

Lord's Day, August 16, 2009

We extend a cordial welcome to all who come here to worship our wonderful covenant God. Please fellowship with us also following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer & Praise

Our Worship

- Our confidence and trust is in the Lord our God. As we gather for worship let us say with the Psalmist (121:1-2), "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Our Community and World

- Thank God for the measure of freedom to worship that we possess in our country. Remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our world who worship under persecution or severe restrictions.
- Pray for the young adults who will soon be traveling elsewhere to begin another college year. Also be praying for the students who will be coming to our area to attend Providence.

Our Missionaries

- Pray for Dr. Brian J. Lee, pastor and for the work of the Christ Reformed Church in DC, that the "Calvin in the Capitol" speaker's series will go well; that numbers will be added to the core group; and that they will develop more contacts in the Dupont Circle neighborhood where the church is located.

Our Church Family

- Pray for encouragement for Hank and Vicky Van Heyningen during this time of healing and adjustment for her after the surgery to amputate her foot. Remember Harlan Miersma, Connie Koedoot, Henrietta Visser, and Grace Vander Wal who each recover at home. Pray for Bets Bos who has returned to the Inland Nursing Facility, and for Steve Van Hofwegen at the Kindred Hospital in Brea.
- Pray for those who are unable to worship with us, including Clara Van Hofwegen, Gertrude Visscher, Tena Gerritsen, Art Burghgraef, Sadie Vander Weide, Rena Mellema, and others.
- Pray for encouragement and new jobs for those who are presently unemployed. Pray that each of us impacted by the economy will trust the Lord to supply all of our needs.

- We rejoice with Brian Vanden Heuvel and Megan Hemnes who were united in marriage on Friday in Washington. May the Lord add His blessing to their relationship and fill their new home with joy and faithfulness.

Our Federation

- Pray that the Lord will cause our federation to continue to grow both in faith and in numbers so that His kingdom will be expanded.

Church Announcements

TODAY WE WELCOME the newest family to our church, Bryan and Susan Castleman who come to us from the Oceanside URC. Please welcome them into our church family. May they be a great blessing to all of us, and we to them.

THIS MORNING the offering will be for Covenant Reformed Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Covenant is in need of an expansion to their current facilities as they are out of date, do not include enough classrooms, fellowship space, or restrooms on the main floor (causing difficulties for the elderly and disabled). In 2008, spurred by an anonymous donor, the church decided to go ahead with the expansion. In order to fully take advantage of the gift, the church must raise enough funds to begin construction by December 31, 2009. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of Covenant Reformed Church.

SHIELD WILL BE presenting a slide show after the worship service this evening. Please come see and hear about the RYS National Youth Convention (Forgiven: Paid in Full).

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are in honor of Pastor & Faye Scheuers' wedding anniversary, which will be this coming Wednesday. Congratulations!

FELLOWSHIP IS... articles are due this week Wednesday.

SINGLE FOCUS POOL Party this Tuesday at the Vanden Berge's. Everyone Single Focus age is invited--including those recently graduated from high school. Come anytime after 5, dinner will be around 6:30--all food and drinks will be provided, and we will wrap up the evening by going bowling. See you there!

FELLOWSHIP IS.... COMMITTEE will meet on Monday at 6:00 PM.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

CADET COUNSELOR MEETING, Monday at 7:15 PM - in the Cadet Room.

WANTED - PRAISE Team members and Song Leaders - If you would like to be involved in either of the opportunities, please call Lorae Vanden Berge.

DR. RYAN MCILENNY, Professor of History at Providence Christian College will begin our new Sunday School season with a series on Christianity and Liberalism. In the fundamentalist-modernist controversy of the 1920's, J. Gresham Machen's best-selling book showed that many so-called Christians actually undermined the central tenets of the Christian faith. He argued that Christianity without the doctrines of the gospel is no Christianity at all. This liberalism is still with us today, and surprisingly also appears among conservative evangelicals who have substituted moral living for confessional doctrine. Come learn about defending the faith in our modern/postmodern context. The class starts 9:00 am, Sunday, September 13. If you would like to buy the book (\$13), please write your name on the sign up sheet on the foyer table. Next Sunday will be the last chance to order the book.

THE OFFERING NEXT Sunday Morning is for Lynwood URC, South India Mission. Rev. Alexander has been leading a mission in South India. As of his latest report in May, ten students have completed their two years of studies at the Grace of God Bible School, and are now becoming evangelists in the villages. The Hostel has nineteen children attending, and in spite of persecutions, the pastors are reaching many villages. Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Rev. Alexander and the other pastors. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet next Sunday after the evening service.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS. Please sign up in the narthex for Pastor Scheuers' membership class. This is a class for those who may be considering becoming a communicant member of our congregation, or who may simply wish to know more about the Reformed faith. The class will begin on September 13 after the morning service. It will run for about 10 weeks. All are invited to attend.

FAITH CORE will soon start its fall meetings! If you are going into seventh or eighth grade please plan on joining us! We usually meet twice a month on Friday after school. A schedule will soon be available. Please invite your friends!

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE students will soon be arriving! Many students worship with us during the school year, so please greet these students and open your hearts and homes to them. We have a wonderful opportunity to help nurture and disciple these Christian young people.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Family Night will begin on Wednesday, September 9, and the new fall season of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13.

NEW ADDRESS: Bryan & Susan Castleman, see office.

OFFERINGS: Salem Christian Homes \$378; Tuition Assistance \$862; Inland CARE Fund \$689; General Fund \$5,691; Reformed Youth Services \$469; General Fund \$8,359.

TAPES & CD'S of the services may be ordered at the information desk.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 1:17-21

NIV, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, *and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.* "

KJV, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, *and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

NURSERY TODAY AM: Debby Wiersma, Jessica Vander Well, Miranda Kortenhoeven PM: Georgene Ligtenberg

NEXT SUNDAY AM: Debbie Peters, Sierra Dayen, Danielle Dirksen PM: Lila Van Ravenswaay

COOKIES FOR AUGUST 23: Linda Peters, Anna Peters, Audry Pierce **August 30:** Tina Rollema, Earlene Scharping (5 dz.)

CAR WATCH TODAY PM: Henry Bekendam, Harvey Visser

Next Sunday AM: Alan Bos PM: Pete Bosch, Brad Bosch

GREETERS TODAY AM: Shannon, Amanda & Abby Heck; Clara Jasper & Diana Koning PM: Peter Kao & Kevin Meeks

NEXT WEEK AM: Pete & Connie Koedoot, Steve Kortenhoeven Family PM: Steve Laidlaw Family

INFORMATION BOOTH TODAY AM & PM: Sophie Koolhaas Fellowship Hall: Nelvina Sybesma

Next Sunday AM & PM: Sandy Nanninga Fellowship Hall: Cathy Smith

USHERS FOR AUGUST AM: Jerry Sterk, Ryan Sterk, Don Rietkerk PM: Erwin Scharping

OFFERINGS Next Sunday AM: General Budget & Lynwood URC (South India Mission) PM: Providence Christian College

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY: 7:15 PM SHIELD/RYS Slide Show

MONDAY: 6:00 PM Fellowship Is... Committee meeting

7:00 PM Consistory Meeting

7:15 PM Cadet Counselor Meeting in the Cadet room

TUESDAY: 5:30 PM Single FOCUS party at the Vanden Berge's.

7:00 PM Hospitality Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Chino Denny's. Read Romans 13:8-14 and pages 158-170 in part two of "The Epistle to the Romans".

NEXT SUNDAY: 7:30 PM Single FOCUS, Refreshments - Dana Van Der Kooi, David Ligtenberg

7:30 PM Music Committee Meeting