

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11th Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

Worship

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES...

Kingdom Code: Revolutionary Living ~ Jesus taught that we enter God's kingdom through grace. It doesn't depend on what we do. But that doesn't mean we can do anything we want. Jesus doesn't abolish God's law, he embodies it. The law is now the standard by which God evaluates the kind of life we are supposed to live in the Kingdom.

This is why Jesus says to us in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." What follows are 6 segments that describe some of the good God expects of us, good that points to a way of living that is both genuine and revolutionary. Beginning Sunday, January 15 join us in a 6-part series and discover Jesus' "Kingdom Code" and His call to a life that brings God all the glory.

- 1/15 ~ If Looks Could Kill (What No One Sees Matters)
- 1/22 ~ Purity in Passion
- 1/29 ~ What the Big "D" ("I Do") Really Means
- 2/5 ~ On Guard Against Truth Decay
- 2/12 ~ Getting Even or Going Further
- 2/19 ~ Extreme Love: Kingdom Edition

Rediscovering the Church ~ This evening, Pastor Simon will begin a sermon series on the book of Acts. In this series we will rediscover the plan and purpose of the church and be challenged to focus our hearts and our church on what matters most to God.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

Nadine VanDam ~ January 8
Eileen Brussee ~ January 10
Bill Cobern ~ January 11
Ruth DeHaan ~ January 12 ~
88 years young!



Anniversaries...

Tobey & Amy Brown ~ January 14

I am still attending classes at Western Theological Seminary in Holland from January 9-15. As such, I'll be out of the office, but still planning our worship services, and available by email throughout these two weeks. Thanks to Irene VanderBerg who will fill in at the piano again on Sunday, January 15.

Amy Blackledge

Thank you

Thank you for the poinsettia plant, many cards, visits and cookies. *John & Wilma Woltersom*

Friends at Heritage: thank you for the Christmas cards, cookies, poinsettia plant & the visits during the past year. Everything is greatly appreciated!

Annetta Apotheke

Ministry

Bible Study for Women: Do you find it hard to know what God is saying versus what others are saying? How do you know when God is speaking to you? The Bible Study *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks* by Priscilla Shirer is designed to teach Biblical truths that help us to know the voice of God: His language, character and tone of voice. Through this study, as we spend time in God's Word and better understand the role of the Holy Spirit, we will learn how to distinguish God's voice above all others.



We will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11 am starting January 12, 2012. Child care will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this Bible Study, please contact Heather Tuin.

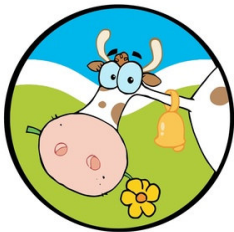
Volunteers Needed: A new schedule is being constructed for the months of January-April. We need volunteers to serve young mothers by caring for their children on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am during the G.R.O.W. Group. If you are able to help, please contact Heather Tuin.

Ladies Fellowship: We will gather around the table once again this Wednesday, January 11 at 9:45 am. Our Bible Study will be based on Genesis 11:27-12:20 (Lesson 1). All are welcome!

Men's Bible Fellowship date change: Our next meeting will be held THIS Wednesday, January 11 (not the 4th) at 7 am. See you there!

A Good Old Fashion Work Day is being planned here at Heritage (most likely a Saturday morning). We are looking for volunteers to help remove wallpaper from the bathrooms for a much needed face lift. If you are willing and able, please let Gary Broekhuizen know.

Evangelism & Missions



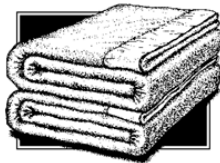
Daisy needs your help!!!

Please sign up today if you can sponsor Daisy in January & February, 2012. For simply \$140/month or \$35/week you can partner with Foods Resource Bank and Christian Reformed

World Relief Committee to bring support and God's love to those who are hungry around the world. Please prayerfully consider filling this need.

Blankets, Mittens, Scarves, Hats & any winter items

are needed at the Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference. They are desperately in need of *blankets* for their clients this winter. The Coffee Break Ladies will be collecting them in the box in the Narthex. It's a good time to clean out those closets!



Loaves & Fishes: Wish list:

January: Canned Fruit & Vegetables

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



Emails or Letters to Missionaries

Greg & Sue Mejeur ~ Rachel Brink
Tom Molenaar ~ Frank Sawyer
Angie Newell ~ David Heath

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table right next to the mailboxes!

Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*
Jan 8: General Fund Ministry Shares
Loose Change K-zoo Chr Schools
Jan 15: General Fund Faith Promise
Loose Change Benevolence Fund
Jan 22: General Fund Debt Reduction
Loose Change Rehoboth
Jan 29: General Fund
Loose Change Kzoo Loaves & Fishes

Offerings deposited for Dec 18, Dec 25 & Jan 1...

Adopt a Cow ~ \$90.00
Benevolence Fund ~ \$264.00
Building Fund ~ \$135.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$230.00
Faith Promise ~ \$775.00
Forgotten Man Ministries ~ \$122.00
General Fund ~ \$12,660.00
Initial offering ~ \$30.00
Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference ~ \$10.00
Love, INC ~ \$380.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$540.00
Rose Arbor ~ \$196.00

Requested Announcements

A Restorative Justice Pioneer: A prison chaplain with forty years of experience recounts his journey to bring restorative justice issues to the church. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to ***Crossroad Connection*** ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Hope: Hope seems to be in short supply today. The world is unstable, with terrorism and war looming large. And many people today experience family problems, health issues, and money challenges. Ultimately, can we experience any kind of real personal hope in the face of inevitable death? Join the January 15 ***Groundwork*** conversations based on Romans 5 and 15. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

The Scales of a Cheat: Liz has a major problem. Should he cheat to get the "A" he wants so much? Find out on this week's ***Kids Corner***, and then check out www.kidscorner.net for devotions, puzzles, and more of Liz's adventures.

A Much Needed Break: With the busyness of the holiday season just about past, isn't it time you and your spouse get away for some "just us" time? We

have the perfect opportunity for you to get away from work, kids, and the chaos of everyday and enjoy the beautiful, peaceful setting of Lake Michigan as well as invest time in each other and your marriage. Register now, for a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend held at Geneva Shores in Holland, Michigan. Go to www.reformedme.org to register for either the February 10-12 weekend or March 9-11. The quiet and serene shores of Lake Michigan await!

Upcoming Concerts:

On Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm, the **Kalamazoo Gospel Mission** is hosting "Jazzy Celebration: A Valentine's Concert" featuring renowned flutist, Alexander Zonjic and Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, MI. The concert will be held at Kalamazoo First Assembly in Portage, MI. Advanced tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and can be purchased by coming to the Mission at 448 N. Burdick Street, or calling 269-345-2974, ext 205. Tickets at the door are \$20.

Calvin alums Glenn Bolthuis & Debra Perry & Majestic Praise have teamed up on a new recording project: "Gloryland". The CD release concert is set for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of **Calvin College** at 7:30 pm. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, January 11 for \$14/adults, \$10/for groups of 12 or more, \$5/students and children. Please call 616-526-6282, or go to www.calvin.edu/boxoffice to order your tickets. A great night of Gospel, fun, Calvin songs, bluegrass (and even some rock and roll)!

Calling all Kalamazoo area GEMS and Cadets for a fun Roller skating Party! Join us on Wednesday, January 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Great Skate Roller Rink (10496 Portage Road). The cost is \$4.75 per person which includes quad roller skate rental. You may bring your own in-line skates or roller skates as long as the wheels are clean. Concession is available. Hope to see you there! Parents are welcome to skate! Please pick up your child by 8:30 pm. Thanks!



Cornerstone University presents the 7th Annual **Women's Leadership Conference** on February 17-18th, 2012. The theme is "Say "yes" to God! (I Peter 4:10a). To register for this conference, please visit

www.cornerstone.edu/wic. For more information, please see flyer posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology will be held on March 23-25, 2012. This year's topic is "The Gospel: What? Why? How?" Speakers are Ligon Duncan, Sinclair Ferguson, Robert Godfrey, and Harry Reeder. To register, go to alliancenet.org or call 1-800-488-1888. The price has been reduced this year!



NURSERY: Jan 8: McKena & Tara Razenberg & Ruth Wagner **Jan 15:** Lyndsay Berkenpas & Ellen Byle

COFFEE SERVERS: January 8: Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen, Bill & Ruth Vroegop
Jan 15 & 22: Vicki Kinens, Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Bob & Barb Razenberg

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

Jan 8: Herm Vanders & Marilyn Strempler

Jan 15: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg

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


PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ January: Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ January: Heather Tuin



MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~Jan 8: Pat Schewe **Jan 15:** Paul Booden **PM** Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The State of the Church: Then Sings My Soul" <i>Psalm 29</i> 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "Can I Have a Witness?" Acts 1:1-26	9	10	11 Men's Bible Fellowship (note date change) 7 am Ladies Fellowship Bible Study 9:45 – 11 am	12 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "If Looks Could Kill" (What No One See Matters) <i>Matthew 5:21-26</i> 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Joey DeKoekkoek	16	17 Admin Board Meeting (note date change) 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Purity in Passion" <i>Matthew 5:27-30</i> 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon Acts 2:1-47 "The Power to Proclaim"	23	24 Book Club 2-4 pm Kalamazoo Classis Meeting at Westwood CRC Council – 7 pm	25 Ladies Fellowship Bible Study 9:45 – 11 am	26 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	27	28
29 9:30 am Pastor Simon "What the Big "D" ("I Do") Really Means <i>Matthew 5:31-32</i> 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Post Classis Pulpit Exchange	30	31 Elders Meeting 3 pm (note date change)	1  Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Praise Team Practice 6:30-8 pm	2 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	3	4

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.

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

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