

January 2, 2022



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "I'm Climbing Up the Mountain"

Praise Singing

"Living Hope"

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

"Change My Heart Oh God"

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Gabriel: Look, Repent, and Believe

Scripture – John 3:1-21

We Respond to God

Prayer

"Battle Belongs"

Blessing

Memory Verse for Jan 5th

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 6:23



Sermon Notes: Look, Repent, and Believe

Key Scriptures: John 3:1-21

The Woman with 5 Identities:

1. Moral - I feel good about myself b/c I'm "a good person."
2. Loved/Beautiful – I feel good about myself because I'm beautiful and someone loves me.
3. Career – I feel good about myself because I have a successful career.
4. Good deeds – I feel good about myself because of all the good I do.

"First, I thought I was somebody because I was moral, then I thought I was somebody because I was beautiful, then I thought I was somebody because I was successful, then I thought I was somebody because I was helpful...Then I heard the Gospel message and realized I'd been trying to save myself."

- Tim Keller

5. Born again – I can rest from my striving because Jesus has done the work for me.

How can one be born again?

1. Look - Isaiah 45:22 - "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. (NKJV)
2. Repent - Repentance is not just being sorry for our sins and asking God for forgiveness for our sins, and trying in our own strength to be better at not

sinning. We've all tried this, and failed miserably. Repentance that brings eternal life is repenting from trying to save ourselves.

- 3. Believe - Our faith, our belief is in the fact that it's His works that have saved us. And when we understand that it's all through His efforts that we're born again, we can rest. We can stop seeking fulfillment through striving and earthly identities.**

Application:

- 1. Ask yourself these questions:**
 - a. Have I looked upon God, repented, and believed?**
 - b. What identities have I pursued to try to fulfill myself?**
 - c. What striving and self-effort do I need to repent of?**

Upcoming Events

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| Jan 2 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men's Chorus |
| Jan 4 | 8:00am – Prayer Meeting 1:30pm – Women's Mission Circle – <i>Bible Study #1</i> 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – <i>If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.</i> |
| Jan 5 | 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Band 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir 6:30pm – Mixed Choir 6:45pm – Bible Class 7:00pm – High School Praise Team 7:30pm – Men's Chorus, High School Youth Group |
| Jan 6 | 7:00pm – Men's Ministry Team Meeting |
| Jan 9 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Elder & Deacon Installation Service, Jr Choir 10:45am – Sunday School 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group |

Youth News

Middle School – No Youth Group tonight. See you January 9th!

High School – We're back Wednesday with Real Life Clue: Escape the Room. Come ready to solve mysteries through puzzles and games and win a prize for your team! 7:30-9pm.

Soda donations – The youth groups are looking for people to donate soda during this semester of youth group. If you're interested in helping out in this way, please check out the sign up on the information desk. Thanks!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Men's Breakfast with Jared Abbrederis – Join us on Saturday, January 22nd at 8:30am for a pancake and sausage breakfast and guest speaker presentation at 10am by former Badger and Packer player, Jared Abbrederis. All ages are welcome! A free will offering will be taken to support The Abbrederis S.O.W. Foundation.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 1/2 Regular Benevolence, 1/9 Missionary Salary, 1/16 Union, 1/23 Regular Benevolence.

Congrats to Larry & Gloria Mulder as they celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Jan 3rd.

Congrats to Bob & Bette Walstra as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on January 5th.

| 2022 Executive Committee | |
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| Kevin Van Wyk, Pastor | Andy Glewen, Chair of Deacons |
| Ron Daane, Vice President | Eric Redeker, General Treasurer |
| Jerry Medema, Assistant Vice President | Cody Mueller, Benevolent Treasurer |
| Dewey Bille, Clerk of Consistory & Elders | |
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| 2022 Consistory | |
| Elders: | Deacons: |
| Randy Bresser, 2022 | Andy Glewen, 2022 |
| Ron Daane, 2022 | Cody Mueller, 2022 |
| Carl Vander Kooi, 2022 | Eric Redeker, 2022 |
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| Miley Ter Beest, 2024 | Ben Leonard, 2024 |

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

Praise: Heavenly Father, I praise you for...

Repent: Please, forgive me for...

Ask: I pray that you would intervene in our world...

- Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew our passion for your mission and help us reach the lost.
- Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- I specifically ask that you...

Yield: I surrender this coming year to you, Lord. Help me honor you.

THIS WEEK... Praise! Jason & Cassandra De Jager had a baby boy, Jeremiah Kane.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Dusty Deming, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Brian & Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

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