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Heritage Happenings

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Worship

Jesus clearly said that to follow Him, we're to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Him. He said, *"For whoever wants to save his life, will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."* (Matthew 16:25) When it comes to being a follower of Jesus Christ the words "casual" and "Christian" are not meant to be found together.

On Sunday, September 18, Pastor Simon will begin a series called "AVAILABLE." Through this series we will be challenged to embrace what it means to live a life surrendered to Jesus Christ. Join us as we hear from the Bible of those who were called to a life of full surrender and discover how Jesus calls us to nothing less than the same.

Can you spare FIVE MINUTES? This is all it takes to make a positive or negative impression on guests to our worship services. Those first impressions often determine if guests will return. Because those first five minutes are so important, we want to do everything we can to make sure our guests are sought out, greeted and made to feel welcome.

We are asking **ALL** our members to take one simple step to help make sure our guests feel welcome. For the **first five minutes** after each worship service is dismissed, we want you to look for guests to greet. After five minutes, everyone is free to visit with whomever they wish and conduct any "church business."

This is the most important thing we can do to be seen as a friendly and warm congregation. Will you invest five minutes in eternity?

Fellowship

Birthdays…

Heather Tuin ~ September 1
Grover Brussee ~ September 2

Thank You's

Thank you so much for your generous material donation to Mississippi Christian Family Services, Inc. Your support will continue to help us offer praises to our Lord for the work at MCFS. We promise to continue our commitment while keeping up with where God is taking us in this year. We appreciate your gift because our need is real.

Mississippi Christian Family Services

In thanksgiving to our God and our supportive Heritage family, we offer Ephesians 3:20 & 21 as praise following our most recent surgical intervention… "Now unto Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen!"

The Vroegops

Ministry

Bible Study for Women: Is the gratitude that flows out of your life as abundant as the grace that flows into your life? Nancy Leigh DeMoss helps us wrestle with this questions personally through her book Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy. Come join the G.R.O.W. Group this fall as we discover how choosing true gratitude in life, even with all it bumps and bruises, can be a joy to behold. We will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am starting September 8, 2011. Child care will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this Bible/Book study, please contact Heather Tuin.

Volunteers Needed:
We need volunteers to serve young mothers by caring for their children on Thursday mornings from 9:15 – 11:15 am during the G.R.O.W. Group. If you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex or contact Heather Tuin.

Are you wondering what the cradle in the Fellowship Hall is all about? It is for the Alternative Women's Care Center to support their ministry for mother's to be. You can be a part of this support by providing new or gently used clothing (up to 4T), blankets, diapers & even baby furniture. This ministry is sponsored by our Coffee Break Ladies.

Have you been *DWELLING* on where you can be used in the upcoming teaching session? Did you ***DIVE*** into prayer? ***IMAGINE*** what God has planned for our Covenant children! ***MARVEL*** at His faithfulness. Sunday school is just around the corner and as we head into a new season we are excited about a curriculum change that we are making here at Heritage. It is called DWELL. Ahh, now you see the connection in the words above. Please feel free to visit the website at DwellCurriculum.org or contact Barb Razenberg if you have any questions regarding this new & exciting opportunity. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Summer office hours come to an end…

As of August 30 I will be back to my regular office hours which are Tuesday & Wednesday; 9 am ~ 2 pm and Thursday; 9 am – Noon.

Today booklets: The ***September/October*** Today booklets have arrived! Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary door if you so desire a copy. Note: If you receive the LARGE print Today booklets it can be found in your mailbox.

Evangelism & Missions

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*
August: *100% fruit juice boxes*
September*: Peanut Butter*

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Letters to Missionaries

Phil & Barb Nieboer ~ Joseph Mutabi
Jerry & Trudy Oele ~ Jimmy Lin
Joel & Emily Oele ~ Wayne DeYoung

Envelopes are on the Missionary table outside the south door of the sanctuary for your use.

Foods Resource Bank/"Adopt-a-Cow" Ministry: Thanks to all who signed up to sponsor "Daisy" the cow through our partnership with the Foods Resource Bank and Christian Reformed World Relief Committee to bring support and God's love to those who are hungry around the world. There are several weeks or months yet available! Sign-up today at the display in the narthex near the office.

Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*

Aug 28:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	K-zoo Christian School
Sept 4:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	Calvin College
Sept 11:	General Fund	Ministry Shares
	Loose Change	Park Village Pines
Sept 18:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	Calvin Seminary

Requested Announcements

Kalamazoo Christian Middle School has an immediate opening for a part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) administrative assistant. For an application or more information, contact Connie VanDerSlik at 269-381-2044 or email an inquiry and resume to cvanderslik@kcsa.org.

The 29th Annual Kalamazoo Christian High School Comet Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 17 at Thornapple Creek Golf Club. The event is a four person scramble starting at 8 am. This event is a fundraiser for the athletic program at Christian High. Please contact Dave Doorn at 665-9622 to sign up or for more information.

Discipleship in Mexico's Most Dangerous City: CBI opens a satellite campus in Juarez, New Zealand boosts restorative justice efforts and why some in the US want jail time. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to ***Crossroad Connection*** ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Christ and Culture: What's the difference between a cultural practice and a religious practice? And how does the relationship between religion and culture affect the relationship between Christians and

Muslims? Middle East expert Monsieur (name changed to protect identity), joins ***Groundwork*** on Sept 4 to discuss these questions from a biblical perspective. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

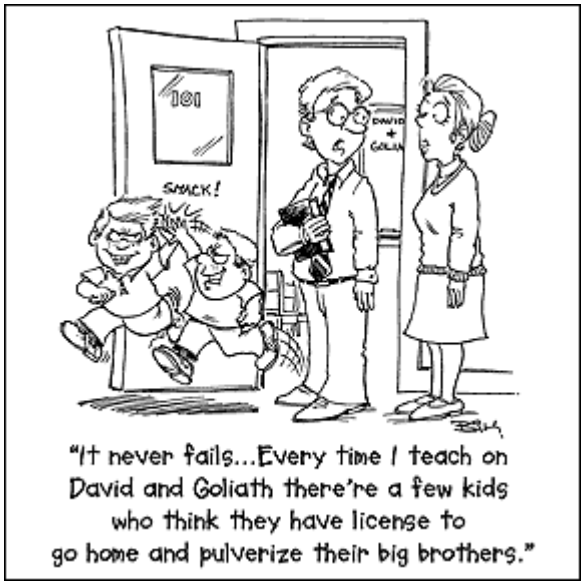
Power Trip 2: While on a mission trip, Liz discovers that someone is willing to steal and destroy just to stop Liz's work. Why? What will Liz do? Check it out on this week's ***Kids Corner.*** Then check out www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

Community Bible Study: Come! Meet the real Jesus in the Gospel of John. You are invited to join Community Bible Study beginning Thursday, September 8 as we study in a casual & welcoming environment. Men's and women's classes meet every Thursday evening from 7-8:45 pm at Calvary Bible Church. For additional information or to pre register call Marcia Dykstra at 343-1403 or Ron Kilian at 760-5394.

Come join us at the Living Proof Live Simulcast featuring ***Beth Moore*** on Saturday, September 10 at Centerpoint Church, 2345 N. 10th Street, Kalamazoo. The price is $25.00/ticket and only $5.00 for girls middle school to college age. All tickets include lunch and can be purchased at Centerpoint Church's website at www.centerpointkzoo.org. The simulcast will be shown LIVE from 10:30 – 5:15. If you need further information contact Megan Steensma @ msteensma@centerpointkzoo.org.

You are invited to attend the annual luncheon of Chaplain Services, Inc. on Saturday, September 17 at Northeastern Baptist Church, 6536 East G Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI at 12 pm. Learn about the chaplain ministry from testimonials by our chaplains, lunch by Bob Evans Restaurant, and music by Northeastern Baptist Quartet. There will be a free will offering but no charge for lunch. Please call 381-5317 or 327-6008 by September 14 for reservations. Bring a friend!

Couples Date Weekend, September 23-25 at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. Camping sites are available with many activities such as square Dancing, scavenger hunt, games, Saturday night program with Chris & Emily Danielson from JQ99, & Sunday worship. Saturday breakfast, dinner & Sunday breakfast is included. $100/couple. See our website at www.crcg.org for more details or call 616-842-4478.



"It never fails...Every time I teach on David and Goliath there're a few kids who think they have license to go home and pulverize their big brothers."

"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

NURSERY **August 28**: Glen Wagner & Carol Schewe **Sept 4:** Barb Razenberg & Ruth Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS :

August 28: Judy Wieringa, Helen Selles, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Ken & Judy Fletcher

Sept 4 & 11: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Bernie & Judy Zwart

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)

August 28: Ken Fletcher & Mike Baljeu **Sept 4:** Jim Triezenberg & Donna Penning

If you can't speak or play on the date you are scheduled, please trade with someone else on the list.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ **August**: Glen Wagner/**September:**

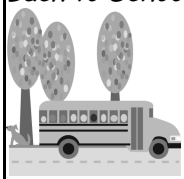
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ **August:** Betty Vlietstra/**Sept**: Heather Tuin

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~**August 28**: Zach Razenberg **Sept 4**: Lisa Vlietstra

PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Calendar of Events…

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30 am Pastor Simon **"The Holidays of God: The Feast of Tabernacles"** Leviticus 23:33-44 5 pm Pastor Simon **"The Why, How & What of Prayer"** Lord's Day 45	**29** Back to School 	**30**	**31**	**1** SEPTEMBER	**2**	**3**
4 9:30 am Pastor Simon **"Labor in Vain?"** Ecclesiastes 2:17-26 5 pm Pastor Simon **"The Indispensable Fatherhood of God"** Lord's Day 46	**5** 	**6** Deacon's Meeting 7 pm	**7** Praise Team Practice 6:30 – 8:30 pm	**8** G.R.O.W. Women's Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am	**9**	**10**
11 9:30 am Pastor Simon **"Who We Are: People of Faith"** Hebrews 11 10:50 am Sunday School Kickoff 5 pm Pastor Simon **"First Things First"** Lord's Day 47	**12**	**13** Kalamazoo Classis Meeting at Parchment CRC Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	**14**	**15** G.R.O.W. Women's Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am	**16**	**17**
18 9:30 am Pastor Simon **Series: Available** **"Abraham: Go to the Land"** Genesis 12:1-9 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Post Classis Exchange	**19**	**20** Shepherding Elders 3 pm	**21** P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	**22** G.R.O.W. Women's Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am	**23**	**24**

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations A tornado watch or warning in effect 1 hour prior to a worship service or meeting will result in the worship service or meeting being cancelled. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODTV Channel 8 and WOTV channel 4.

Summer Office Hours Tuesday – Wednesday: 9-2 pm & Thursday 9-Noon