

INNERGLOW

**First Reformed Church
Boyden, IA**

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Rediscovering Childlike Delight in Being Chosen by God

Hello from your favorite church secretary! It's a busy time of year getting ready for Awana and Sunday School and everything else in between! Fall is my favorite time of year, so I'm looking forward to the cooler weather and I'm hoping snow will stay away for a long time!

This month I'm sharing an article written by Diane Dykgraaf who is affiliated with the CRCA. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did! God bless!!

"Today I dropped off my 7-year-old grandson, Cam, at his friend's house to go bowling. Before dropping him off, I asked if he was excited.

'He chose me, grandma! My friend chose *me*. Yesterday he was passing out his birthday treat at school and he chose *me* to be his helper. I've never been *chose* before. He picked me out of our whole class. And then he chose me to go bowling with him today.'

He chose me.

I remind myself of this today. God chose *me*. I've never been chosen like this before. He chose me among all of the created. He chose to love me and commissioned me to spread that love to all those around me. He chose me to feast at His table. He chose me to live eternally with Him in the restored, re-made, ever-coming new earth.

He chose you.

God chose *you* out of all creation. You've never been chosen like this before. In Jesus, God chose to rescue, save, deliver, and redeem you. You have been chosen to live forever in a mansion not made with human hands. You have been chosen for something much bigger than your eyes can see or imagine.

He chose us.

God chose *us* to live together in unity in His kingdom. He chose to pour His love into us so that we can love as Jesus loves, extending extraordinary love and radical hospitality to a broken world. God chose us to labor together to bring about His shalom. He chose us to be vessels of His Spirit here on earth, so that in our brokenness we spill out His extravagant grace and undeserved mercy. He chose to give us a hope and a future and life that will be fully lived in the presence of the Father, Son, and Spirit in a realm not far away.

Paul's message to the Colossians: *You are chosen. You are holy. You are dearly loved.*

As God's chosen people, as brothers and sisters in Christ, may we love, work and hope *together* in the unity made possible only by the Holy Spirit at work in and among us."

Praise & Thanks for...

***those recently married! Kali (Maassen) Mouw to Keaton Mouw and Adam Warntjes to Elizabeth Lillard – God bless you with a happy life!!**

***the baptisms of Sloan Diane Rosenboom, daughter of Nic & Kaitlyn; and Tessa Marie Bolkema, daughter of Colin & Ashley!**

***the new After-School program and that we can provide our church facilities until the new daycare building is ready**

***that Elias Schmith was able to return home from the hospital - We pray that he continues to get better and stronger.**

***our heritage of faith –
*Laziness kills ambition;
Anger kills wisdom;
Fear kills dreams;
Ego kills growth;
Jealousy kills peace;
Doubt kills confidence.*
Now read that right to left!**

***the volunteers and leaders of Awana – thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving God’s children! You are so awesome!!!**

***all those who step-up to serve at Boyden First Reformed Church – “Don’t just attend your church – love your church! Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!”**



Pray for...

- *our servicemen and women, especially Jeremy Maassen who recently graduated from Basic Training in Georgia**
- *the BackYard Entertainment for their ministry of music with a hymn-sing at the Boyden Centennial Park on Sunday, Sept 8 from 6-8 pm. Bring your lawnchairs and your friends!**
- *our outdoor service on Sunday, Sept 15 at the Park at 10 am – Bring your lawnchairs and invite your family, friends and neighbors!**
- *those receiving treatments – Bev Kooiker and Nel Warntjes' nephew Tim and others battling health issues – We are thankful for the good report for Marv Heemskerck! God is good!!**
- *the three Reformed Church colleges – Northwestern, Central & Hope**
 - *peace around the world**
- *the Holy Spirit to continue to work in the lives of all children who attended church camp, Awana, Sunday School, LifeWise Academy, after-school program – and for all the volunteers who are organizing, teaching & leading in these groups**
- *good weather and safety for the farmers and others who are working outdoors**
- *people to answer God's call to serve in our community and ministries**



SUNSHINE FOR THE MONTH:

Awana is starting this month. A big part of Awana is learning Bible verses and reciting them to their Handbook Helper. Below are the first Bible verses the Sparks (K-2nd) learn. Can you fill in the blank of these verses?

*For God so loved the _____ that He gave His one and only _____, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have _____. John 3:16

“...The Father has sent His Son to be the _____ of the world.” 1 John 4:14

“Great is our Lord and mighty in _____...” Psalm 147:5

“...Christ died for our _____ according to the _____.” 1 Corinthians 15:3

“That He was _____, that He was _____ on the third day according to the _____.” 1 Corinthians 15:4

“For whoever keeps the whole _____ and yet stumbles at just one point is _____ of breaking all of it.” James 2:10

“...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be _____...” Acts 16:31

“...These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the _____, the _____ of God...” John 20:31

“Give _____ to the LORD, for He is _____...” Psalm 118:1

“We _____ because He first _____ us.” 1 John 4:19

“In the beginning God created the _____ and the _____.” Genesis 1:1

“God saw all that He had made and it was very _____...” Genesis 1:31

“For all have _____ and fall short of the _____ of God.” Romans 3:23

“Sanctify them by the _____; Your Word is _____.” John 17:17

“But the word of the Lord stands _____...” 1 Peter 1:25

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the _____ except through Me.’” John 14:6

“We always _____ God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we _____ for you.” Colossians 1:3

“Have I not commanded you? Be _____ and _____...For the LORD your God will be _____...” Joshua 1:9

“Children, _____ your parents in the Lord, for this is _____.” Ephesians 6:1

HYMN OF THE MONTH: "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. And Your glory above all the earth." Psalm 108:5

Occasionally a hymn drops into the furrows of history to be buried and forgotten awhile, only to later spring to life for future generations. That's what happened with Fanny Crosby's "To God Be the Glory." It first appeared in *Brightest and Best*, a little volume of hymns published in 1875 by William Doane and Robert Lowry. This small hymnal proved to be a treasure trove, introducing such classics as "Christ Arose," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "Savior, More than Life to Me," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Rescue the Perishing," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," and this one - "Praise for Redemption" (as it was originally called).

As it turned out, "Praise for Redemption" wasn't much of a hit. It wasn't widely sung nor included in many hymnals; it just lay hidden for eighty years.

In 1954, Billy Graham was planning an evangelistic crusade at London's Harringay Arena. As Cliff Barrows, music director for the Graham team, was compiling hymns for the *Greater London Crusade Song Book*, Rev. Frank Colquhoun, a prolific British preacher at Norwich Cathedral and a great lover of hymns, approached him. Colquhoun gave Barrows a copy of "Praise for Redemption," with its exuberant chorus: "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!" Though unfamiliar with the hymn, Barrows decided to use it anyway.

Meanwhile problems were mounting for Graham. The British Press was critical of the young evangelist and an Anglican bishop predicted he would return to America with "his tail between his legs." Funds were short, forcing the Graham team to take pay cuts. A Member of Parliament threatened a challenge in the House of Commons, accusing Graham of interfering in British politics under the guise of religion. Friends in high places were advising Graham to cancel or postpone the meetings. Graham, shaken, dropped to his knees repeatedly, beseeching help from heaven.

As it turned out, Harringay Arena was packed for three months, and the crusade sparked a sense of revival across Great Britain. "To God Be the Glory" seemed a fitting theme. Fanny Crosby's old hymn was sung almost every night in Harringay, launching it into worldwide popularity as one of Christianity's favorite hymns.



To God Be The Glory
for the things HE has done

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

William Howard Doane
(1832-1916)

To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he
O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to e - very be - lie - ver the
Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re - joic - ing thru

7
gave us his Son, who yiel - ded his life an a - tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the
pro-mise of God; the vil - est of - fen-der who tru - ly be - lieves, that mo-ment from
Je - sus the Son; but pu - rer, and high-er, and grea - ter will be our won-der, our

14
life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the
tran-sport, when Je - sus we see.

22
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice O come to the Fa - ther thru

28
Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!

In Years Gone By ...

50 YEARS AGO – September 1974

Attendance at Sunday School was celebrated – 153!

Open Houses were held for the 90th birthday of Henrietta Klein by her family of Mildred Roos and Shirley Marra; for the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr & Mrs Martin Docter.

Sympathy wishes were extended to the family and friends of George Mouw, John Vander Lee, Herman Van Der Maten and Marion Verrips.

Barbara Bynes was accepted as a member thru transfer.

25 YEARS AGO – September 1999

Ray Stephens and Kevin Van Roekel underwent a kidney transplant procedure in Rochester. The church was involved in several different fundraisers to help with costs. The surgery went very well!

The RCYF held a car wash fundraiser for Good Samaritan Ministries of Des Moines.

10 YEARS AGO – September 2014

Weds night “Faith Aglow” began with a family potluck!

An Evening of “JOY” was held for the ladies with a catered meal and fun crafts of either a wreath or lotion.

Roger Nelson was collecting bicycles for Center of Hope.

5 YEARS AGO – September 2019

Pastor Dave’s recovery was setback a bit with a hospitalization for blood clots. But by the end of the month he was back at Madonna Rehab in Omaha & walking!!

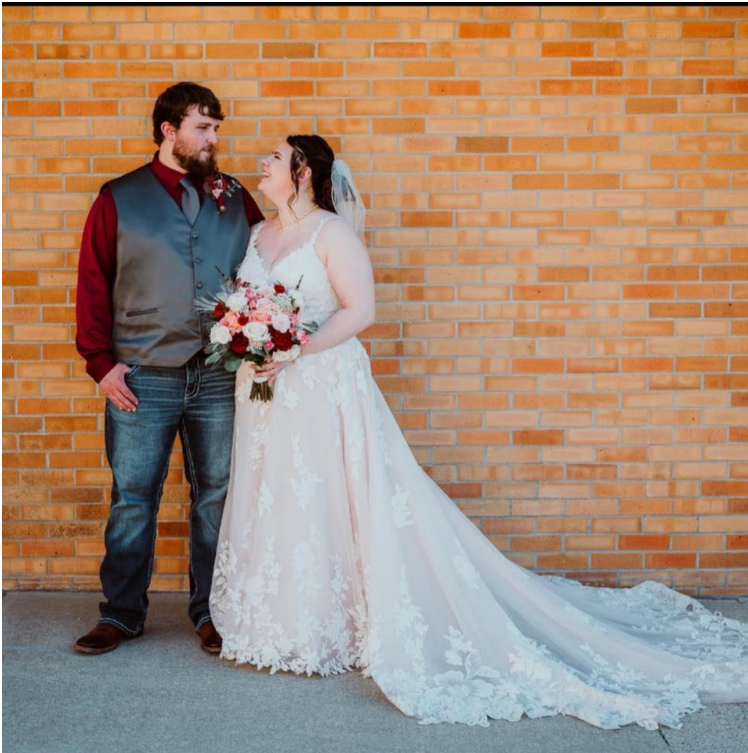
An open house for Ken & Shirley Baartman’s 60th wedding anniversary was held!

All were invited to a “Movie Afternoon!” The attendees chose to watch the new version of “Dumbo” and all enjoyed the popcorn!

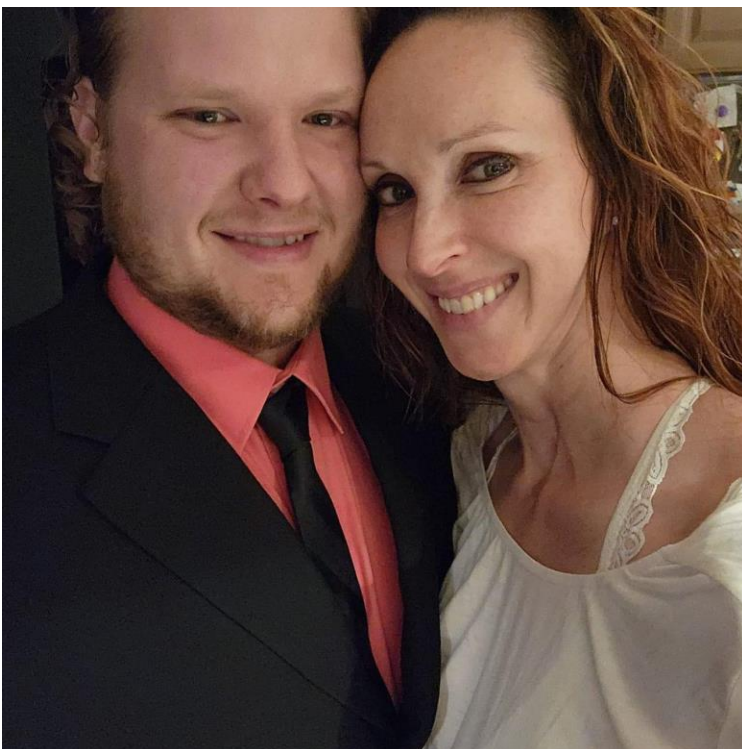
Prayers for Awana and calls for volunteers was requested. Not much has changed!

FUN WITH PICTURES!

We congratulate the recently married couples from our church! God bless you Kali & Keaton and Adam & Elizabeth!



Keaton & Kali Mouw



*Adam & Elizabeth
Warntjes*



Fund Balances of July 2024

Awana	\$3,633.88
Benevolent Fund	\$22,689.96
Building & Repair Fund	\$9,992.02
Charity Fund	\$18.44
General Fund	\$38,058.88
Memorial Fund	\$8,623.32
Mission Fund	\$5,250.19
Women's Ministry	\$2,837.19
Youth Funds	\$2,382.10



The Joy of Work

Charles Ferrell

How do we know if we are doing the work we are meant (or called) to do? The clue is whether we feel joy when we carry out our daily duties. There is no joy if we agonize daily because our particular laboring leaves us unfulfilled and restless. Our mental and spiritual health might demand a change.

Christians believe that God has a plan for our lives. God has given us talents to do certain work. When we are not doing the tasks we are suited for, we will probably be in some misery.

Workers who delight in their jobs can hardly wait to be productive. Many who love their work find joy in what they accomplish and are able to say, "I'm glad that I'm able to serve God through my work."



AGES
K-4th

AFTER - SCHOOL Program

Beginning : Monday, September 9

Homework Help
Snack Provided
Fun & Games

MONDAY - THURSDAY

(3:30pm - 5:30pm)

LIMITED
SPOTS!

FRIDAY

(1:00pm - 5:30pm)

SCAN TO REGISTER!



\$10/DAY
per child



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Location:

First Reformed Church (Boyden)

**Will transition to First Steps Academy
(Late Fall 2024)*

***Payment due weekly.
**Rates subject to change when
at new location.*

Designed to provide a safe and supportive after-school environment for children to learn and grow.

HAPPINESS IS ...

"To Stay," not Tuesday - by Maxine Hark, Canton Christian Church - "I was leading a Sunday school class in the singing of 'I've Got the Joy.' With smiles on their faces, the children sang, 'I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?) Down in my heart to stay!' When he heard that last phrase, one 5-year old boy looked up at me with a puzzled look on his face and asked, 'On Tuesday?' 'No,' I laughed, 'Not Tuesday, to stay.' 'But YOU said, 'Tuesday!' His remark led our class into a conversation about having joy in our hearts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every day of the week. Another boy said, 'Yeah, 24/7!' What a lesson I learned that day. We all have the joy of the Lord in our hearts, every day of the week and every hour of the day!"











Autumn

- A time when pie is a food group and living in sweatpants is acceptable.



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>The law of the LORD is <i>perfect</i>, converting the soul: the <i>testimony</i> of the LORD is SURE, making WISE the simple.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Psalm 19:7</p>				1	2 	3
4 Mission Offering Elaine Ver Meer	5 Reece Koele	6 Men's Group 5:30 am Evening Ladies 7 pm John Beek	7 	8 Dustin Fykstra	9	10 
11 Harper Reiser	12 Gert De Groot	13 Men's Group 5:30 am Evening Ladies 7 pm Elders' Mtg 6:30pm Deacons' Mtg 7pm Consistory 8pm	14 Awana Training 7:00 PM Shari Fedders Brent & Shari Fedders (31)	15 	16	17 Ken & Jeri Hoogendoorn (45)
18 Building & Repair Offering Anita Lemke	19 	20 Men's Group 5:30 am Evening Ladies 7 pm Jack Slykhuis Jason & Misti Fykstra (30)	21	22 Heath & Robbie Warntjes (37)	23 Boyden-Hull 1st Day of School! Kevin Maassen Kayla Rosenboom	24 
25 Rev. Doug Van Aartsen Communion 	26 Innerglow News due!	27 Men's Group 5:30 am Evening Ladies 7 pm	28	29 	30 Holly Starkenburg	31 Josh & Barb Hoekstra (22)

