

Sunday February 9, 2020

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word, may the Holy Spirit draw us all to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all mercies given unto us.
- 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.
- All those undergoing medical testing, under doctor's care and treatment.
- Those afflicted with seasonal illnesses, and not able to gather in God's house.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living. Pray for our president, that he may have godly wisdom for the weighty task laid upon him.

Announcements:

Today: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am. Pastor Elshout serves
Coffee and fellowship follow the morning worship service.
Catechism Class, Sunday School, and Adult Class today at 11:20 - 12:10

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Banner of Truth Tract

Next Lord's Day: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am.
Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: Student Support

Saturday: The first of our monthly *Sing-a-long and Prayer Meetings* will be this Saturday, February 15 @ 7 pm, at the home of Esther Van Der Brink. Bring your own Psalter; hymn books will be provided. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Bonisa: "Brother Charles," a missionary serving *Bonisa Mission* with more than two decades of experience in China, will be visiting our area. He will be giving a presentation on Thursday, February 20, at *The Corporate Center* in Sioux Center, at 7:30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to become (re)acquainted with the great needs of the country that contains so many eternal souls. There will be an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

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"The soul of man bears the image of God, so nothing can satisfy it but He whose image it bears. Our soul, says Augustine, was created as by God, so for God, and is therefore never quiet till it rests in God." Thomas Gataker

February:

Tuesday 11th: Consistory Meeting at Interstates, @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday 12th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location
Thursday 13th: Singing at *Royale Meadows* (near George's rm) Sioux Center, 6:30 pm
Saturday 15th: Monthly *Singalong and Prayer*, Esther VDB's home at 7:00 pm
Thursday 20th: Bonisa presentation Corporate Center, Sioux Center at 7:30 pm
Sunday 23rd: PRTS student Mr. Jamie Crampton serves
Wednesday 26th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

March:

Sunday 1st: Pastor Terry Klaver serves
Wednesday 4th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location
Wednesday 4th: Monthly *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm
Sunday 8th: Commemoration of annual *Prayer Day*
Wednesday 11th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location
Sunday 15th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service
Thursday 17th: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm
Wednesday 18th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location
Saturday 21st: Monthly *Singalong and Prayer*, Bob and Marilyn's home, 7:00 pm
Wednesday 25th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk Nellie Fintelman Mrs. Joan Maassen

Greeters:

February 9: John and Barb Groeneweg
February 16: Mitch and Paige Claussen

Lunch Schedule:

February 9: Becky VDB and Barb G.
February 16: Paige C. and Misty D.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

1/05/20 - <u>General</u> \$2,432.00	1/05/20 - <u>Domestic Outreach</u> \$1,824.00
1/12/20 - <u>General</u> \$1,843.00	1/12/20 - <u>Building</u> \$5,322.00
1/19/20 - <u>General</u> \$760.00	1/19/20 - <u>PRTS</u> \$1,087.00
1/26/20 - <u>General</u> \$2,156.00	

~All the LORD willing~

Paul's Growth

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Romans 12:3

Many times today we look at Paul and wish to be greatly used of God as he was. But Scripture teaches us that use of Paul as a role model requires a proper view of Paul—his humility and his submission to Christ.

Paul didn't start out as a humble servant. In fact, before his conversion, he was quite proud of his pedigree ([Philippians 3:4-6](#)). He was the overseer at the stoning of Stephen ([Acts 7:58](#)). He was fanatical, the haughty persecutor of the early church (8:3). In grace, he was informed of his error by "Jesus whom thou persecutest" (9:5), and soon Paul recognized the worthlessness of his background and human achievement, and counted all these things "but dung, that I may win Christ" ([Philippians 3:8](#)).

Once his view of Christ was proper, Paul's view of himself began to decrease. In AD 56 or so, Paul, who had been set apart for a ministry to the Gentiles "from my mother's womb" ([Galatians 1:15](#)), called himself "the least of the apostles, that am not meet [fit] to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am" ([1 Corinthians 15:9-10](#)).

While in prison several years later, Paul wrote to the Gentile churches he had founded, marveling that this ministry was given "unto me, who am less than the least of all saints" ([Ephesians 3:8](#)). Shortly before he was beheaded in prison for his faith, he testified "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" ([1 Timothy 1:15](#)).

As Paul grew older, his evaluation of his own worth decreased. As one draws closer and closer to the light, he is able to see more clearly his own unworthiness. *Dr. JD Morris*

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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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