

~ Sunday September 1, 2019 ~  
~ We welcome all who worship with us today ~

**Prayer Needs:**

- God's blessing on the preached word today.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- Holy Spirit's work, drawing all of us unto the Lord Jesus Christ in saving faith.
- As we begin our fall church classes, and our young people are back in school, may we always seek God's blessing, favor and help in our learning.

**Members and friends with ongoing needs:**

Nellie Fintelman      Wilma Koedam      George & Chris Vonk

**Announcements:**

**Today:** Pastor Bart Elshout serves.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering:** General Fund    **2<sup>nd</sup> Offering:** Construction Fund

**Next Lord's Day:** Pastor Elshout serves. **2<sup>nd</sup> Offering:** PRTS Fund  
Catechism, Sunday School, and the Adult Class will begin. Following our fellowship time all ages will gather in the sanctuary for a meditation with Pastor Elshout before being dismissed to our classrooms.

**Wednesday:** We plan to hold our first monthly *Church Family Evening* this Wednesday, at Hope Haven, 6:50 pm. For our first meeting we will serve pizza, break up into our small groups briefly and play some games. See sign up in the narthex. All are welcome, visitors and friends also!

**Ladies' Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, **September 11**. We plan to meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Heritage Estates Club Room, Rock Valley. Please see sign up sheets in the narthex to place your book order. See Julie Post with any questions. All ladies are welcome; feel free to invite a friend also!

**The Banquet:** Please sign up in the narthex for serving the evening meal at *The Banquet* in Sioux Falls on Friday, **September 13**. All help is much appreciated!

**Conference:** On **Sept. 27 & 28**, 2019, the first *Tri-State Bible Conference* will be held in Northwest Iowa. Speaker: Dr. J. R. Beeke. Conference theme: "**Blessed Assurance: Can I Have It?**" Location: B. J. Haan Auditorium, Dordt University. For further details, see the conference website: [www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com)

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*"All the sin of heathendom, all the sin of Christendom, is but the outgrowth of the one root – God dethroned, and self-enthroned, in the heart of man."*

Rev. Andrew Murray

**September:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Consistory meeting @ Interstates, Sioux Center at 6:00 pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** First time for season of Church Family monthly meetings

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Elders Meeting, at Pastor Elshout's home, at 7:00 pm

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Catechism Sunday School, and the Adult Class begin for the season

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study begins for the season, see note

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Lord's Supper, morning worship service

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Serving the evening meal at *The Banquet*, Sioux Falls, see note

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Pastor Terry Klaver serves

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Tri-State Bible Conference, see note

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Joel Beeke serves

**Senior Birthday:**

**September 2:** Rena Van Beek, 96 years

**Birthdays:**

**September 3:** Esther Van Der Brink

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**September 6:** Gib Van Hill

**September 7:** Brycen Zomer

**Tomorrow (September 2)** is the last day to register for the IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling being offered in Orange City, IA. Please prayerfully consider being part of this year's counseling class. For more information and an online registration form, go to [www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org](http://www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org).

**Greeters:**

**September 1:** Bob and Marilyn Groeneweg

**September 8:** Pete and Linda Van Beek

**Lunch Schedule:**

**September 1:** Emily P. and Marlene VH

**September 8:** Clarice E. and Amber Z.

**Nursery Schedule:**

**September 1:** Morning: Emily P. and Alexa Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Ava Z.

**September 8:** Morning: Kerri R. and Brynlie Z.

Evening: Amber Z. and Ciana Z.

**Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:**

8/04/19 General - \$2,546.00

8/04/19 Student Support - \$1,799.00

8/11/19 General - \$858.00

8/11/19 Emeritus - \$1,685.00

8/18/19 General - \$973.00

8/18/19 HRC Mission - \$2,040.00

8/25/19 General - \$2,261.00

~All the Lord willing~

## *What Is Your Life?*

*What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

James 4:14

These words are most frequently used to warn sinners of the urgent necessity for them to get right with God. They certainly should make every careless soul think of the brevity of life, the certainty of death, and the solemnity of eternity. If you come to this day still in your sins, you should stop and consider this word from God. You know the gospel. You know you should call upon the Lord to have mercy upon you. You know that tomorrow it may be too late for you to call. Call upon Him today and you will find that He will have mercy and will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7).

Yet James originally directed these words to Christians. They had become very careless about spiritual things. They were consumed with the here and now, this life with its pleasures and profits. They took time for granted and made their plans as if they were certain to be around for a long time.

Is that not how all too many of us live? We need to take James' rebuke seriously and personally. We need to grasp again some basic facts. First, our hold on life is very tenuous. Second, at best our life will be brief. Third, in this brief life what matters is not where we have travelled or what we have gained, but how we have responded to the will of God.

In the light of these things, how does your life measure up? What is your life? What motivates it? What has it accomplished? The Lord asks the questions, and He will have honest answers.

**The business of our lives is not to please ourselves but to please God.**

Matthew Henry

# *Heritage Reformed Congregation*

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*"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel  
before the LORD our maker." Psalm 95:6*



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