

Sermon Notes

MESSIAH CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

2900 Springdale St.
Hudsonville, MI 49426

July 18, 2010



Messiah...

A Place to Belong

Reflecting the Love of Jesus

as we are Growing and Serving

Worship Services: 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

9:30 am Service

Pastors: Ron Baker, Howard Vander Well
Pianist: Lindsey Baatenburg; **Worship Team**

Prelude

*Welcome

*Songs: “Worthy is the Lamb”
“My Jesus, I Love Thee” [Gray bk. 557]

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper

Pastoral Prayer

*Song: “How Deep the Father’s Love”

Offertory Prayer and Offering: General Fund and Benevolence
[Children’s Worship – ages 3-kindergarten will be called to the front
for a prayer before dismissal]

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2: 1-21

Message: “*Strange People in the Pew*”

Prayer

*Song: “The Power of the Cross”

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper
Song: “And Can It Be” [Gray bk. 267]

*God’s Blessing

*Song: “Amazing Grace” [Gray bk. 462]

*Postlude

[Please stand, if you are able]

Our service this morning includes the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. To all guests who trust in Jesus as their Savior and Lord and are members of a Christian church, we extend the invitation to participate in the Lord’s Supper.

Today we welcome Rev. Howard Vanderwell, retired pastor of the CRC who is now the Resource Development Specialist for Pastoral Leadership at the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship.

Serving Others July 18, 2010

Children’s Worship: Roxanne Bloem, Becky Bloem, Rachel Brock

Host Couple: Bob & Marilyn Buikema

Library: Lisa De Lange

Nursery AM: Eleanor Postma, Katie Koetje, Kerri Van Noord
Lynette Gruppen, Sarah Wolf

Nursery PM: Scott & Mary Soodsma

Greeters: Parking Lot Door: AM Jim & Joy Albers

PM Jon & Darlene Burman

North Door: AM Phil & Theresa De Lange

PM Kevin & Tracy Piebenga

Offerings: AM General Fund and Benevolence

PM Guiding Light Mission

Serving Others July 25, 2010

Children’s Worship: Robin Kerkstra, Brianna Kerkstra, Melissa De Vries

Host Couple: Jay & Shirley Van Dyken

Library: Mary Soodsma

Nursery AM: Jon & Darlene Burman, Mary Martinie
Trey Duggins, Jodi De Lange

Nursery PM: Shelly Duggins, Tyler Duggins

Greeters: Parking Lot Door: AM Scott & MaryAnn Room

PM Joe & Katie Vugteveen

North Door: AM Jon & Karen Lanning

PM Erv & Esther Zeerip

Offerings: AM General Fund

PM Ministry Shares

Our Staff/Contact Information

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Youth Announcements

SERVICE DAY for STRONG Members: Tuesday, July 20, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Christmas ornaments made by Women at Risk in 3rd world countries need to be sorted and packaged at a warehouse in Wyoming. Talk to Fig or give him a call – 560-5607 and add your name to the sign up on his door. Lunch will be provided!

GET MAD Pool Party – July 21 at the Brinks' house, 7-9 PM with a fire/smores. **Save the Date:** August 20, Tunnel Park Outing, 5:30–9:30 pm.

Community Announcements

Hudsonville Christian School will hold its' 10th annual Golf Outing on the afternoon of Monday, August 9. The event will be held at Railside Golf Club in Byron Center, and will benefit the school's tuition assistance fund. Cost is \$150 per person or \$100 for seniors, which includes lunch and 18 holes of golf. Business sponsorships are also available. For more details or to register, please contact the school office at 669-6689.

Unity Christian is looking for a girls' varsity golf coach. This is a fall sport with the season beginning on August 11. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Athletic Director Jerry DeGroot at 669-1820. **UCHS also has a part-time job opening for fueling and cleaning buses,** from the end of August through mid-June. Must be able to obtain a CDL license. Interested? Please call Bill at Unity (669-1820).

DM Discoveries Private High School Program has an urgent need for a host family willing to open their home to one of our international students. Vincente is enrolled at Unity Christian and will begin his year of study in the fall. Vincente is from Spain and will be a senior who loves playing his guitar and enjoys soccer. Our host families are offered a very generous stipend per month. If you are interested in learning more about this program and hosting Vincente, please contact Kris Andres at 662-5075.

We will not win the abortion debate until we finally unmask “pro-choice”. Every day we see what pro-choice really means! The whole concept is rooted in deception, greed, selfishness and horrendous violence against both women and unborn babies. As time passes, we find nothing but death and destruction in its wake. Choose life. **[Right to Life]**

Morning Message: We focus on the story of Rahab and her encounter with the spies from Israel. She is a Gentile, one of the least likely to be part of the plan of God. Yet, her story is a very surprising one, and illustrates how God breaks down barriers and illustrates the power of his grace that draws Rahab in. This same grace is what we celebrate at the Lord's Table today!

Evening Message: This sermon will focus on God's Benediction/Blessing which we receive at the close of a worship service. We'll examine what it is, what it means, and the focus will be on our need as we leave to have a sure promise from God that he goes with us. We'll see that the benediction is one of the most important moments of a worship service!

Please Pray For . . .

Kevin Piebenga, who on Friday will have outpatient surgery for placement of a port which is necessary for the eventual kidney dialysis he is preparing for;
Marcia Hollemans, who was hospitalized for 3 days last week for what was thought to be a possible heart attack;

Claude Meppelink, at home and feeling much better; still in the process of medication changes;

Shirley Van Dyken, who anticipates knee replacement surgery on Tuesday;

Dale Brouwer, continuing to recover from back surgery;

Tom Standish, recently diagnosed with lung cancer;

Wayne Van Klompenberg, now at Spectrum in the ICU for pneumonia;

Others with continuing health concerns . . .

Ruth Bosscher, Firdene Branderhorst, Rich De Young, Jacob & Kellan Gainey, Irv Gruppen, Bill Hoonhorst, Danette Hoonhorst, Bob Hoonhorst, Mel Meekhof, Kevin Piebenga, Ann Ritsema, Anne Tameling, Ruth Vanden Berg, Jay Van Dyken, Andy Van Zalen

This Week's Calendar

Sun. 9:30 am Morning Service

5:30 pm Evening Service

Mon. 6:15 pm Men's softball game – Hughes Park, Field #5

6:30 – 7:30 pm TRIP-to-Go: Don Hoekstra, Mary Soodsma

Tue. 7:30 am Prayer Time – Fireside Room

7:00 pm Ladies Beth Moore Bible Study – Sanctuary

Wed. 6:30 am Early Risers Bible Study – Rainbow Grill

7:30 pm Pastoral Elders meet – Fireside Room

Thurs. 8:00 am Men's Life meets – Fireside Room

Congregational Announcements

“We would like to thank Pastor Ron and our church family for all the prayers, cards, thoughts and expressions of sympathy in the passing away of Tom’s mother. Please continue to pray for us as we grieve over the loss of three parents in ten months. We surely felt God’s grace.”

– **The Tom Woudwyk Family**

“I praise God for the best results possible after my hospital stay this past week. And I thank the congregation for their prayers on my behalf. They were answered – praise God!” – **Marcia Hollemans**

The Kenowa Division of Bible League International Volunteers thanks all those who contributed to their project for providing Bibles and training nationals in Africa. Pray with us that many prepared by the Holy Spirit will be brought into fellowship with Christ and His church through the gifts you provided. A total of \$387.00 was given. “I want to thank you for all the years you have supported the Bible League while I was the contact person. I have resigned and I’m really hoping and praying the Lord will move someone to take my place. Thanks again.” – **Elsie Meekhof**

GAME NIGHT: Friday, August 6, 7 PM in the Friendship (Blue) Room; Open to all ages; Bring a game, snack or drink. Hope to see you there!

Don’t forget about our Paper Gator, ready to receive your recyclable paper (newsprint, office paper, catalogs, magazines, phone books; **NO** cardboard of any kind, plastics or metal). The environment is happier and Messiah gets the profit!

Have you sent in your reservation for **Bible League International Volunteers’ Retreat** at the Prince Conference Center on September 28 and 29? The deadline is approaching! Invite a friend! Get a group together! You don’t want to miss this time of warm Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal. Featured speaker Julie Baker is a gifted speaker who cares about people and enthusiastically shares secrets for success based upon the Word of God. You will also hear a presentation on what Bible League is doing in India. *Souls Harbor*, a talented mixed trio will glorify our Lord through music at our concert. See the brochure (on the back shelf) for costs and more details.

NOTE: While the air conditioning is on, the center sanctuary doors **MUST remain open** at all times.

Men’s Life Info: Thursday, July 29 – 8:00 am breakfast at Mr. Burger. No class for August. Resume September 9, 8:00 am.

Once again we are participating in Clothe-a-Kid for Back-to-School sponsored by Love, INC. A table is set up in the narthex with information and tags to pick up.

Pastor Terry continues on his **Pastoral Sabbatical** through August 23. These are the guest pastors for the rest of the summer:

July 25 – AM/PM: Ken Havert

August 1 – AM/PM: Howard Vander Well

August 8 – AM: Ron Baker

August 8 – PM: Tim Mejeur

August 15 – AM/PM: Greg Janke

August 22 – AM/PM: Greg Janke

If Pastoral needs arise during the sabbatical, please contact Pastor Ron Baker or your district Elder. Pastor Terry will be around Hudsonville some of this time and will be available if there are significant pastoral issues. Pastor Ron and the secretaries should always know his whereabouts.

The council of First Jenison CRC requests your prayers. We recently decided that we would restart our church. Our motivation is a deep desire to reach the many in Jenison who do not know Christ. We have assigned a restart team and they are beginning the work that will lead us down this path. We are currently putting restart plans in place while we also work to keep our current ministry alive and active. Please join us in prayer for this effort.

Coming at Messiah:

August 1 – AM – Ice cream cones

September 12 – AM – Fall Kick-off with brunch

July Prayer Theme

Gilbert Napila; church planter in The Philippines

Messiah Christian Reformed Church
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5:30 pm Service

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Pianist: Sandy Baukema; **Worship Team**

Prelude

*Song: "Majesty"

*Prayer

*Songs: "How Majestic is Your Name"
"Great is the Lord"

God's Will for Our Lives

Evening Prayer

*Song: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" [Gray bk. 493]

Offertory and Offering: Guiding Light Mission

Scripture Reading: Selections from Numbers 1 and 6;
Text – Numbers 6: 22-27

Message: "*When God Blesses Us*"

Prayer

*God's Blessing

*Song: "Go, My Children With My Blessing"

*Postlude

[*Please stand, if you are able]

