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APRIL 2025



First Reformed Church

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TEAMKIDS COULD USE YOUR HELP

On Wednesday, April 2, the kids will be preparing 100 dozen Christian Easter Eggs that will be handed out to families at the Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park on Saturday, April 19. If you have some time to spare, we could really use some extra hands to help the kids get this outreach project done. Show up in the Fellowship Hall following the Family Night Meal (around 6:30 PM). Your help will be greatly appreciated and it gives you an opportunity to "Help build God's kingdom one life at a time!"



FRC WOMENS GROUP

PUZZLE PARTY

SATURDAY APRIL 5
4:00-6:00

Bring your \$10/person with you.



Youth Sunday April 6

Come enjoy a service led by our youth. We will be treated to music, prayer and messages from our youth. This a unique

opportunity for them to express their faith to our congregation. We have some amazing youth and this allows them to share their gifts with our congregation!

WOMEN AT THE WELL - APRIL 3-6

Shannon Baack is asking you to please pray for the group of men and women going to South Dakota State Prison for Women in Pierre, SD. "At the Well" will be planting seeds in the lives of the women imprisoned there. Pray for open hearts that they feel God's love and grace. Also, pray



for the speakers who will be presenting their testimonies that God has put on their hearts to be used to His glory.

PALM SUNDAY PRACTICE

WHO: 3 yr- K children

WHAT: Practice in the sanctuary with sound

WHEN: April 6

WHERE: during Sunday

School - Kids need to go to

Rm 12 & then they will go to the sanctuary.

Parents may pick them up in the sanctuary.



DATE: Thursday,

April 10

TIME: 4:30-6:00 PM

LOCATION: Living Water Church

Bring a box with you to pick up your groceries.



For those of you who may want to bring a request to the consistory, please note that the **Elders, Deacons and Consistory meetings have been moved up to Thursday, April 10.** The new date was needed as their traditional meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday this year.

Middle School Retreat is a fun weekend for middle school students, 6th-8th grades and their leaders. Cultivate Co-Op partners with college students to plan a weekend filled with worship, large group sessions, breakout sessions, recreation and games.

April 11 - April 13

Departure: Friday, April 11
from church parking lot
@ 4 PM

Return: Sunday, April 13-
mid-afternoon

Hidden Acres Christian Center
3837 Union Avenue
Dayton, IA, 50530

MSR Packing List

- Casual clothes
- Jacket/sweatshirt
- Outdoor shoes
- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, tooth-brush...)
- Water bottle
- Bible & Pen
- Towel(s)
- Pillow

- Sleeping bag
 - Bathing suit
 - Flashlight
 - Spending \$ (for snack bar)
- Towels & Linens**
- All cabins will be dorm style. You need to bring your own sleeping bag, pillow and towel



APRIL 13

The children, 3-yr - K, will meet downstairs in room #12 (the children's singing room) at 9 AM. They will sing at the beginning of the service and then will be released to sit with their parents.

Creative Movement Performance - April 13

Please have your girls here at 8:45 AM to get dressed and practice. They will meet in the large women's restroom that is downstairs. They will be performing after the kids sing. Then they may sit with their parents.



NEW WORKGROUP BOOKS need to be made again, so we are in the process of getting names and phone numbers of the ladies and men willing to be in the groups. If you are attending our church and not a member yet and would also like to be in a group, please sign up too. We are changing things up and will have a chairman and co-chairman for each group. If you want to be either of these, put a C or CC by your name on the sign-up sheet. We will have sheets located at the Welcome center, table in the overflow room and table in the Fellowship Hall by the TV. Please sign your name and list your phone number(s) under which group you want to be in. We will be having groups for: 1) weekday funerals; 2) snowbird/summer (includes summer funerals); 3) church provided food donations (Wed night meals etc.). We will also have a sign-up sheet for anyone that would be willing to do a little extra by being a substitute for someone or willing to bring food also. **Please respond by April 13.** If you don't sign up, you will be assigned to a group. If you have any questions, you may call or text me - Joyce Fedders @ 712-539-9945. Thank You.

Don't forget to sign up your kids for summer camp at Inspiration Hills

Grab a brochure in the Fellowship Hall or visit inspirationhills.org to review the camp offerings and register. FRC will cover half the cost of camp for your child and one of his or her friends. Register early because camps fill up quickly! **Save money by registering before April 15.**



Maundy Thursday Service

When: Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM

Where: First Reformed Church Sanctuary

Come to this special service to reflect on Jesus's sacrifice for all of us and to partake in communion. Communion will be served at the Christian Retirement Home at 7 PM also.

EASTER BREAKFAST - APRIL 20

We will be serving caramel rolls, coffee & juice **BEFORE service from 8-9 AM.** Come enjoy some food & fellowship before our Easter Service. **There will be coffee available after the service. There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** so you may spend Easter with your family.



Family Night Meal - 5:30-6:30 PM



Please have donated items here between

8 AM - 4 PM on Tuesday.

- Apr 2** Hamburger Hashbrown Casserole, fruit, **Brownies**
[7 people bring a 9x13 pan of brownies]
- Apr 9** Creamed Chicken/Bun, Chips, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, **Cookies**
[6 people bring 2 dozen cookies]
- Apr 16** Pork Loin/Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, **Bars**
[7 people bring a 9x13 pan of bars]
- Apr 23** **LAST FAMILY MEAL**
Burger/Hotdogs, Chips, Baked Beans, **Cake**, Ice Cream
[7 people bring a 9x13 cake]

Items that are to be brought in by work group members will follow the meal for that night (**in bold lettering**). *If you can't get items to the church on Tuesday, call the church office & make arrangements with Wendy. If you can't deliver items when the church is open, use the code provided by your work group leader.*



WHEN: Monday, April 21

TIME: 5:30-6:30 PM

WHERE: Living Water Community Church
A come and go buffet

will be served. A bag of groceries is available to take home with you after you have had your meal. Come join us for some food & fellowship.

A COUPLE THINGS...

Evening Circle

Due to the normal meeting date falling on Maundy Thursday, the meeting date has been moved to **Tuesday, April 22 at 7 PM** in the church lounge.

The church office will be **closed on Monday, April 21** for the Easter holiday. Call Pastor Paul with any care needs you may have at 712.324.3311 or Dan Dykstra at 712.752.8199.

End of Year TeamKID celebration



Hey, TeamKIDs! Hey what? Hey what?!
Let's celebrate our year together at TeamKID!

On **Wednesday, April 30 from 6:15-7:30 PM** come ready for pizza, games, ice cream, and fun as we celebrate all we have done and learned together. All TeamKID students and leaders are invited to attend.

WE HAVE A FUN OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

Our high school ministry ends the year on April 30 with The Amazing Race event. This is a favorite among our students! To make this event a success we need individuals, couples, and families willing to host a stop. You can either get creative and come up with an activity/challenge on your own or I can help you come up with something. It's a fun way to get to know our teens a little and make memories in the process! This event will run from about 7:45-9:00 PM, though it doesn't usually take them the entire time. If you might be interested, please let Caitie know.



Bible Quiz Answers: 1) Anna; 2) 8; 3) Ephraim & Manassah; 4) Benjamin; 5) 5 barley loaves & 2 small fish; 6) Eli; 7) taking care of sheep; 8) 3- Shem, Ham & Japheth; 9) Moses; 10) Joseph

CALLING ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!



POWER CONNECTION WORK CAMP



Registration for Power Connection is officially open and we would love to have you join us. We will have the opportunity to worship together, hear from a great speaker, and have lots of fun at Valley Fair and during free time! Please sign up during April.

Work Camp: July 22-25
Power Connection: July 25-27

Contact Caitie for more information on how to sign up!



Our ministry season is drawing to a close. Here is list of planned activities for both the middle school and high school youth groups for the remainder of the year.

Middle School:

- April 2- Normal night
- April 9- City Park Shelter House Clean up
- April 16- Easter Celebration/ Reflection
- April 23- Pastor Paul Q&A
- April 30- End of Year Party!

High School:

- April 2- Normal night
- April 9- Small Group Supper Night
- April 16- Easter Celebration/ Reflection
- April 23- Pastor Paul Q&A
- April 30- Amazing Race Event! (Do not be late, we will start without you!!)

Join us
VBS 2025
July 6-9
5:30-8:30pm

Register here:

The VBS planning team is hard at work. If you would like to help with this important children's ministry, check out the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you can only help on some of the days, we still need you! Please speak to one of the team - Ashley K, Melissa H, Janna K and Georgia W or call the office at 324-2130 with any questions.

Use QR code below to give towards VBS 2025!

Donations will be used for tee shirts, food, supplies, and all other expenses.





Apr 1 Dave Wolthuizen
 Apr 2 Phil Kragt
 Eric Spanjer
 Samantha Reinking
 Reed Jager
 Apr 3 Eric Iedema
 Apr 4 Gert Van Wyk
 Rod Fonkert
 Julie Heerde
 Steven Van Meeteren
 Apr 5 Greta Postma
 Charlee Kruger
 Andrew Jorgensen
 Apr 6 Carisa Ten Kley
 Julianna Kempema
 Apr 7 Janna Kats

Apr 8 Shane Jager
 Apr 10 Kendall De Groot
 Apr 11 Cindy Hofstra
 Apr 12 Parker Peelen
 Apr 13 Donna Koerselman
 Katlyn Crooks
 Apr 15 Megan Jager
 Mady Van Voorst
 Apr 16 Larry Sterk
 Brent Van Engen
 Zach Sawyer
 Justina Van Regenmorter
 Apr 17 Kim Wolthuizen
 Connor Kruse
 Apr 18 LaVonne Van Essen - 90
 Carol Van Beek
 Tom Gonnerman
 Kathy Kuyper
 Cally Holtrop
 Morgan De Hoogh
 Apr 20 Darlene Verrips - 92
 Jodi Vermeer
 Ashtyn Sawyer

Apr 21 Larry Fedders
 Kylie Winkel
 Apr 22 Bev Brouwer
 Gary Hassebroek
 Hannah Van Maaren
 Apr 23 Gary De Hoogh
 Steve Van Beek
 Apr 24 Matt Jurgens
 Apr 25 Austin Buurman
 Lawson Jager
 Apr 26 Jon Fuerstenberg
 Jori Woelber
 Apr 27 Erica Wassenaar
 Apr 28 Ladonna Van Meeteren
 Tim Peelen
 Noah Sterk
 Nathaniel Holtrop
 Apr 29 Char Woelber
 Evan De Hoogh
 Tate Hoekstra
 Jack Walker
 Apr 30 Bob Jager
 Kelsey Cooper

Apr 6 Cleiton & Sheila Zanela - 24
 Apr 7 Ed & Bonnie Verburg - 64
 Harlan & Kathy Kuyper - 54
 Apr 8 Rod & Bonnie Fonkert - 60
 Apr 9 Josh & Haley Jager - 3
 Apr 11 Jake & Brittany Korver - 5



Apr 14 Del & Carolyn Van Maanen - 59
 Larry & Karen Christians - 58
 Rod & Gladys Kroeze - 46
 Apr 19 Jim & Jennifer Groote - 11
 Apr 20 Jon & Kristi Fuerstenberg - 29
 Brandon & Janna Kats - 8
 Mike & Kristi Meyer - 21



Thank you for all the cards, visits and phone calls while Ron was in Sanford Senior Care. Thank you to Pastor Paul and Gary De Hoogh for your visits and prayers. Thanks also to Dixon, Mark and Logan for helping move furniture. What a blessing to be a part of such a caring congregation.
 ~ Ron & Jan Koerselman

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and after I returned to Cobble Creek. Praise the Lord for healing!
 ~ Alyda Roetman

My family and I would like to thank you for prayers and cards for Don during his stay in the nursing home. Also, after his passing, thanks for all the thoughtfulness to us with prayers, visits, gifts and memorials. Thank you Pastor Paul, Gary, Marwin and Mitch for your visits. They were truly a blessing to us. Thank you to First Reformed Church for the ten Gideon Bibles in Don's honor. May God bless each one of you.
 ~ Glenda Riemersma and family

First Reformed Church,
 We appreciate your generous donation. Your support helps us provide a warm, safe, and loving home for mothers and their children. Thank you.
 ~ The Cherish House Staff



First Reformed Church

Free Books and Bibles

All of the books and Bibles on the table at the back of the Sanctuary are free. Please take a Bible and give it away to someone who needs one.



You are invited to the CRH

- ♦ **Wednesday, April 9 at 7 PM**
Music lovers come listen to the Easter Cantata being presented by the Hospers Presbyterian Church in the CRH social room.
- ♦ **Monday, April 14 @ 10 AM**
Come and meet the Orange City Tulip Festival Queen and her court in the main lobby.

What's Happening at FRC

MARCH 2, 2025

**Baptism of Helix Holtrop,
son of Jared & Cally Holtrop**



What a blessing these young ladies bring to our services. Thanks for all their hard work and to their director, Jennifer Groot.

MARCH 2
**Creative
Movement
treated FRC to a
performance**

Benevolent Fund - March 2025

	Jan - Feb 25	Budget
Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2025	\$ 90,325.63	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Benevolent Fund	5,145.00	187,250.00
Missions	1,000.00	
Sunday School	172.00	
Total Income	6,317.00	187,250.00
Gross Profit	6,317.00	187,250.00
Expense		
Commitments		
Beth (Blankers) Borgens/CRU	0.00	7,000.00
Bethesda Christian Counseling	0.00	4,000.00
GraceCovenantMinistry-Annville	0.00	7,000.00
Grooters, Jay & Amy-Costa Rica	0.00	7,000.00
Harlan Moss-SD Prison Ministry	0.00	7,000.00
Inspiration Hills	0.00	7,000.00
Jake & Brittany Korver	0.00	7,000.00
JoJo Bong-Asian Youth	0.00	3,500.00
Lay Mission Fund	0.00	15,000.00
Love Inc	1,166.66	7,000.00
Mission & Service Projects	0.00	5,000.00
Mission to India-ChurchPlanters	0.00	7,500.00
Mission to India-Literacy Prog	0.00	2,500.00
Multiplication Network	0.00	3,500.00
Pascal,Sasha&Sara-Moldova	0.00	3,000.00
Reformed Church in America		
Brownell-Japan	0.00	7,000.00
Nicole Opgenorth-Nicaragua	0.00	7,000.00
Total Reformed Church in America	0.00	14,000.00
Rise Fest	0.00	5,000.00
Rise Ministries	0.00	7,000.00
SandalsOnSand Min (B Godbersen)	0.00	2,500.00
Sheldon Christian School	0.00	6,000.00
Talking Bibles	0.00	7,000.00
Touch of Hope Bibles	0.00	4,000.00
Touch of Hope Haiti	0.00	7,000.00
Vasileiadis,PavlosMeggan-Greece	0.00	7,000.00
Village Northwest Unlimited	0.00	6,000.00
Words of Hope		
Iran	0.00	7,000.00
Niger	0.00	7,000.00
Sudan	0.00	7,000.00
Turkey	0.00	7,000.00
Total Words of Hope	0.00	28,000.00
Total Commitments	1,166.66	186,500.00

Things to Remember



Benevolent Fund - March 2025 continued

RCA College Scholarships	750.00	750.00
YTD Offerings Paid Out	2,227.98	
Total Expense	4,144.64	187,250.00
Net Ordinary Income	2,172.36	0.00
Net Cash Flow	2,172.36	0.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 92,497.99	

General Fund - March 2025

	Feb 25	Jan - Feb 25	Annual Budget
Beginning Cash Balance	\$153,918.71		
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Fund	40,549.23	80,014.76	586,110.06
Interest Income	52.28	115.62	
Total Income	40,601.51	80,130.38	586,110.06
Gross Profit	40,601.51	80,130.38	586,110.06
Expense			
Alliance Dues	0.00	0.00	19,000.00
Congregational Care	857.33	1,352.42	17,000.00
Education	973.04	1,388.47	20,150.00
Facilities & Grounds	6,196.60	10,082.97	128,000.00
General and Consistory	1,263.14	4,840.70	15,600.00
Office	1,644.49	2,310.33	21,645.00
Outreach	856.34	2,490.47	24,300.00
Payroll Expenses	22,568.39	54,701.89	331,365.06
Transfer Out	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Worship	0.00	159.35	4,100.00
Youth Groups	340.19	340.19	4,950.00
Total Expense	54,699.52	97,666.79	586,110.06
Net Ordinary Income	-14,098.01	-17,536.41	0.00
Net Cash Flow	-14,098.01	-17,536.41	0.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 139,820.70		

Good Things to Remember



2025 Ministry Teams Contact People

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Pastor Paul - President
Dan Dykstra - Vice President
Mike Kleinwolterink - Clerk
Evan De Hoogh - Chairman of Deacons
Brady Peters - Secretary of Deacons

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Minutes of the Consistory Meeting – First Reformed Church, Sheldon, IA

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Those present:

Elders: Dixon Van Meeteren, Dan Dykstra, Brad Bosma, Mike Kleinwolterink, Greg Sawyer, Larry Vander Plaats, Randy Fonkert, Bob Stellinga

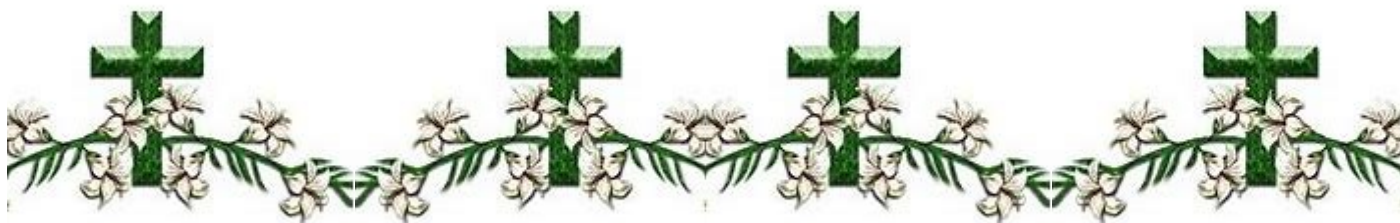
Deacons: Brandon Krukow, Evan De Hoogh, Nathan Punt, Jared Schaeffer, Brady Peters, Rodney Kruse, Marty Van Peurse, Cleiton Zanela

Absent:

Elders: Leon Kleinwolterink

Deacons: Tyler Drenkow

- A. Pastor Paul called the Meeting to Order at 7:45 PM.
- B. Pastor Paul offered opening prayer and Devotions from Leviticus 17:10-12, Hebrews 10:19-22. 1 Peter 1:18-19 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.
 - 1. Emphasis was the blood of Jesus was a sacrifice and an atonement for sin. His blood is a symbol of life for life, and we are cleansed by His blood.
- C. Roll Call & Approval of minutes from February 20, 2025.
 - 1. **Motion Made Supported & Carried (MMSC)** to approve.
- D. Celebrations and Thanksgivings were discussed.
 - 1. Progress is being made on the lower-level.
 - 2. Hiring of Sami Fox as Director of Children's Discipleship.
 - 3. Success of the Alpha Teen's Pasta Supper
 - 4. Letter of thanks for Gary De Hoogh
- E. Report from Deacons meeting-reported by Brady Peters.
- F. Report from Elders meeting-reported by Mike Kleinwolterink.
- G. Pastor's Report – Pastor Paul's Report
 - 1. Focusing on the church handbook.
 - 2. Encouraged by reading of *Biblical Manhood*.
- H. Financial reports were discussed.
 - 1. Reports were presented by Evan De Hoogh and Jared Schaeffer.
 - 2. **MMSC** to approve.
- I. Committee Reports were discussed.
 - 1. **MMSC** to approve.
- J. Other Business:
 - 1. Discussed Disciplinary Guidelines for youth group leader and sponsors.
 - 2. We need to provide clarity and direction on how to handle behavioral issues. We need to develop a step-by-step procedure for this.
 - 3. Pastor Paul will bring an outline of procedures to discuss at the April meeting.
- K. Our next meeting will be on April 10, 2025 because our typical meeting date fell on Maundy Thursday.
- L. Next Meeting: April 10, 2025 Prayer – Dan Dykstra
- M. Adjourn: **MMSC** to adjourn at 8:30 PM.
- N. Evan De Hoogh closed in prayer.



2025 Shepherding Teams

First Reformed Church, Sheldon

The congregation is divided into nine groups - one for each Elder/Deacon pair. Your Consistory shepherding team is responsible for keeping in regular contact with the families listed under their names. If you are experiencing some significant trial or illness or who may be involved in a crisis situation such as a job loss, major life change, or family death feel free to contact your Care Elder or Deacon. If your families has experienced a joyful occasion like the birth of a baby, the marriage of a son or daughter, a wedding anniversary, a promotion at work, or retirement, etc. contact your Care Elder or Deacon as well. In all these situations, an appropriate prayer to the Lord will be offered.

Your Shepherding Team is directly above the list of families to whom they are assigned.

Team 1: Bob Stellinga & Tyler Drenkow

Ed Alons – Gered De Hoogh

Team 2: Brad Bosma & Nathan Punt

Jim De Jong – Betty Gonnerman

Team 3: Leon Kleinwolverink & Marty Van Peurse

Johnny Granstra – Shane Jager

Team 4: Dixon Van Meeteren & Jared Schaeffer

Luke Jenness – Jaci Martens

Team 5: Larry Vander Plaats & Rodney Kruse

Murray Martens – Carol Pomerence

Team 6: Randy Fonkert & Cleiton Zanela

Caleb Popkes – Noah Sterk

Team 7: Dan Dykstra & Brady Peters

Roger Sterler – Norma Van Gorp

Team 8: Mike Kleinwolverink & Brandon Krukow

Lyle Van Heuvelen – Darlene Verrips

Team 9: Greg Sawyer & Evan De Hoogh

Marwin Vogel – Brad Zuetenhorst

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1 Peter 2:4-5*



IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION



- ◆ **WEBSITE:** www.sheldonfirstreformed.com
- ◆ **WORSHIP VIDEO:** www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/media/worshipservices.cfm
- ◆ **BULLETIN:** www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/media/weeklybulletin.cfm **OR** paper copies are available in bulletin box outside the north kitchen door along with the most recent Encore
- ◆ **RADIO BROADCAST:** Sundays at 10 AM on FM 100.7
- ◆ **TV BROADCAST:** Tuesdays at 4 PM on local cable channel 12
- ◆ **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/sheldonfirstreformed
- ◆ **E-GIVING LINK:** Text the word "SFRC" to the number [833-484-7253](tel:833-484-7253) or give online at www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/give
- ◆ **TRADITIONAL GIVING:** Mail to Sheldon First Reformed Church, 1101 7th Street, Sheldon, IA 51201 **OR** drop your offering in the slot on the church office door during the week
- ◆ **MY CHURCH APP:** Download on Google Play or the App Store **OR** text the words "SFRC APP" to the number [833-484-7253](tel:833-484-7253)
- ◆ **PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISES:** Call the church office at 324-2130 or email Pastor Paul at paul@sheldonfirstreformed.com
- ◆ **NEXT STEPS CODE:** The QR code is on the bulletin cover. Using your smartphone device scan the code & it will bring you to a page that will take you to our Connection Card, Prayer Requests, or Giving.
- ◆ **PARENTS:** Children's bulletins are available at www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/media/children-s-bulletin.cfm.
- ◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDES:** Pick up in the youth house.
- ◆ **ALPHA TEENS & RCYF:** Check the Remind App & Instagram for upcoming activities & any updates. To be added to the email list please email Caitie at caitie@sheldonfirstreformed.com.
- ◆ **KIDS PROGRAMS:** To keep up with what is going on with our kids' program, sign up to receive reminder text messages from FRC Kidz. Just text the following: **Text@ frckidz to the number 81010**
- ◆ **DURING THE WEEK:** The church is open from **8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday, and from 7 AM-12 PM on 2nd & 4th Fridays**. During the week you may use the north & south doors to get your mail or drop off offerings etc. in the office. You will need to ring the door bell (silver button) to the right of these doors to enter the church. Wendy will buzz you in from the office.
- ◆ **SUNDAY MORNINGS:** The church doors will lock at 9:30 AM. If you find the doors locked upon your arrival, go to the front/east door and a team member will welcome you into the church
- ◆ If you would like to receive church emails & don't currently receive them, please call the church at 324-2130 & provide Wendy with your email address. You may also fill out the connection card with this info & place it in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.
- ◆ If you have moved, made changes to your emails or phone numbers, please contact the church office with the updated information by calling 712.324.2130 or emailing frcsecretary@outlook.com.
- ◆ **BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you would like items included in either, please get the items to the office by 10 AM on Thursday morning for the bulletin & the Thursday of the last full week of the month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. **The deadline to submit items for inclusion in the May newsletter is 10 AM Thursday, April 24.**

NOTE: To access videos & bulletins, note the above information in white. If you cannot find bulletins, look under the media tab. If you still need help, call the church and we will help you navigate the website.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



While Amy and I are living in Costa Rica for several months, we are traveling to institutes a fair amount to take advantage of already being in Latin America. The past couple of months have been a good example of this.

We started off with a trip to San Jose, Costa Rica in early February for our 2025 IBAC Staff Gathering. Every year we bring all our IBAC staff together from four different countries. This is a very beneficial time to encourage one-another as well as strategize for the future and discuss current ministry. It was a very blessed and productive time together and by God's leading and provisions, the future of IBAC will be more growth and equipping pastors.

The very next week, we were back on the road to San Francisco de Dos Rios, Costa Rica. We specifically visited this institute to meet with our US church partner. This institute will complete the 15 courses, (over 7.5 years), later this year. So we are already establishing plans for where the next institute for this US church partner will be. It is very common that we plan at least a year in advance. IBAC is so blessed to have partners that value the ministry and commit long-term.

From this institute we traveled directly to Cariari, Costa Rica. In Cariari, IBAC is launching a new institute and we desired to attend to encourage our US partner (another long-term partner, committing to another 7.5 years), our staff and of course the local pastors and church leaders attending. Amy and I agreed that the brothers and sisters in Christ, in Cariari were the most welcoming, loving and appreciative folks we've ever met. Such an uplifting time visiting with pastors, church planters and church leaders. We especially loved meeting Ana Lucia, an elderly lady who had planted 6 churches in the region with her late-husband. She has never received formal, biblical training and was overwhelmed with joy and appreciation for IBAC coming to teach in Cariari. And because we were in Cariari on March 3, there was a robust singing of Happy Birthday for Amy, a special prayer over her and MANY hugs and kisses.

Next trip...back home to CO. Hard to believe are time in Costa Rica is almost over. We love our little town of Uvita and our friends here. So blessed to call this place "home" even if only for a few months each year.

Prayer Requests

Pray for safety as we travel back to Colorado the end of March.

Pray for financial partners to help us Mobilize our Latino Teachers.

Pray for new church or individual partners for Institutes ready to be started.

Praises

Safe travels throughout Costa Rica/Panama as we attended 4 institutes.

Blessed staff meetings in February with our full staff.

Enjoyed time with Jim & Melanie at our house for a week of planning & rest before the staff meetings.

Friends from CO visited us and we saw friends from WI.



If you know me - I like being in the background. Well, when it is your birthday, that's not an option. I was prayed over, sung to and received LOTS of hugs afterwards. Blessed on my 39th birthday :)



2025 Camp Theme Verse: "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

We are excited as we think about the upcoming camp season and will be able to share the news that we have a friend we can trust when we face

troublesome times. This verse also reminds our staff and board of directors that we have a reason to be confident as we strive to fulfill all we think God wants us to do. Our plans are tempered when we remember Proverbs 16:9: "In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." We ask for your prayers that we will always be in the center of the work that God is blessing.

In 2025, we are striving to finish several ongoing building projects. The addition to Lincoln Hall, containing an elevator and accessible restrooms, is on track for completion this summer. Then, we can rehab the rest of the building into an educational, cultural arts, and event center. Also, the conversion of an old farm building into a Family Center is ongoing. We are praying for additional volunteers to work on these and housing improvement projects in the community.

Your role as a partner in our ministry efforts is invaluable, and we feel blessed to have you with us. Your contribution is a significant part of our success, and we are grateful for your continued support. We are thankful for your PRAYERS and value your partnership more than words can express.

You are invited to participate in scenes like those below. If interested, please contact the office at 606-364-5151. There is still one opening for a group this summer and for more groups this fall.



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# **PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2025**



***"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10b***

Some of the inmates grow up in a culture of death. Many of their friends end up dying. I believe they think that it will not happen to them. A few overdose trying to take their own lives because of the hopelessness they feel. I have visited with some of them who believe that God has saved them from dying several times. Many inmates know nothing but death around them. They need the hope that Jesus came to give life and life more abundantly.

I wrote about Rory's baptism last July. He told me that when he ended up in jail a year ago, he was getting ready to kill himself. Rory fell on his knees and said, "God if You are real give me hope, and show me that I have a purpose. Please forgive me for all my sins and change my life!" Then he said, "A peace came over me. There was a change in my life from that time on. So many of my friends have died. I have 12 obituaries of my friends on my wall. It is so sad!" Rory had just found out another one of his friends, only 20 years old, died because of drugs. Rory said that he spent much time with him in JDC during his teenage years. He went on to say, "I could be one of those who died, but God has changed my life. I now have hope, and if possible, I would like to get a college education while I am in prison. I have no one in my life to talk to about these things, but you." God has given Rory hope when he had no hope! That is what God does!

I do some aftercare with men who were in prison a few years ago. One of them is Kevin. He is a young man who had



many difficulties during his teenage life. Kevin had been in and out of prison over several years with drug addiction problems. He was in a car accident several months ago and is paralyzed from the waist down. During our hospital visits and now home visits he has had a very good attitude. He mentioned, "I have never completed anything in my life, but now maybe God set me down so I can get a college education?" I send him Bible verses every morning, and he is very appreciative of them. Kevin said, "Those verses give me something to meditate on and they encourage me." He is in touch with the doctors to get his pain under control. He told me, "I do not want to be on a pain med that can get me addicted to it." Please pray for Kevin to have strength from above to deal with this difficult situation. We know that the Lord can do anything and can heal him completely, which would be awesome!

Henry has been dealing with cancer for a while. For the last six months I stopped by his room weekly. He told he had not given his life to the Lord, but he believed the Bible. Henry said, "I am not ready yet." I told him I was concerned for his soul and where he would spend eternity if he died. As time goes on Henry seems to be getting weaker. Many times, he told me that he didn't need a visit. Last week when I visited him, I could see he had hope written on his face. Henry said, "I asked the Lord to forgive my sins and come into my life. God is so merciful. I don't deserve His forgiveness. My sins are many and yet He has forgiven me!" He asked me for a Bible to read. God is good and patient with all of us!

It is a privilege for me to have some of the staff share their family's health concerns with me, asking me to keep them in prayer!

Thank you for your support through your prayers and financially! You are a blessing!

Harlan



Bible Pathway  
Adventures  
BIBLE QUIZ  
KINGS OF THE BIBLE

Match the question with the  
answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_ Who was the first king of Israel?
- \_\_\_ What did King Solomon ask for in a dream?
- \_\_\_ Which prophet anointed David as king?
- \_\_\_ Which king had Daniel thrown to the lions?
- \_\_\_ Which king wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites?
- \_\_\_ Which king built the first temple in Jerusalem?
- \_\_\_ What was David's job before he became king?
- \_\_\_ Which king saw the writing on the wall?
- \_\_\_ Which king gave Haman permission to destroy the Judeans?
- \_\_\_ At the time of Yeshua's birth, where did King Herod live?

ANSWERS

- 1. Samuel
- 2. Wisdom
- 3. Belshazzar
- 4. Jerusalem
- 5. Shepherd
- 6. Balak
- 7. Darius
- 8. Solomon
- 9. Saul
- 10. Ahasuerus

BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. Who was the widow who met baby Jeshua at the Temple?
- 2. How old was Josiah when he became king?
- 3. What were the names of Joseph's two sons?
- 4. Who was Jacob's youngest son?
- 5. At the feeding of 5000, a young boy provided what food?
- 6. When Samuel was called by YHWH as a child, who did he think was calling?
- 7. What was David doing when Samuel called to anoint him King?
- 8. How many sons did Noah have?
- 9. What child was born into the tribe of Levi, and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter?
- 10. What young man was sold into slavery by his brothers?

Answers can be found on a previous page.

# AN UPDATE FROM Beth Borgens

*Keeping Missionaries on Mission from Cru's Boulder Office*

February 2025

## Preparing Students for their Next Steps in God's Mission

From the end of December through the beginning of February we hosted 6,809 students at twelve Winter Conferences\*\* across the country. Winter Conferences are a special opportunity focused on equipping students, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, to grow closer to Jesus. We invite every student to take their next step in God's mission.

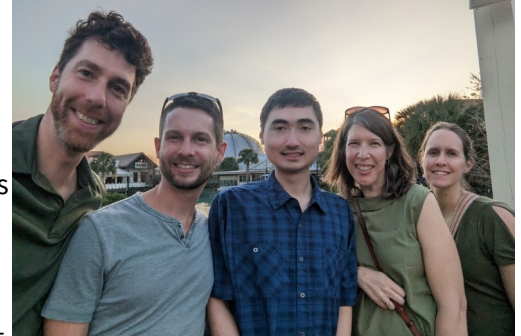
Students were challenged to go and take steps of faith. Those steps of faith happened at the conference during our outreach events and are still happening back on campuses even today. During the outreaches, 184 people who heard the gospel indicated decisions for Jesus! Here are two snapshots of how God is working:

During the day of outreach in Orlando, Carson, from FSU, and his friends met a man and his young son with whom they shared the gospel. The father prayed to receive Christ! As Carson shared this back at the conference, he put up his hands and said, "Just wait... it gets better." They took down his information to connect him with the local church and said goodbye. As the boy and his dad left to go to the park, the boy first ran into his house and told his older brother about what had just happened. The older brother ran out of the house, chased Carson and his friends down and gave Carson a huge hug. He said, "I became a Christian a year and a half ago and since then I have been praying for my dad to know Christ. This week I've been fasting and praying for this exact thing to happen!" ...to the ends of the Earth.

In Minneapolis, Candice Siewert spoke about how God is working all across the world and the part college students have played in the modern missions movement. She told the story of the "Mount Hermon 100," a group of 100 students that had committed to go to the world in 1886. She asked, "Who will go?" While this seemed like a rhetorical question, one student stood up in the ballroom and said, "I will go!" Candice said, "as I began preparing for this message I've been praying for the 'Minneapolis 100'. Are you willing to say, 'Lord, I'm willing to go?'" As Candice prayed, students around the room began to stand—over 100 students were standing! Praise God for the Minneapolis 100, and the hundreds of other students across the country who said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

Thank you so much for your partnership, your prayers, and your generosity that make it possible for the students to play a part in God's mission!

\*\*Clifton and Drew on my team are the creators and developers for the Winter Conference app that every staff and student who participates at the conference uses every day they are there. The rest of us help de-bug the app prior to the conferences.



The Special Projects Team!  
Carl, Clifton, Drew, Amy, me

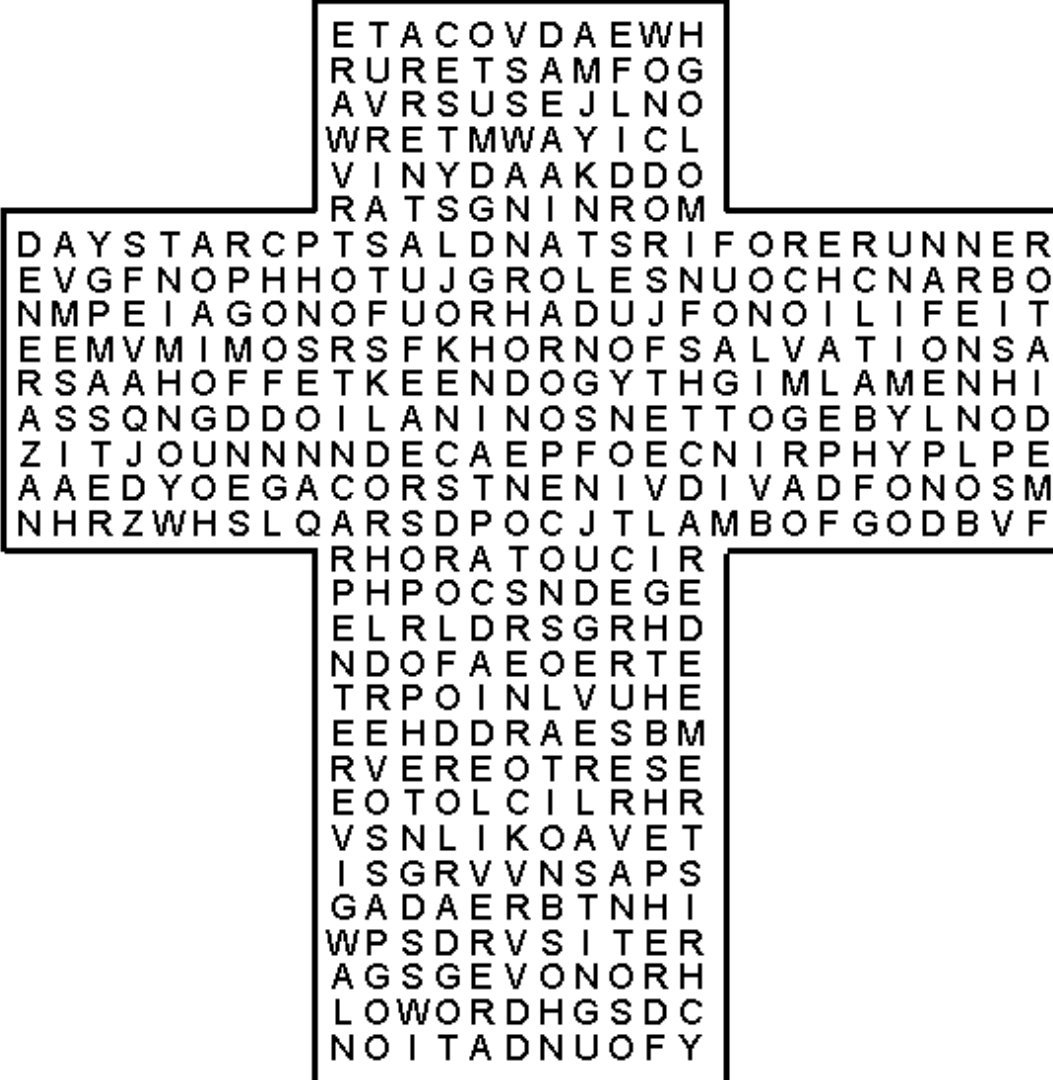
## Prayers & Praises

- Praise God for a productive trip to Orlando. Our team was able to make great progress on one of our projects we are working on in person. We were also able to fit in brief meetings with our leadership, The Center of Excellence team, as well as see a few friends in passing.
- Praise God for the steps of faith students and staff make everyday to share the truth of the gospel with the world.



# A Little Something to Do

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
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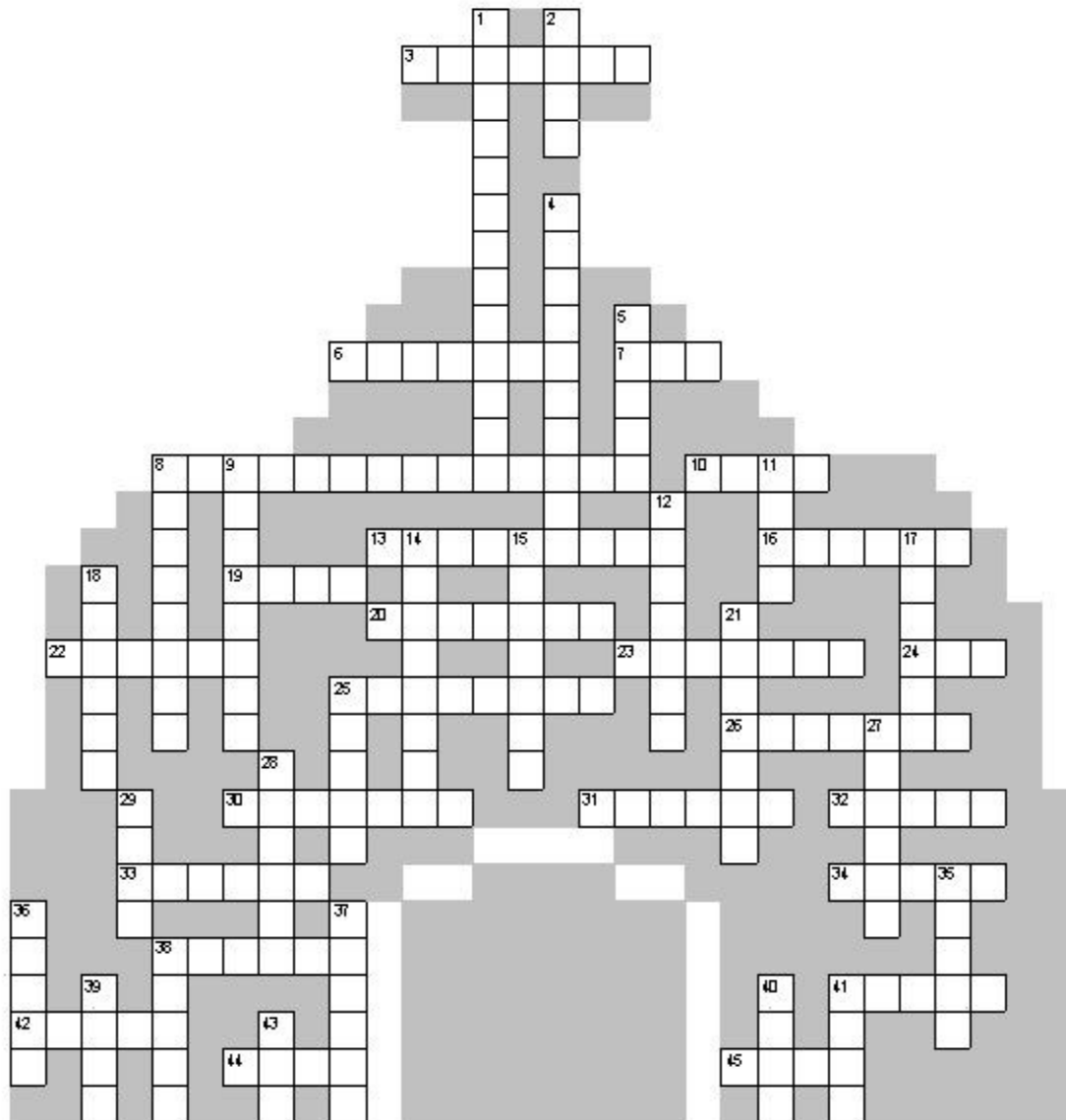
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Emmanuel  
Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
Foundation  
Governor  
Head  
High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
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Lord  
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Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

Redeemer  
Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
Vine  
Way  
Wonderful  
Word



# People of the Bible



| Across                                         |                                               | Down                                                                  |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 3. Title of the kings of Egypt                 | 31. Thrown into the lion's den                | 1. First to see the risen Christ                                      | 27. A doubtful one                                        |
| 6. Deceives Samson                             | 32. Swallowed up by a great fish              | 2. Killed Abel                                                        | 28. Mary's husband                                        |
| 7. First woman                                 | 33. Jacob's eldest son                        | 4. The handwriting was on his wall                                    | 28. Had a coat of many colors                             |
| 8. Builder of Babylon; takes Jerusalem captive | 34. A shepherd boy who God chooses to be King | 5. A fisherman who walked on water                                    | 29. Mother of Jesus                                       |
| 10. First man                                  | 38. Destroys Jericho                          | 8. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes I; rebuilds Jerusalem's wall               | 35. The promised son of Abraham                           |
| 13. Father of John the Baptist                 | 41. Betrays the Christ                        | 9. Jacob's youngest son                                               | 36. Ruth's mother-in-law                                  |
| 16. Queen who helped Mordecai save the Jews    | 42. Led the Israelites out of Egypt           | 11. First murder victim                                               | 37. Lazarus' busy sister                                  |
| 19. Brother of Jesus                           | 44. Built an ark                              | 12. Son of Abraham and Hagar                                          | 38. The Christ; the Son of God and Savior of the world    |
| 20. A prophetess and judge of Israel           | 45. Marries Boaz                              | 14. One of the three who survived the fiery furnace                   | 39. Hairy hunter who sold his birthright                  |
| 22. Aaron's sister who leads a victory song    |                                               | 15. Father of the faith                                               | 40. First king of Israel                                  |
| 23. Called out of his tomb                     |                                               | 17. Was transported into heaven in a chariot of fire                  | 41. Wrote the Book of Revelations                         |
| 24. Afflicted by Satan                         |                                               | 18. Brought Nathanael to Christ                                       | 43. Abraham's nephew; his wife turned to a pillar of salt |
| 25. Saul's son; loved by David                 |                                               | 21. A tax collector who became an apostle and an author of the gospel |                                                           |
| 26. Paul's young "son in the faith"            |                                               | 25. Wrestles with an angel                                            |                                                           |
| 30. A king known for his wisdom                |                                               |                                                                       |                                                           |

# APRIL 2025



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mon                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                                                                         | Fri                         | Sat                                             |
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| 6 YOUTH SUNDAY<br>8 AM Praise Team Prac<br>5 PM Creative Movement Practice                                                                                                                       | 7<br>6 PM Outreach Mtg<br>7 PM Congregational Care Mtg                                                               | 8                                                                                        | 9<br>5:30 Meal<br>6:15-7:30 TeamKID<br>6:15-7:30 Middle School<br>6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study<br>7:45-9 High School                           | 10<br>4:30-6 Sheldon Food Truck @ Living Water<br>6:30 Elders/Deacons Mtgs<br>7:30 Consistory Mtg                                           | 11<br>Middle School Retreat | 12<br>Middle School Retreat                     |
| 13 PALM SUNDAY<br>8 AM Praise Team Prac<br>Creative Movement<br>3 yr-K sing<br>Middle School Retreat                                                                                             | 14<br>5:30 Meal<br>6:15-7:30 TeamKID<br>6:15-7:30 Middle School<br>6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study<br>7:45-9 High School | 15                                                                                       | 16<br>1:30 Afternoon Circle<br>5:30 Meal<br>6:15-7:30 TeamKID<br>6:15-7:30 Middle School<br>6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study<br>7:45-9 High School | 17<br><br>7 PM Service & Communion<br>7 PM Communion @ CRH | 18                          | 19                                              |
| 20 EASTER<br><br>8 AM Praise Team Prac<br>8-9 AM Easter Brunch<br>NO Sunday School<br>NO Children & Worship | 21<br>Church officed closed<br>5:30-6:30 Sheldon Unity Meal @ Living Water                                           | 22<br>7 PM Evening Circle                                                                | 23<br>5:30 Last Family Night Meal<br>6:15-7:30 TeamKID<br>6:15-7:30 Middle School<br>6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study<br>7:45-9 High School        | 24                                                                                                                                          | 25                          | 26                                              |
| 27<br>8 AM Praise Team Prac<br>5 PM Creative Movement Practice                                                                                                                                   | 28                                                                                                                   | 29                                                                                       | 30<br>5:30 End-of-Year Pizza Party<br>6:15-7:30 Middle School Party<br>6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study<br>7:45-9 High School<br>Amazing Race      |                                                          |                             |                                                 |