

**Message: Gentleness**

**Scripture: I Peter 3:15, Gal. 6:1,**

**Titus 3:1,2**

**Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers**

## *Welcome*

Welcome to First CRC. We are so glad you're here!

If you have children 3 months through 3 years old, you can safely entrust them to our nursery workers, who will care for them during the service. The nursery is located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

Restrooms are located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

After the service, please join us for refreshments which are located in the room just off the Sanctuary.

### Sermon Notes

### Offerings

**Ministry Shares:** Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses.

**Special Offering– World Renew:** Joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation through community development, disaster response & rehabilitation and peace & justice.

## Church Announcements

**Handicap Parking** | Please be mindful of the handicap parking spaces and leave them open for those who need them. Thank you!

**OPEN INVITATION!** Getting to know each other again!! Once a month or every 6 weeks or so, we are going to invite anyone who wants to go out for a bite to eat to join us. This will not be the same day every time, we will rotate hoping that everyone will be able to join! SEPT 19, let's meet up at Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville at 9:00 am. We need to have a number by Sept 11. For those who want to carpool, meet at church at 8:45. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Any questions, ask Marcia Hoeksema.

**Blessing of the Buses** | Sunday, September 10th at noon. You are invited to meet at the baseball field near the bus barn on Central Ave and Fairview Rd as we pray for the start of the school year. We will join Bethel CRC, Third CRC, Restoration Church and Haven CRC. Lunch will start at noon, then we will break into small groups to pray for the upcoming school year.

**First Focus** | Please have any materials for September's First Focus emailed or turned into the office by Weds., August 23. Thank you!

## Church Ann. Cont...

**Town Hall Meeting** | Sunday, September 17th following the worship service. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions of the Council, and for the Council to give an update on where we are at. If you have questions that you would like to submit beforehand, please give a signed note to David Wierda, Lavonne Blaquiere or Howard Hoeksema.

## Church Calendar

**Prayer Meeting** | Each week members from First Church are invited to come and pray together at 11:00AM on Thursday. All are welcome. Meet at the office.

**BOUNCE HOUSE FUN NIGHT |**  
Reminder... THIS WEEK  
THURSDAY IS OUR  
BOUNCE HOUSE NIGHT!  
If you signed up for a specific task please be at the carnival between 5:30 and 5:45. If you didn't sign up, PLEASE come and hang out with everyone.

**Coffee Break** | Coffee Break will be having its kickoff on Sept. 21 with Tom Pettinga. The 1st lesson *Parables* will begin on Sept. 28.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for August. Howard will be gone until the 27th. During that time you may contact Wes VanderLugt. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | God's law not only convicts us of sin, but it shows how to live gratefully since we've been forgiven of the sins the commands accuse us of. The first command is broad enough that the following nine are merely explanations of it. Dig deeper this week as we read the Bible together each week day at [UnfadingTruth.org](http://UnfadingTruth.org).