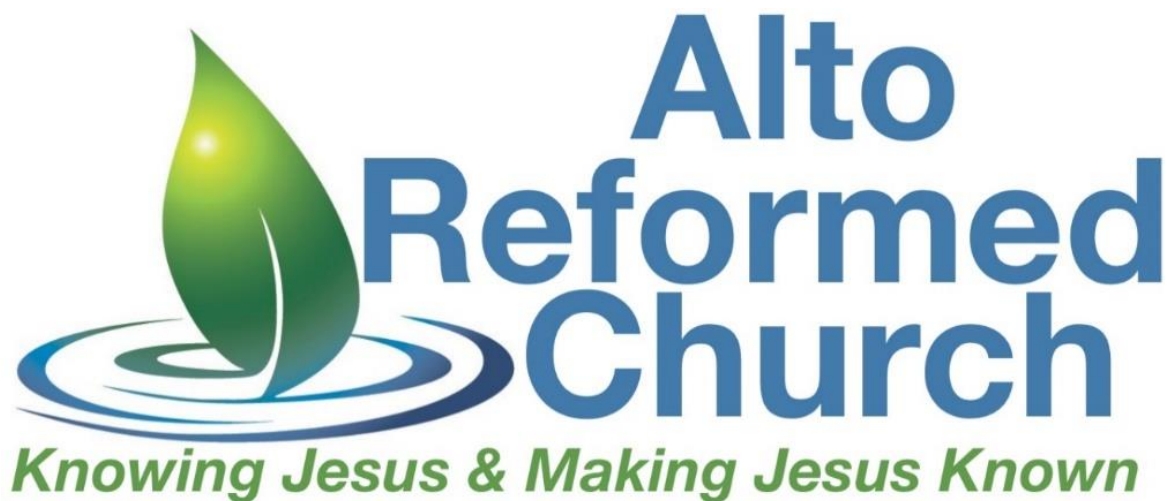


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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

\*“Angels from the Realms of Glory” Hymn #155

\*“Go, Tell It on the Mountains” Hymn #139

3 Minutes for Missions – Marty Huizenga for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf

Congregational Prayer

\*“Ring the Bells” Hymn #146

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message

Message – Shed Some Weight

Scripture – Hebrews 12:1-3 and Romans 6:11-14

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

\*“Because He Lives” Hymn #260

*At this time, the elders will pass out flowers to those who have lost a loved one in 2020.  
Please raise your hand to receive a flower.*

Blessing

# Sermon Notes: Shed Some Weight

**Key Scriptures: Hebrews 12:1-3 & Romans 6:11-14**

**Hebrews 12:1** - "let us lay aside every **weight**, and the **sin** which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"

## **WEIGHTS:**

**1 Corinthians 10:23** - "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive.

## **SIN:**

**Romans 6:12-13** - 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

## **Application:**

### **Answer 3 Questions:**

- 1. What are the weights and/or sins in your life hindering your walk with God, or ensnaring you?**
- 2. Which one's can you do something about?**
- 3. What are you gonna do about it?**

## **ACTIONS:**

**Be obedient to what God is asking you to do today.**

## *Upcoming Events*

- Dec 27** 8:00am – Pastor Doug, Memorial for Loved One Lost in 2020  
10:00am – Pastor Doug, Memorial for Loved One Lost in 2020
- Dec 28** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Dec 29** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec 31** Office Closed
- Jan 1** Office Closed
- Jan 3** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Elder/Deacon Installation Service  
6:00pm – Jr. Choir  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** - No meeting tonight. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you at 6:30 January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Junior Choir** starts back up on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm! All middle and high school students are welcome and encouraged to join!

**High School** – No meeting on Wednesday. See you January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Men's Bible Study** – All guys are invited to the men's bible study starting on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30pm in the sanctuary.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 12/27 eCenter for Hope & Vision, 1/3 Regular Benevolence, 1/10 Missionary Salary.

**Love Offering** – Today is the last day to donate to the love offering which will go to Mark Vossekul to assist with expenses after his farm accident. To donate, please note love offering on the check or the envelope and place it in one of the white offering boxes located in the lobby.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**Kids Christmas Candy Bags** – If your child did not receive a candy bag yet, please take one from the table in the lobby.

**Bible Class** will start back up on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Sunday School** will start back up on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

**Ask:** Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the family of Helen Aalpoel, Pastor Ted's sister. She passed away on Tuesday. Praise! Marcus & Kelli Vossekui had a baby boy, Coby James, on Tuesday.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buiter, Don DeMotts, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Jim & Karen Stelsel, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekui, Bette Walstra, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ