#### February 17, 2019

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Morning catechism (#84) service and evening reading (Boaz #14) service. Classes after the morning service.

Young people, high school and up, are invited to a sing-a-long at the Rock Valley NRC school after their evening service.

**Thursday,** Mr. Marinus Slingerland will give a presentation about the work of the Hudson Taylor Ministries in China, based on his experiences during a recent board visit. This will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Corporate Center in Sioux Center.

**Next Week:** Morning reading service (Boaz #15) and evening catechism (#85) service. Classes after the morning service.

Study Groups meet February 28, 7:00 p.m.

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1 <sup>st</sup> General Fund	Next week: 1 <sup>st</sup> General Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup> School Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup> Emeritus Fund

Collections Received in December and January:

General Fund:	\$2466.98	\$1852.15
School Fund	\$425.00	\$474.00
Living Bread	\$558.00	\$1305.60
Banner of Truth	\$420.50	
NAGMission		\$765.00
Church Book Supply	/	\$267.10

#### We Remember in Prayer:

-Mrs. Jennie Johnson who fell and broke her hip this past week and had surgery Friday and is in Avera hospital recovering.

-Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Spaans who commemorated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary this past Thursday, February 14.

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." (Psalm 144:12)

In this psalm we may hear and feel King David praying in a fatherly spirit. Putting his priorities in order, he prays first for the souls of young children; for sons and daughters of his country under his responsibility.

What must be *our* concern for our children in the time in which we are living? Oh, may the Lord keep our sons and daughters from the awful sins of the day, a day in which all youthful restraint is lifted, and it appears that the floodgates of sin are wide open to all forms of sin, transgression, and iniquity. It is a time when sin has become the way of life, and sin is not sin anymore.

Oh, young people, if David was so concerned for the children and youth in his day, surely there is much concern also in our day. The seed has not all fallen by the wayside, but my dear young friends, is there serious concern for the welfare of your never-dying soul?

No man can by any means redeem his brother nor pay a ransom for him. Neither can fathers and mothers convert their children. All have sinned and in 'that day' all of us will stand alone to give an account for what we have done or left undone as we traveled through this wilderness of sin here below.

Young people, may you forsake the God-dishonouring temptations that you are confronted with and pray that the Lord may give you strength to stand in the hour of temptation. May we pray with David, *"that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."* 

-Rev. J. Spaans

#### **The Hiding Place**

Amidst the sorrows of the way, Lord Jesus, teach my soul to pray; And let me taste thy special grace, And run to Christ, my Hiding-place.

Thou know'st the vileness of my heart, So prone to act the rebel's part; And when thou veil'st thy lovely face, Where can I find a hiding-place?

#### MEDITATIONS

Lord, guide my silly, wandering feet, And draw me to thy mercy-seat. I've nought to trust but sovereign grace; Thou only art my Hiding-place.

O how unstable is my heart! Sometimes I take the tempter's part, And slight the tokens of thy grace, And seem to want no hiding-place.

But when thy Spirit shines within, And makes me feel the plague of sin; Then how I long to see thy face! 'Tis then I want a hiding-place.

Lord Jesus, shine, and then I can Feel sweetness in salvation's plan; And as a sinner, plead for grace, Through Christ, the sinner's Hiding-place.

### Notes

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Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Psalm 95:2

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.

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