

Message: Not an End, a Beginning
Scripture: Gal. 5:22-23; Prob. 16:32;
2 Tim. 1:7, Titus 1:8
Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

Sermon Notes

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.

Offerings

General Fund: Monies for general church operating 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

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.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS/

DVDS | The following books/ DVDS are now available in the church library.

The Creektown Discoveries Series of Amish novels by Wanda Brunstetter: *The Walnut Creek Wish*, *The Sugarcreek Surprise*, and *The Apple Creek Announcement*.

The Baxters: A Prequel by Karen Kingsbury. This is a story of the early history of the Baxter family. *Being Baxters (A Baxter Family Children Story)* by Karen Kingsbury.

God's Not Dead DVD 4 DVD set. The stories are based on the books of the Christian author Rice Brooks, who defends the Christian faith against atheism. *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman* DVD's Seasons 1 - 6. This is the complete six seasons of the highly regarded television series.

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.

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.

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.

Coffee Break | Coffee Break will be having its kick-off 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. His phone number is 616.212.5386.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **John Rietsma** a very happy 94th birthday on Weds., Aug. 30! May his special day be great!

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.