

Message: Second Chances**Scripture: Luke 13: 1-8****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

Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Special Offering— K-12 Christian Education: Monies to support local Christian schools.

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 Arrows 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.

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 Blacquiere 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

GEMS Kick-off | GEMS will have their kick off this week Wednesday at Dutch Treat Campground Pool! Moms and all girls grades 1-6 are invited! We plan on swimming/having a fire with hot dogs to roast from 6-8! Please let one of the leaders know if you plan on coming or know of a girl in this age group that may like to join us! Please pray for a good start to a great year for the GEMS!

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? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for September. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | There's no shortage of new, novel and entertaining methods churches introduce to 'worship' God. The more things change, the more they stay the same. The Bible is full of examples of people who tried to worship God their own way rather than sticking to God's instructions, and things didn't go well for them. This week as we read the Bible, we'll learn why we must "not worship God in any other way than he has commanded in his Word." Dig Deeper with us at UnfadingTruth.org.