

February 27, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes Following
6:30 PM Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes Following
6:30 PM Reading Service

Wednesday: Bible Study at Living Bread 7:00 PM

House Visitation Schedule: 1st @ 6:30, 2nd @ 8:00

Monday, March 7th: 1st: Mr. & Mrs. Girton **2nd:** Nicholas DeWit

Monday, Feb 28th: The annual Belgian Waffle Supper will be held at school on Monday, February 28, from 5:00-7:30PM. Proceeds will support the Horticulture Club and the Student Council Sunshine Fund.

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Alpha Center

2nd offering next week: School Fund

Note from Consistory: Dear congregation, it is the desire of the consistory that our young families would feel welcome to join us in the main sanctuary. To encourage this we ask that the last couple of benches be left open for young families. This will allow for less distraction by a later arrival or when taking a child out.

Thanks for your help and love in this matter.

Your consistory

Remember in Prayer:

- Marlene Zomer has received a report of advanced spinal stenosis. We hope the Lord will give her comfort in this time and that the doctors will have the knowledge to offer help and her condition will improve. (When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. Mark 5:27-29)
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

Meditation:

A young man, who, in the earliest days of his Christian life, was very devoted to the Lord, and diligent in His service, was observed to become all of a sudden very dull and desponding. His voice was never heard in prayer or testimony for the Lord, and we began to fear that some "little fox" was doing its deadly work, down at the roots of his spiritual being. One day I met him on the street and asked him what had gone wrong. With a tear in his eye, he sorrowfully replied,

"I have allowed Satan to close my mouth. I have not spoken to one in the office yet about their souls, and it would be hypocrisy to preach to others, when those around me are yet unwarned."

Dear boy, how my heart felt for him. There was doubtless much truth in what he said, but the devil was using it to keep in perpetual silence one of the Lord's witnesses. But it was only for a season.

That night, Tom gathered a few of his companions in the office together, and told them what a coward he had been, spoke lovingly to them of Jesus, and his joy was restored.

How Satan seeks to spoil the young thus; and with many he has wonderfully succeeded. They never open their mouths in public; they seem to be ashamed of their Lord. By-and-bye they will lose heart for the things of God—as Tom was doing—and slip down into cold indifference.

Dear young, are you allowing Satan thus to rob you of your joy? to draw you into his net? and to cause you to grieve the Lord? Do you ever speak a word for Jesus? or are you ashamed of Him? It may be true that you have failed in the past to witness for Christ to those around you, but this need not keep you forever in silence.

Go to God your Father at once, and confess your sin, and unfaithfulness to Him. Then seek grace to redeem the lost time, and begin to open your mouth in testimony for the Lord among your companions and fellow-workers yet unsaved. Courage will be given you, and God will give you help.

Full well the devil knows what one honest witness for Christ may do, and so he leaves no stone unturned to keep as many as he can in perpetual silence.

Young believer, let not the enemy thus triumph over you. Your lips belong to Jesus, and by them you may speak for His praise. Only a little while and the days of your testimony for Him on earth will be gone forever.

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words... of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38).

Notes:

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

Consistory

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:
Make known his deeds among the people.
Psalm 105:1*

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