greatest ACT of love is sacrifice. The concept of laying down your life for your spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, son, daughter, mom, dad, etc. However, I want to take this a step further because I learned another disheartening truth about this culture in their response to love. Are we willing to sacrifice an aspect of our lives for those we say we love? For example, are we willing to sacrifice our desire to go out and party because our children need us at home? Are we willing to sacrifice time at work to come to our kid's play, sport, award ceremony, program, etc.? Are we willing to sacrifice our own happiness to do something that makes our spouse happy? Sacrifice is something that is missing from our culture.

Our culture has been blackened with this ultimate sense of selfishness that no one is concerned about anyone else, only themselves. We as a culture are telling girls and women that if they are not happy in their marriage just leave and divorce their husband. We as a culture are telling our kids that you have to finish college first in order to get married, or you have to have a job before kids, you need to go out and live before you have kids. I am here to tell you that my life has been amazing marrying Hannah while we were still in college, having kids before we graduated from college, and travel with our children. Ultimately, we need to teach our kids what love actually is. It is not a feeling it is action. We made vows at our weddings, "till death do us part, sickness and in health, for better or for worse." These vows mean something, if you need counseling go and get counseling. God can fix any marriage if you are willing to trust in Him and work at it. Love, brothers and sisters, love your families, show that love.

Blessings,

Josh



Dad Jokes With Josh:

Q: Where do polar bears keep their money?

A: In a snowbank!

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR

Luke 21:36

Rowland & Jan Van Es
Grace Covenant Ministries

PRAYER JOURNAL

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PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
Like 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Joel and Angie Van Gelder; Teddy
2. Pray for our College Students
3. Pray for our Church
4. Curt and Peg Van Kley
5. Steve and Leanne Van Kley
6. Dean and Amy Van Marel/Ryan
7. Dave Van Ruler; Kacee, Kelsey
8. Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
9. Pray for our College Students
10. Pray for our Church
11. Justin Van Tilburg
12. Jim and Jena Ver Steeg; Aiden, Logan
13. Bryan Verdoorn
14. Joel and Kathy Verdoorn
15. Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn
16. Pray for our College Students
17. Pray for our Church
18. Roger Verdoorn
19. Faye Vos
20. Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar
21. Colby Wagenaar
22. Josh and Brittany Wagenaar; Lincoln
23. Pray for our College Students
24. Pray for our Church
25. Brent and Brenda Wassman
26. AJ and Jenny Weg;
Addison, Alivia, Austyn
27. Mike Wielenga; Haiden, Berkley
28. Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma
29. Ryan Wiersma
30. Pray for our College Students

College Students:

Marissa Ackerman
Halle Block
Tayler Bremer
Madison Brouwer
Regan Crichton
Keegan De Zeeuw
Makya Dykstra
Maverick Elser
Jared Kruger
Emma Langstraat
Matthew McDougal
Gannon Rockman

MacKenzie Beyer
Kaden Maxwell
Teddy Van Gelder

Carter Brouwer
Andrea Leusink

Dalten Bremer
Ashilyn Hulstein
Natalie Klaassen

Grant Brouwer
Ryan Van Marel



Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

- 1 Lacey Julius
- 2 Kayla Hoekstra
Kevin Soat
- 4 Michael Wielenga
- 5 Diane Langstraat
Aubrey Hulstein
Dean Van Marel
- 6 Hugh Schiphoff
Levi Christensen
- 7 Makya Dykstra
- 14 Israel Joseph
Allegra Lucas
- 15 Gary Wolter
- 16 Ken Loerts
Luke Heilman
- 17 Donna Sterler
- 22 Hadley Crichton

- 23 Taylor Langstraat
- 24 Jodi Wagenaar
- 25 Emma Langstraat
- 26 Paul Vander Linden
Eileen Schutte
- 27 Jo Hielkema
Jim Van Engen
Alex McDougall
- 28 Kathy Verdoorn
- 30 Gannon Rockman
Austyn Weg

~~Anniversaries~~

- 3 Larry & Rhonda Riebeling ----- 29 yrs
- 4 Harold & Shelia Van Der Sloot--- 59 yrs
- 5 Mitch & Abby Kreykes -----18 yrs
- 13 Derek & Ashley Heronimus-----15 yrs
- 14 Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort ----- 27 yrs
- 16 Larry & Melissa De Boer ----- 28 yrs
- 21 Dennis & Dar Jurgens ----- 38 yrs
- 23 Bill & LaDonn Hartzell ----- 45 yrs



From the library--

There are a number of new Amish books all written by Wanda Brunstetter that have been processed and are waiting to be checked out for your enjoyment. This month three will be highlighted!



The first book is a collection of 3 bestselling Amish Romance Novels: **INDIANA COUSINS**--"On a quiet September weekend, plans for a fun outing turn tragic when a van load of Amish teenagers from Indiana is struck by a semi truck. Four young women are forever changed by the event."

A COUSIN'S PROMISE--"Loraine Miller's fiance' is severely injured and breaks their engagement. Will he sacrifice his happiness to give Loraine a better life? When her ex-boyfriend returns, Loraine's heart is torn. Will she renew an old love or keep her promise to the new."

A COUSIN'S PRAYER--"Katie Miller, traumatized by the death of her boyfriend, becomes fettered by the bonds of fear. What will give her the courage to face life again? Freeman Bontrager yearns to make Katie his own. Can he help Katie overcome her emotional roadblocks and win her 'whole' heart?"

A COUSIN'S CHALLENGE--"Jolene Yoder lost her hearing in the accident and has become a sign-language tutor, who is falling for her new student, Lonnie Hershberger. Meanwhile, her cousin Ella Miller struggles to support her family after losing her brother and wrestles with her attraction to the roving Jake Beechy. Will God find a way to bring these couples together—for better or worse?"



A SISTER'S TEST, book #2 of "Sisters of Holmes County": "Ruth is the second oldest sister in the Hostettler family and has one burning desire – to marry and fill her Amish household with children. Life seems to be falling into place when Martin Gingerich starts to court her and when she becomes a friend to a motherless child. But her dreams are suddenly shattered in one horrific moment, putting Ruth's faith to the test. Finding herself spiritually adrift, Ruth's only real prayer becomes a desperate "Why, God?" Will Ruth find the faith and strength to rise above the ashes."

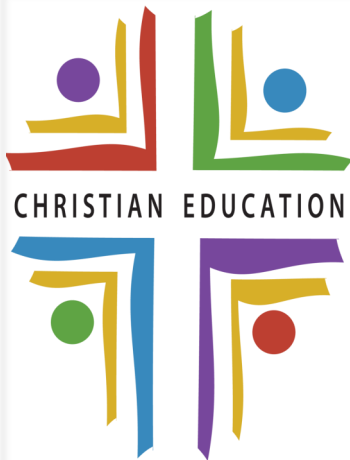


The final book is book number #1 of "Creektown Discoveries," **THE WALNUT CREEK WISH**. Welcome to Walnut Creek, Ohio, where Orley and Lois Troyer own an antique store they call "Memory Keepers." Though knowledgeable in antiques and their repair, their real talent is in mentoring folks who are hurting and don't even know it. Jeff, a restaurateur, and Rhonda, a hotel manager, recently moved to Walnut Creek for the slower pace, but the change of scenery puts even more stress on their already strained marriage. Jeff spends more time traveling to and from his restaurant, and in his spare time, he buys antiques to fill the garage.

Rhonda is feeling the tension of both her work and infertility and Jeff doesn't seem to understand her troubled emotions. Will the purchase of an antique sled be the last straw to end their marriage, or will it lead to unexpected revelations and the fulfillment of dreams?"

The aforementioned books and many others are waiting for you to check them out for a time of relaxing and reading.

Jeannette Juffer



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 3 yr - Adult:

Begin September 10 at 10:10 am

Wednesday Bible Classes (1st-5th grades):

Begin September 13 at 6:30 pm.

MS and HS Remnant Youth Group:

Begin September 13

Middle School 6:30pm-7:30pm / High School 7:30pm-8:30pm

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If your student will have a different address for the 2022-2023 school year please let the office know.



A very special time in the life of our church begins as we plan for the upcoming education year. Will you join a class? Will you commit to faithfully attending? Will you teach? Opportunities for spiritual growth, learning and ministry are available for everyone.

FRC Sunday School Schedule 2023-2024

September 10, 17, 24	November 5, 12, 19, 26	January 7, 14, 21, 28	March 3, 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December 3, 10, 17	February 4, 11, 18, 25	April 7, 14, 21, 28

Sunday School No Class:

December 24- Christmas Break, December 31- Christmas Break
March 31-Easter Sunday

FRC Wednesday Night Bible Class Schedule 2023-2024

September 13, 20, 27	November 1, 15, 29	January 10, 17, 24, 31	March 6, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25	December 6, 13, 20	February 7, 14, 21, 28	April 3, 10, 17, 24

Wednesday Bible Class No Class:

September 6-Homecoming Coronation, November 8-Congregational Meeting,
November 22-Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 27-Christmas Break, January 3-Christmas Break

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children & Worship is for children age three through kindergarten. It is held during the worship service. The schedule for Children & Worship will follow the Sunday School Calendar.
Worship leaders and helpers are needed.

BIBLE LEAGUE CONFERENCE
for women and men

**GROWING
INWARD**
REACHING OUTWARD



*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word
of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8 NLT*

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
9:00am-9:30am Registration & Coffee
9:30am-3:00pm Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 5, 2023
(No refunds after September 5, 2023)

\$50.00—All sessions with lunch included
\$35.00—All sessions without lunch



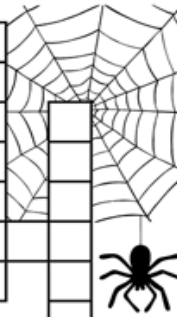
Register online at: bibleleague.org/tickets or open the camera app on your smartphone, hold your phone so the QR code appears in view, and tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code to access the ticket site.

(If you do not have internet access, please call Bible League at 866.825.4636 during business hours [8:00am-4:30pm] for assistance.)

NEW LOCATION:

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
341 South Main Avenue
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250

FALL



3 letters

tea
web
yam

5 letters

acorn
birds
brisk
crops
frost
wheat

7 letters

blanket
bonfire
flannel
foliage
hayride
migrate
October
tractor

8 letters

football
November
pumpkins
squirrel

4 letters

cozy
crow
fall
leaf
pile
rain
soup

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chilly
jacket
season
spider
squash

9 letters

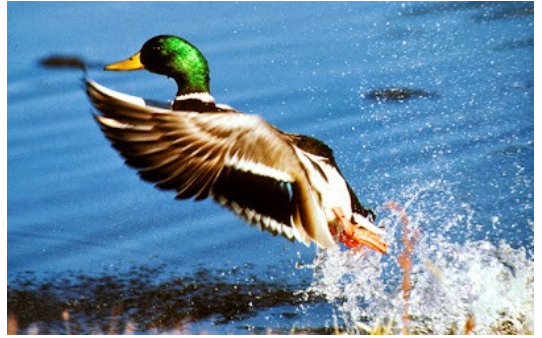
scarecrow
September
sunflower

Trivia Time!!

1. What man in the Bible had hair like eagle feathers and nails like bird claws?
2. How many people in the Bible have their name beginning with the letter "Z"?
3. What was the name of the king who practiced divination by looking in a liver?
4. How many men in the Bible are named Dodo?
5. What was used to join the Tabernacle curtains together?
6. What was the name of the eight year old boy who served as king of Jerusalem for 100 days?
7. What man tore his clothes and pulled out his hair because of interracial marriage?
8. What man tore out other men's hair for interracial marriage?
9. Who was the first bigamist to be mentioned in the Bible?
10. What was the name of the judge in Israel who was a polygamist?

Sportsmen's Devotional

Today's Photograph . . . By Putting Him First, Your objectives Become So Much Clearer And Your Focus Returns (FWS)



Bible study Verses

Deuteronomy 20:1

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, Who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

Thoughts

This verse can apply to so much. There are many ways to go to war. There are days when it feels like I'm outnumbered by simply going into work!

Just the hectic lives we lead can make us feel outnumbered and surround by chariots that are not our own.

Keep your eye on the prize; stay focused on who is in charge. I'm saying this for my sake as well as yours. God is with us!!!

Action Point

No matter how busy you are or how overwhelmed you can become, take a minute, take a breath, look to God, and ask for comfort.

You will be surprised at how, by putting Him first, your objectives become so much clearer and your focus returns.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Thank God for duck season! One of the best tips I ever received when I first started hunting is that sometimes the best place for your new duck call is, in your pocket! If the ducks are coming in on their own, don't call to them, let them come!

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:33) 2. 188 people 3. The King of Babylon (Ezekiel 21:21) 4. Three (Judges 10:11, 2 Samuel 23:9, 23:24) 5. 50 gold taches (Exodus. 26:6) 6. Jehoiachin (2 Chron. 36:9) 7. Ezra (Ezra 9:1-3) 8. Nehemiah (Nehemiah 13:23-25) 9. Lamech (Gen. 4:19) 10. Gideon (Judges 8:30)

Bibles for Bihar

The Bhojpuri Project —

5,000 Bhojpuri Talking Bibles for Bihar



FRC Special Offering
for September

Who are the Bhojpuri?

Bhojpuri-Speakers

- **50 million people** speak Bhojpuri
- Native to the **Bhojpuri region of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh**
- **Rich oral tradition** with a lack of written literature
- **Predominantly non-readers** - Printed Bibles are of little help

Bihar

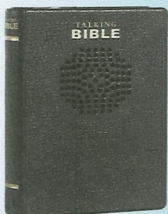
- Hindu — 83%
- Christians — .12%
- 38 Districts — 8 Speak Bhojpuri
- Population 127 Million
- 65% of the Population Cannot Read



Talking Bibles International is on a mission to place a Talking Bible in every village in India by 2033. Reaching Bihar with the Bhojpuri language is one of the states Talking Bibles will be distributed in 2024, pushing forward to reach all of India with God's Word by 2033.

IMPACT — Bihar

- Reach 5,000 Bihar Villages
- Reach 250,000 Bhojpuri Speakers with the Good News of Jesus Christ!



We want to provide **God's Word** for everyone who wants to hear it.

The Bhojpuri have cried out for the Bible. Will you give it to them?

