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 Grow with Him daily &
 Go with Him to share
 His love.*



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 2020
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 John 15:4

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February at a Glance

- 5: 9:00 am: Coffee with the Pastor
- 9:00 am: Mothers Together
- 10: 6:30pm: Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 7:00 pm: Full Consistory
- 17: 9:00am: Faith Bible Study
- 3:00pm: Patience Bible Study
- 19: 9:00 am: Mothers Together
- 22: 6:00 pm: Agape Youth Fundraiser

*Sundays:

- 9:00am Cornerstone Service
- 10:10am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00am Open Door Service
- 6:30pm "The Story Bible Study"

*Monday Evenings:

- 7:00pm "The Story" Bible Study

*Tuesday mornings:

- 8:30am Chickadee Quilters

*Wednesday Evening Bible

- Classes and Youth Groups:**
- 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Classes G.1-5
 - 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant
 - 6:30 pm "The Story" Bible Study
 - 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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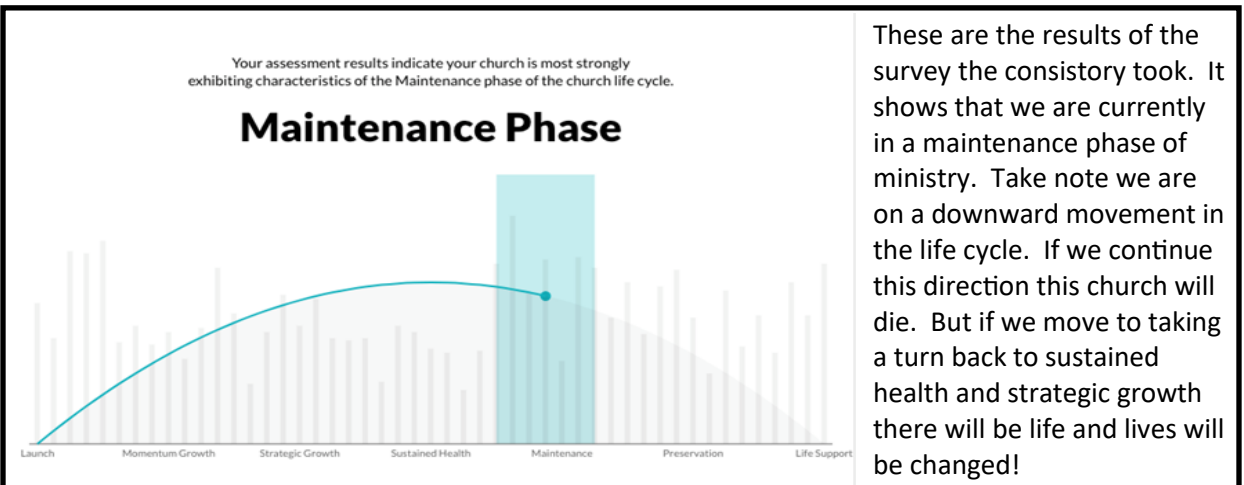


This month as I write to you I would like to share some information gleaned from our consistory over the last couple of months. As many of you know we have been working to establish vision and figure out what we need to do as a church to continue to do ministry that is growing people within this church and outside our walls. One of the biggest dangers we face is becoming comfortable and ultimately declining in such a way that there is no turning back from being unhealthy and we experience the ultimate death of this church.

If you are like me, I am sure none of us wants to see that happen. I envision this church flourishing, growing, doing amazing children's and youth ministries, impacting and growing our adults and making our faith in Christ the center of all we do. I see a church that is challenging each individual in their faith walk, making disciples and going out into the world and this community to boldly share the gospel of Jesus.

I also currently see many of our frustrations. Lack of volunteers for teaching, little involvement in adult Bible studies, dwindling children's attendance, inability to find people willing to serve in leadership and a lot of conversation of "what once was". We are frustrated and are wondering what we need to do. As we ponder all this I am reminded this is not my church, my serving you is only temporary, but this is your church. Many of you will be here long after I leave and am forgotten. This is also God's church. For us to truly be the church God has called us to be, we need to function as one body with many parts. We need each other, and we need to be committed to do our part. We need to refocus and reevaluate as to what our priorities are.

If this church is going to be here for the next 100 years then we will have to do what many of us fear and that is CHANGE. The message of Jesus Christ will always be the same, but we live in a different world today than many of us lived in 25-50 years ago. The life of this church will only be sustained if we are willing to move forward. We need to be opened minded, remember the past, but not let it hold us back, and find ways to do ministry that will impact today.



These are the results of the survey the consistory took. It shows that we are currently in a maintenance phase of ministry. Take note we are on a downward movement in the life cycle. If we continue this direction this church will die. But if we move to taking a turn back to sustained health and strategic growth there will be life and lives will be changed!

Here are some of the indicators of a church in the maintenance mode: Our priority is to keep people happy. There is complexity to who we are. We are shifting to be inward focused. Leaders control and traditions are protected. There is little growth and vision stales. We are focused on programs and events. (Continued on inside of Newsletter...)



*It's Coffee Time!
With the Pastor!!*

Please join Pastor Luke and
Josh for coffee
on February 5 at 9:00 am!!



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for February:

HS and MS Remnant Youth Groups

Offering Summary through January 27th:

- General Fund: \$28,764.59;
Budget: \$291,112; 9% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$2410;
Budget: \$73,913; 3% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date: \$0

Faith In Action for February Random Acts of Kindness

1. LEAVE A GENEROUS TIP.
2. BUY SOMEONE'S LUNCH
3. LEAVE CHANGE AT THE LAUNDROMAT
4. POPCORN, CANDY, & VIDEO RENTAL TO A FAMILY
5. LEAVE A TREAT IN THE MAILBOX FOR THE MAILMAN
6. GIVE HOT CHOCOLATE FOR PEOPLE WAITING AT THE BUS STOP
7. LEAVE NICE NOTES ON PEOPLE'S CARS
8. WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE 'JUST BECAUSE'

Make a joyful noise! All voices are welcome to join the FRC Joyful Voices choir. The Choir practices in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, at 8:20 am. All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions? Contact Peg Van Kley 754-2945.

Trivia Time!!!

1. Numbers 9:15-17 tells of this cool way God communicated with Israel each and every day about where to go next:
 - A. Posting clouds around the tabernacle
 - B. Removing Clouds
 - C. Both
2. Sometimes it appears there are 13 Tribes instead of 12 since Joseph's two sons each got to be head of a tribe instead of just Joseph. What are their names as found in Numbers 26:28 ?
3. Joshua 24:15, shows Joshua telling the people that dedication to the Lord needs to be whole-hearted and it is something you:
 - A. are given
 - B. are born into
 - C. Choose
 - D. Cannot lose
4. There are other parting of water in the Bible besides Moses parting the Red Sea. Joshua 3:13 describes a water miracle at:
 - A. the Jordan
 - B. The Dead Sea
 - C. The Red Sea
 - D. The Great Sea
5. According to Judges 4:4 Deborah was not only a judge but a:
 - A. Priest
 - B. Governor
 - C. Queen
 - D. Prophet
6. Judge Gideon conquered two pagan armies. There were so many pagan soldiers that they are described as being numerous as cockroaches (locusts). Gideon had only this many guys (Judges 7:8:
 - A. 20,000
 - B. 1,000
 - C. 500
 - D. 300

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am

2: West— Josh and Hannah Lucas
Middle— Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler/family
East— Eric Schiphoff and Hugh Schiphoff

9: West— Jennie Schram and Donna Sterler
Middle— Verlyn and Donna Smidt
East— Ted and Eileen Schutte

16: West— Dave and Lesa Stofferan
Middle— Bob and Gladys Tiedeman
East— Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden

23: West— Greg and Tami Tracy/family
Middle— Chad and Megan Travaille/family
East— Randy Van De Berg and Ryan Wiersma



9:00 am Nursery

2: Jill and Emma Boeke
9: Pam Vande Hoef and Marcia Van Ruler
16: Chelsea Hulstein and Karissa Hulstein
23: Wilma Leusink and Andrea Leusink

Library Volunteers



2: Jan Henrichs
9: Beth Hulstein
16: Jamie Hulstein
23: Jan Juffer

Sunday School Nursery



2: Sandy Lamfers
9: Deb Kusters
16: Jena Ver Steeg
23: Heidi Sayler



Prayer With the Elders following the service

9:00

2: Bill Hartzell
9: Dick Oldenkamp
16: Harold Ernst
23: Marlin Roelfs

11:00

2: Ken Heronimus
9: Stan De Zeeuw
16: Dr. Greg Kusters
23: Marlin Runia



11:00 am Nursery

2: Kalie DeBoer and Sami Fox
9: Marvella and Apiyo Harberts
16: Kathy Runia and Uchan Harberts
23: Sandy Heronimus and Kira Christensen

Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #2
will be responsible for services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Luella and Harold Eggink
- Darcy and Frank Martinez

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 2:** Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
9: Dwayne and Janice Heikes
16: Scott and Jamie Hulstein
23: Burdell and Jan Henrichs



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 2:** **Leader:** Deb Kusters
Helper: Kathy Verdoorn
9: **Leader:** Jamie Hulstein
Helper: Breanna Jacobsma
16: **Leader:** Karen Honken
Helper: Aiden Ver Steeg
23: **Leader:** Deb Kusters
Helper: Elliot Daiker

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 2:** **Leader:** Deb Kusters
Helper: Family of Nash Loerts
9: **Leader:** Elesson Joseph
Helper: Family of Tayah Beyers
16: **Leader:** Karen Honken
Helper: Fam of Jackson/Cole Van Tilburg
23: **Leader:** Deb Kusters
Helper: Family of Addison McDyer

After Church Greeters



- 2:** E: Josh Lucas
C: Arnie Langstraat
W: Ken Loerts
BE: Dick Oldenkamp
BW: Pastor Luke

- 16:** E: Cal Runia
C: Pastor Luke
W: Josh Lucas
BE: Marlin Runia
BW: Bob Tiedeman

- 9 :** E: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
W: Lyle Peelen
BE: Larry Riebeling
BW: Marlin Roelfs

- 23:** E: Duane Vande Hoef
C: Paul Vander Linden
W: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: John Van Diepen

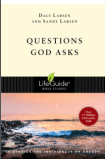
Bible Study Opportunities

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

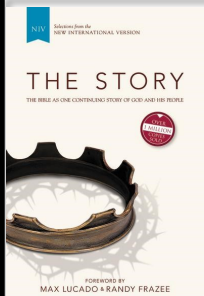
Romans 15:4



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 17 at 9:00 am** in the Church library. The lesson leader will be Alfreda Verdoorn with Jeannette Juffer serving as hostess. We will be studying lesson 5, "Rest With and Rely on God" in our study book, *Busyness*. Scripture for the morning comes from Mark 6:30-46. Come and join us, you can't be that busy.



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 17 at 3:00 pm**. We will continue our new book, *Questions God Asks*, by David and Sandy Larsen. Barb will lead lesson #2, "What is That in Your Hand?" Gert will serve as Hostess. Come and join us!



The Monday Night Bible Study who meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm will be studying "The Story". All are Men and Women are invited to join.

Sunday Evening "The Story" Bible Study meets at Clayton and Jodi Wagenaars home at 6:30 pm all are invited.

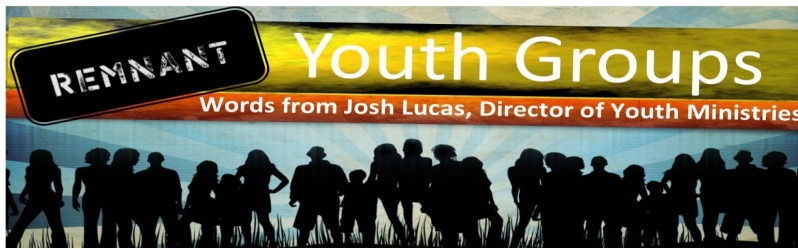
Wednesday Eveing "The Story" Bible Study meets at 6:30pm at Pastor Luke's home. All are invited to attend

Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study...

Meets in the northwest class room in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10am. They are currently studying "Grace Filled Marriage." All women are invited to attend.

Men's Sunday Morning Bible Study...

Meets in the southwest class room in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 am. They are continuing with the study started prior to Christmas.



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 encourage you! I had a very odd week this week if I can be honest. I have been battling self-doubt, discouragement, and even ridicule these past few weeks. I have been battling self-doubt in myself and my efforts as a good youth pastor. I have been battling discouragement from individuals about being a good youth pastor. I have been battling ridicule from those same individuals in regard to my efforts. It has just been a hard week. We all have those every once in a while. Then something amazing happened. We had youth group. The topic for this last Wednesday in High School was on Mental Illness and the Bible. During our study, we read through Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 34:17-20, and Philippians 4:6-7. Speaking these verses out loud really helped me to understand that even though we face trials, issues, and even hardships if we have faith in God and surrender to God He is faithful to carry us through it.

When we face those times of struggle how many times do we stop what we are doing and just start praying? How many note cards do we have in our wallets, pockets, purses, backpacks, etc. that have Bible verses on them that we read out loud or to ourselves in those moments? This hit me hard last night as well. If we do not have those things, we need to! If we are to win this battle that we are in with our sin then we have to have our weapons. You would not send a soldier into battle with just his two fists against men with huge guns and lots of ammo, would you? No of course not! You would send them in with weapons ready for battle. That is what the Word of God is for us in the battle of our flesh. It is our weapon and we have to use it to win the battle. If we do not then we will lose the war.

Youth group is going amazing! We are learning a lot and joining together to discuss topics and encourage one another. We are starting fundraising for Rocky Mountain High. We are looking at doing something with our Junior High kids this upcoming summer! Once those details are available I will let you know what we will be doing! Remember if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has one for you!

Josh Lucas

Dad Jokes with Josh:

Q. What do you get when you cross a toad with Luke Skywalker?

A. Star Warts!

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
—LUKE 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Pray for our College Students
2. Pray for our Church
3. Rod and Beth Hulstein
4. Scott and Jamie Hulstein;
Ashilyn, Karissa, Alexis
5. Chris and Teresa Hurlburt
6. Cody and Kristen Hurlburt; Braelyn
7. Paige Hurlburt
8. Pray for our College Students
9. Pray for our Church
10. Mike and Mary Hustoft
11. Roger and Carol Iedema
12. Jason and Gina Jacobsma;
Jaden, Alyssa, Breanna
13. Kay Jansen
14. Papito and Kelsey Joseph; Israel
15. Pray for our College Students
16. Pray for our Church
17. Ashley Johnson; Jagger
18. Jeannette Juffer
19. John and Jan Juffer
20. Alan and Lacey Julius; Witten, Sayla
21. Matt and Melissa Julius; Kade, Pierce
22. Pray for our College Students
23. Pray for our Church
24. Dennis and Dar Jurgens
25. Ethel Jurgens
26. Karen Jurgens
27. Dianne Kass
28. Ellie Klaassen
29. Kevin and Laurel Klaassen; Natalie

College Students:

Leah Ackerman
Michaela Block
Grant Brouwer
Cody Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra
Jagger Johnson
Alex Mc Dougall
Madeline Saylor
Lane Tangeman
Carson Van Westen
Alyssa Wassman

Paige Hurlburt
Kaitlyn Bechler
Kalie De Boer
Keyana Gust
Jaden Abels
Madison Norman
Nick Buysman
Hunter DeJong
Hunter Rockman
Ryan Van Marel
Mariah Elser

Lars Ackerman
Megan Travaille
Peyton Crichton
Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer
Garrett Saylor
Makayla Tangeman
Colby Wagenaar

Kailey Bruxvoort

Sarah Hoppe
Jena Van Marel
Troy Soat

Hannah Lucas

PRAYER LIST

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PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens
Geneva Wissink

The Nursing Homes

Dutch Kruger
Harold Schram
Margaret Calsbeek

Our Missionaries

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

PRAYER JOURNAL

You can speak with
spiritual eloquence, pray
in public, and maintain
a holy appearance...
but it is your behavior
that will reveal your
true character.

- Steve Maraboli
www.stevemaraboli.com

THE STORY – FEBRUARY 2020

As we continue in our study of the book *The Story*, there are two things we may want to think about the Bible. First, the organization of the books of the Bible and second a timeline of the Old Testament.

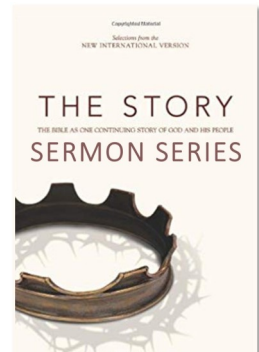
First, the Bible is not organized in exact chronological order, rather books are organized by type of book. Here are the major sections:

Old Testament:

- Pentateuch (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry and Wisdom Literature (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea- Malachi)

New Testament

- Gospel and Acts (Matthew – Acts)
- Epistles (Romans – Jude)
- Prophecy (Revelation)



Second, the overall history of the Old Testament can be divided into periods of time, covering more than 2000 years from the time of Abraham to the coming of Christ. Here is a chart that may help you wrap your head around who lived when, and where you might read of their history. The chart does not list the writings of the prophets – that will be on another chart when we get to that point in history. *The NIV Study Bible has an excellent timeline if you have a copy.*

Old Testament Chronology

ERA	NOTABLE PEOPLE	BIBLE BOOKS	DATES
CREATION, FALL, FLOOD, BABEL	Adam, Eve, Abel, Cain, Seth	Genesis 1-11	
PATRIARCHS	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses born	Genesis 12-50	2166 - 1500 bc
EXODUS AND THE CONQUEST	Moses, Joshua & the Judges (<i>Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Samuel, Samson</i>)	Exodus 1:1 – Jos. 24:29	1466 – 1050 bc
KINGS AND PROPHETS			
<i>UNITED KINGDOM</i>	Saul, David, Solomon	1 Sam. 10 – 1 Kings 11	1050 – 930 bc
<i>DIVIDED KINGDOM</i>	Kingdoms of Israel (Northern) and Judah (Southern)	1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 17	930 – 586 bc
EXILE	Daniel, Ezekiel, Zedekiah	Daniel	586 – 538 bc
RESTORATION	Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah	Ezra - Esther	538 – 432 bc
BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS	<i>No history recorded in the Bible</i>	No scriptures	432-4 bc

FEBRUARY READINGS

In our first sermons it was pretty easy to align the scriptures directly to the sermon. Now we are going to be a bit more scattered because the history may be covered in multiple books. For example, this month we are discussing the Exodus and the beginning of the time of the Judges. Moses' life is primarily covered in Exodus, but the law and much of the wanderings is expanded into Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Joshua. The Judges are covered in multiple books as well. Here are some specific passages that will expand your understanding of God's amazing work of grace, but you may read more! Look at the arrangement of the books on the opposite page – and dive in!

Session 5: February 2, 2020 – *New Commands and a New Covenant (Chapter 5)*

- Covenant at Sinai (Exodus 19-24)
- Divine Worship (Exodus 25-40)

Session 6: February 9, 2020 – *Wandering (Chapter 6)*

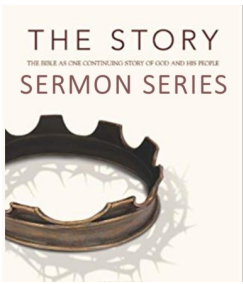
- False Worship (Exodus 32-34)
- The Building of the Tabernacle (Exodus 35-40)

Session 7: February 16, 2020 – *The Battle Begins (Chapter 7)*

- The Entrance into the Land (Joshua 1:1 - 5:12)
- The Conquest of the Land (Joshua 5:13 – 8:35)
- The Distribution of the Land (Joshua 13-21)
- Tribal Unity and Loyalty to the Lord (Joshua 22-24)

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 checks Philistia (Judges 13 – 16)
- Religious and Moral Disorder (Judges 17 – 21)



The Story Home Study Questions for you to ponder as you read through this month's chapters.

Chapter 6: Wandering

1. Why do you think it is often easier to grumble than to remain grateful?
2. What are some key characteristics of Moses' approach to leadership? (List at least 3 and provide examples.)
3. Moses called the people of Israel to a life of obedience, promising that life and blessing would flow from it. With such a clear blessing extended to us, we still find it difficult to remain obedient. What role does "remembrance" have in remaining faithful?

Chapter 7: The Battle Begins

1. In the Canaanite conquest, God used Israel to bring judgement on whole people groups. How does this image of God fit in with the popular understanding of God?
2. Throughout the book of Joshua, there are times when Israel "gets it," following the Lord faithfully, and time when they do not. List a few examples of each. Where do you see yourself in these examples?
3. Having read the story of Joshua and the conquest, respond to this statement: God clearly desires to bless his people and prosper them.

Chapter 8: A Few Good Men...and Women

1. Why do you think we too often take God's blessings for granted and slip into indifference, complacency, or even sin?
2. Many of the judges were seriously flawed. What do we learn about God in the fact that he still used these people?
3. What are some of the idols in our contemporary culture? Which do you find difficult to eradicate from your life?

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Luke 23:35

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." (NIV)



Thoughts

Ever had to sit and listen to someone talk incessantly about how good a shot they are? Didn't you just want to look at him and say, "Hey, hot shot, let's put a couple of bucks on this and I'll meet you out at the range, then you can prove just how good you are!" What's really a bad thing for you is when he does it!

Well, the rulers in this passage were demanding that Jesus save Himself and prove that He was the Messiah. They felt pretty good about their position; after all, it was Jesus up there on the cross, not them. They really thought that they had Him, and that they had put an end to His nonsense about being the Son of God.

But, a strange thing happened three days later--Jesus did exactly what they asked Him to do. Through God's power, He was saved from death, thus proving that He was, indeed, the Chosen One, the prophesied Messiah. He just didn't do it the way they were demanding; but did it His Father's way.

Action Point

As sinners, it seems that the most common thing we humans do is demand that God save us. But we want to tell Him how, we want to set the terms, we want Him to do it our way!

That's not the game plan. It's God's way, and He sent His Son, Jesus, to instruct us as to what that way is. In John 14:6, we find these words, "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me," (NIV).

If you want to have God's forgiveness and blessing in your life, Jesus said you've got to do it His way, through child-like belief and faith in Him. When you get right down to it, it's the only way!!!

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Friendly competition at the range is always fun. Get out and do some practicing on your own and surprise your buddies. It'll make you a better shot when that buck of your dreams steps out in front of you next season.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. C 2. Ephraim & Manasseh 3. D 4. A 5. D 6. D



Now that classes have started for the year we still need you! There are dates in upcoming months that need to be filled.

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) under the

(Wednesday Bible Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit#gid=0>

(Sunday School Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6IQFsSIMqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit#gid=0>

Our Outreach Team has purchased some Community Express Bus passes to be given to church family/individuals in need. If you would like a round-trip ticket or know of someone who could use one, please stop at the office.

Community Express

Voucher for Transportation
Provided to you by your local church
Thank you for riding!

Date _____
Signature _____



Mothers Together
With God in the Middle

Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues

that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month**. (Please take note of the change in weeks) Mothers Together provides excellent child care while moms get the break they deserve. Mothers Together is a non-denominational group. We hope you will make plans to join us!!

- **February 5: Lets make a Valentine Craft!!**
- **February 19: Lets craft the winter blues away with a Scrabble Craft**

2nd Annual Agape Dinner!

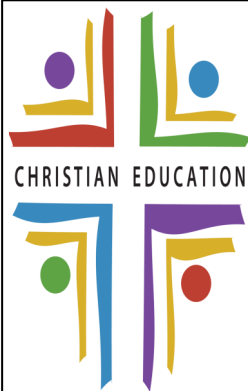
Saturday, February 22nd!

**Meal Begins at 6:00 pm
with movie starting at 7:30 pm!**

Child care is provided!

This is a chance for couples and even single people to come out have a nice meal, fellowship, and enjoy a nice movie together! This year we will be showing the ground breaking film War Room!

Tickets are available for purchase now! \$25 for a single ticket or \$40 for a couple ticket! See Josh if you would like to purchase a ticket! All funds raised are going toward Rocky Mountain High this summer!



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.**

**If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for
the day.**

Education Dates To Remember:

- All Classes on Wednesday Night and Sunday Mornings are on normal schedules for the month of February

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February Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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| 1 Dale Honken
Aiden De Zeeuw | 12 Lana Hibma
Loren Hulstein | 21 Amy Van Marel
Jeannette Juffer
Riley Alexander |
| 2 Mark Dykstra
Hunter Rockman
Jim Ver Steeg | 13 Michael Hulstein
Nancy Soat
Emma Boeke | 23 Daphne Bremer |
| 3 Jenny Weg | 14 Elesson (Papito)
Joseph | 24 Ron Dykstra
Mariah Elser |
| 4 Dick Oldenkamp | 16 Dianne Kass
Harold Van Der Sloot
Jan Henrichs | 26 Joe de Boom
Justin Van Tilburg |
| 5 Karen Jurgens
Michelle Ackerman | 17 Jacob Runia
Kendra De Boer | 27 Dave McDyer |
| 7 Ashilyn Hulstein | 19 Danika de Boom | 28 LaVonne Prins |
| 10 Keegan Van Der Sloot
Terry Ackerman
Haiden Wielenga | 20 Eric Schiphoff
Joanna Lucas
Elyssa Houtsma | 29 Connor Christensen
(Happy "1st" Birthday
Connor!!) |
| 11 Ellie Klaassen | | |



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

~~Anniversaries~~

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| 6 | Harold and Lynn Schram -55 years |
| 14 | Burt and Jan Henrichs -45 years |
| 15 | Gary and Jessa Wolter -57 years |

If you would like to be included in our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar and do not see your name, please contact the office (sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks

From the library--

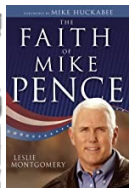
Visit the library!!! New books are being added weekly. Here are synopsizes from three of the new additions.



SMOKE SCREEN by Terri Blackstock. Nate Beckett has spent his life fighting wildfires instead of the lies and rumors that drove him from his Colorado hometown. His mother begs him to come back now that his father has been released from prison but it isn't until he's sidelined by an injury that he's forced to return and face his past. But that means facing Brenna too. Fourteen years ago Nate was in love with the preacher's daughter. When Pastor Strickland discovered Brenna defied him to sneak out with Nate, the fight between Strickland and Nate's drunken dad was loud—and very public. Strickland was found murdered later that night and everyone accused Roy Beckett. When the church burned down not long after, people assumed Nate set the fire to get even for his father's conviction. He let the rumors fly and left town without looking back. Brenna is stunned to learn that the man convicted of murdering her father has been pardoned. The events of that night set her life on a bad course, and now she's fighting a brutal custody battle with her ex and his new wife where he's using lies and his family's money to sway the judge. Brenna is hardly hanging on, and she turned to alcohol to cope. Shame and fear consume her. As Nate and Brenna deal with the present—including new information about that fateful night and a wildfire that's threatening their town—the past keeps igniting. Nate is the steady force Brenna has so desperately needed. But she'll have to learn to trust him again first.



We have a new book for Junior or "Middle Aged Readers". Much-loved storyteller Karen Kingsbury's Baxter Family books have captured the hearts of millions who have come to think of the Baxter family as their own. Now Karen Kingsbury and her son Tyler Russell tell the childhood stories of the beloved Baxter children—Brooke, Kari, Ashley, Erin and Luke—to inspire and entertain younger readers in **BEST FAMILY EVER**. Brooke is the perfect older sister. For that reason, Kari and Ashley work hard to make their parents just as proud of them as they are of Brooke. Each girl has her own talents. Brooke is an excellent student. Kari is a great soccer player. Ashley is a talented artist. And they are always there for one another. But when the news comes that Dr. Baxter is moving the family from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Bloomington, Indiana, and the Baxters need to leave the only home and friends they've ever known, no one is happy. Saying goodbye is hard, but the family still has what's most important—their faith and their love for one another.



"Thank you" to the person who donated **THE FAITH OF MIKE PENCE** to the library. Several books have been published about Vice President Mike Pence, but none have touched upon what may be the most fascinating aspect of our nation's second in command: his deep faith. The book offers an intimate look at the man who calls himself "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order". Leslie Montgomery details Pence's spiritual journey and examines how the vice president's commitment to Christ has been a key component in his life as a husband, father and public servant.

Jeannette Juffer





Dear friends, Thank you so much for being our friends and for praying and supporting God's ministry through us. In May we celebrated the 16th anniversary of the first feeding place. We invited the former comedor kids to join us and they were so happy to participate in that celebration. Presently, some of them are university students and they were so willing to invite all of their contemporaneous comedor friends to get together for this special event. They helped us organize and lead games with the current comedor children. They also had a soccer competition among themselves. All sorts of gifts provided by friends were given to the winners. We invited the senior pastor of the Central Moravian Church in Bluefields with his family and the members of the Tabitha's House board to join us. It was a nice field day for the children. They enjoyed it!

The comedor in Beholden neighborhood is almost completed. Thank you so much for providing the money for this project. On Wednesday August 21, we laid the cornerstone for the new feeding center in Beholden. Tabitha's House boys and girls, the staff, and the board members were also present. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Walter O. Hodgson. It will be a blessing to have the new feeding place for the children of the Beholden neighborhood.

Despite the economic crisis, some generous people from the Central Moravian Church in Bluefields and the Ecumenical Women Fellowship donated food supplies for both feeding places and we are ever so thankful to God for their gesture of love to others. Please continue to pray for us and our ministry and projects as we pray for you as well.

In Christ Love, Adrian and Bernardeth



We are staff driven with reduced volunteer empowerment. We have many events on the calendar as we add new programs. Systems and methods begin to supersede the mission and vision. There are many ministry silos. Each doing their own thing and not working together. Finances most likely are stable. The bulletin is filled with lots of announcements. There are a lot of meetings. You don't hear many stories of life change. Change of any sort is resisted and people are not inviting their friends.

I shared this information not to depress you but instead for you to know that with new vision, new focus and a new commitment from each of us, we will see God move and do mighty things. From the response to the time and talents surveys, I was encouraged by how many of you are ready to use your giftedness to serve your Lord and Savior.

We want to help you do that! We are moving to reawaken our ministry teams, give them greater ownership and allow them to do ministry as they seek God's guidance. We want them to focus on our mission statement of Glorify, Grow and Go and make things happen. We are being intentional in challenging them with setting goals, creating strategy and getting things done. We want them to get you involved, especially in areas that you are gifted and have interest in.

The challenge we face ultimately is what are you going to do about living out your faith? Are you going to continue to live your faith as you currently are, or would you be willing to move closer to what Jesus is calling you to do? Move out of your comfort zone, stretch yourself, be open to change, seek God's direction and trust Him.

I am excited to see where God is going to lead this church in 2020! I hope and pray that you might grab hold of that attitude and vision as well.

Blessings, Pastor Luke



Consistory Meeting Highlights

January 13, 2019

- ◆ Meeting was called to order at 6:33
- ◆ Opened with devotions from Ephesians 4
- ◆ Administrative team recommendations were reviewed. The proposal from Admin regarding having ministry teams meet the same evening as consistory (2nd Monday of the month), with elders and deacons meet at other times during the month was discussed. **Motion failed** to adopt Administrative Team recommendation.
- ◆ After Prayer, MMSC to hold Ministry Team Workshop on February 9 at 1:30.
- ◆ The Compiled answers on the Consistorial Report were reviewed and Questions “From the Book of Church Order were answered.
- ◆ MMSC to Support Financially the registrations for the Pastor Education Event at Inspiration Hills on February 25th for Pastor Luke and Josh Lucas.
- ◆ Proposed Listing of people for church Ministry Teams was Presented.
- ◆ Treasurer’s reports were given
- ◆ MMSC to Approve Minutes
- ◆ MMSC to adjourn following prayer



Ordination and Installation of Newly Elected 2020 Elders and Deacons -- January 5, 2020



College Youth Fellowship Breakfast Fundraiser

Professions of Faith January 12, 2020



MacKenzie Beyer



Halle Block



Tayler Bremer



Madison Brouwer



Makyia Dykstra



Emma Langstraat



Cody Wynia



Ella Bruxvoort



Delaney deBoom



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