

Message: Getting Back to the Basics

Scripture: Matthew 22: 34-40

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 back of the Sanctuary.

Sermon Notes

Offerings

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

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

Church Announcements

Coffee Break | Coffee Break will be starting up again on Thursday, September 26, at 10-11:15 AM.

We will start right in with lesson 1 in the book John. (There will be no kick-off the week before.) There are books on the front bench today if you would like to take one but please sign your name on the paper so we can bring books to those who are gone.

Faith Promise Team | With the unknown future of 1st CRC, the Faith Promise Team recommended to council that we finish the year with the current list of recipients, Jan Mulder with Young Life, Matt Beukema and Steve Michmerhuizen with Resonate Global Mission. Council accepted our recommendation. If anyone has questions, please contact Jerry/Marcia Hoeksema or Gord/Cindy VanDyke.

We welcome **Stephanie Walters** as accompanist for us this morning.

Thank You

The **GEMS** would like to send a **BIG THANKS** to **DUTCH TREAT CAMPGROUND** for allowing us to use their pool and campground for our kick-off this past Wednesday! We enjoyed swimming and roasting hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire with 12 girls and most of their moms! We look forward to our first meeting on Sept. 18 following Weds. night supper! We ask for continued prayers as we start our year!

Church Calendar

The **Worship Team** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday.

The **Properties Team** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday.

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.

Congregational Meeting | The Next Steps team is excited to share what they have been working on with the congregation and hear your questions. Sunday, September 15th following the worship service.

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.

We express our sympathies to **Jason and Barb Walters** in the passing of Jason's daughter Julie. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Pray for **The Bridge** as they start fall programs that they will find enough volunteers to help and for the kids as they start a new school year. A few prayer requests: **Logan**-Grandma has gone to a rehab facility after her fall. Hoping she heals quickly. **Die-trick**-he and his brother Noah are starting pre-season basketball. **Bob**-thankful Fred's hip surgery went well and he is up and around again.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Church membership isn't easy. You're *obligated* to submit to its instruction & discipline, take on Christ's yoke and work hard, and serve and build one another up. Be reminded of your calling each day as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.com.

Grant Me Hope's Family FUNfest | You are invited to Grant Me Hope's 9th Annual Family FUNfest, noon-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Nelis' Dutch Village and Holland Town Center. This great family-friendly event happens every year in September thanks to the generosity of Nelis' Dutch Village! The park opens its gate to the community to help us provide an inexpensive day of fun for families. Grant Me Hope purposely invites foster and adoptive children and families so they especially can enjoy the Holland area's only theme park without worrying about the cost. The event includes a picnic lunch for all guests, a semi-truck show, and custom car & motorcycle show with awards. We hope to see you there!