

# Sunday September 29, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

## Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word.
- 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.
- For the Holy spirit to follow the *Tri State Bible Conference* with His precious and indispensable blessing.
- Thanksgiving that Nellie F. has been placed on the liver transplant list, pray that a suitable liver donor would be found soon.
- Mrs. Joan Maassen, who is waiting for biopsy results to determine treatment for bone cancer.
- Nate Villalobos, who will not have surgery at this time for the brain lesion. He is scheduled for a repeat MRI in 3 months.
- Pray for God given wisdom for the medical teams of these seriously ill members and friends.

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman      Wilma Koedam      George & Chris Vonk

## Announcements:

Today: Pastor Beeke serves.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship. Catechism, Sunday School, and the Adult Class commence at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund    2nd Offering: General Fund

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves.    2nd Offering: Inheritance Publishers

Trinitarian Bible Society: on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm in the Hope Haven gym Mr. William Greendyk will be giving a presentation on the work of TBS in Cuba.

Save the Date: You are warmly invited to attend the annual *Word & Deed Dinner* to be held on Thursday, November 7 D.V. at the Main Street Plaza in Rock Valley, IA. We are pleased to have Brian Dennett from AMG Guatemala as our keynote speaker. Plan to join us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Guatemala! Please see Pete or Linda Van Beek to register.

Save the Date: Our annual *Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong* will be held on Thursday, December 5. More details to follow.

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*"It is the very drift of the whole Scripture, to bring souls first to an acquaintance with Christ, and then to an acceptance of Christ, and then to build them in a sweet assurance of their actual interest in Christ."*

~Thomas Brooks

## October:

Tuesday 1st: Consistory Meeting, at church at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 2nd: Ladies' Bible Study @ 9:30 am, Heritage Estates Rock Valley  
Wednesday 2nd: Church Family Night, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm  
Wednesday 9th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Wednesday 9th: Trinitarian Bible Society speaker event, Hope Haven @ 7pm  
Wednesday 16th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Thursday 17th: Singing *Royale Meadows/Neighborhood Room*, Sioux Center, 6:30pm  
Sunday 20th: Pastor Mark Kelderman serves  
Wednesday 23rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Wednesday 23rd: Congregational Information Meeting at church, @ 7pm (see pastoral letter)  
Wednesday 30th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

## November:

Sunday 3rd: Reformation Day Commemoration Service, morning worship  
Wednesday 6th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Wednesday 6th: Monthly Church Family Night, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm  
Thursday 7th: Singing at *Pleasant Acres*, Hull at 7:15 pm  
Wednesday 13th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Wednesday 20th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Wednesday 27th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location  
Thursday 28th: Thanksgiving Day, morning worship at 9:30 am

## Birthdays:

October 3: ClaraAnn Bleyenbergh

October 4: Les Van Grootheest

## Greeters:

September 29: John and Stacy Zomer

October 6: Esther VDB, Emily P. and Leah VB

## Lunch Schedule:

September 29: Misty D. and Esther VDB

October 6: Becky VDB and Barb G.

## Nursery Schedule:

September 29: Morning: Marilyn G. and Olivia VB

Evening: Faith G. and Haley VV

October 6: Morning: Emily P. and Alexa Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Ava 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

## *Moved by Mercy*

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1*

If you are a Christian you should feel as John Newton felt as an awareness of the greatness of the mercy of God swept over him:

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found—  
Was blind, but now I see.*

Ephesians 2 describes your experience. It says that before God revealed his mercy to you, you were "dead in trespasses and sins" (v.1). You "walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air" (v. 2) and were "by nature [an object of God's] wrath" (v. 3). "Ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (v. 12). That was your condition.

But now listen to what God did.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." (vv. 4-7).

That is the nature of the goodness, love, grace, and mercy of our great God. If you are a Christian, shouldn't it motivate you to the most complete offer of your body to him as a living sacrifice and to the highest possible level of obedience and service? How can it do otherwise? In my opinion, you can never understand and accurately appreciate what God has done in showing you mercy in Christ without replying wholeheartedly, as did Isaac Watts in his great hymn "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" (1709):

*Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

~James M. Boice

# *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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