WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

We pray and expect you will connect with God and have an experience with the Holy Spirit who heals, guides, comforts and saves.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4:1-10

SUMMARY: This week, we begin looking at similarities between Jesus and

characters from the Old Testament.

Starting with the story of Adam and Eve's sons, we will see what we can learn about Jesus by studying Cain and Abel. As we discuss, think about the nature of Jesus. Think about who He was...what He became...what He did...

Try using these activities as ways to know Jesus more this Lenten season:

- 1. What are four characteristics or attributes of Jesus that you thought about during this sermon?
- Out of those four, which ONE sticks out to you as something you need to know this week (for example, "this week, I needed to know Christ was PERFECT because I have been so aware of my sin and my need for a Savior!")
- 3. Share your experience of WHO JESUS IS with someone. Speaking this out loud can really cement it in your life and in your heart, giving you the opportunity to always KNOW that characteristic or attribute of Jesus.
- 4. Share your experience of WHO JESUS IS with someone WHO DOES NOT KNOW JESUS! When you have something this good, you can't help but share it! So go, share your experience and your knowledge of Jesus with someone who doesn't know Him!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

Today (Feb 18) - 12:00 noon - Everyone is invited to a Valentines church potluck at Living Water Orange City. Living Water will provide the beverage and table service. We are asking our attendees to bring a hot and a cold dish to share, along with extra for our guests.

THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 18 9:30am Coffee Shoppe

10:00am Worship

12:00pm Church Potluck (OC)

Sunday evening - Monday morning
Overflow Lock-in (OC)

Mon, Feb 19 6:00pm Unity meal (SH)

This is a free meal; everyone is invited!

Thank you to 1st Ref Church for providing the meal and volunteers this month.

Wed, Feb 21 6:45pm OC Gems Regular Meeting – OC Immanuel

7:00pm Overflow (OC)

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

SAVE THE DATE = Fri, Mar 16 – 7:00pm – "Ultimate Date Night" hosted by The Sheldon Area Ministerial Association presented by Jay & Laura Laffoon. To be held at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center in Sheldon. Tickets are \$30/couple (price covers admission and dessert) and are available at Touch of Hope and churches in Sheldon. Be sure to check out more details in the blue announcment sheet.

GET INVOLVED

INFANTS

NURSERY: Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years The nursery is located in the room next to the kitchen.

CHILDREN

LITTLE TREASURES: Sunday school for 3 & 4 year olds.

Meets in the large room by the nursery the last Sunday of each month

YOUTH

OVERFLOW: 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

GEMS: Girls 4th-8th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (SH)

CADETS: Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm @ 1st CRC (SH)

1st and 3rd Wed evenings.

ADULTS/FAMILIES

SECOND SUNDAY: An ongoing project of collecting food items on the second Sunday of each month. Requested donations will be announced prior to the second Sunday. On the second Sunday, donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the front lobby area. Items will be placed in the Sheldon Living Water Food Closet and given to those in need and in partnership with Love, INC.

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Small groups of people who enjoy staying connected to each other by discussing life, studying scripture, playing, eating, serving, and investing in one another. Contact Shirley Elgersma shirleyelgersma@gmail.com

<u>7-4-3 GROUPS</u>: Groups of about 7 people gathering for a meal 4 times over a 3 month period. Contact Shirley Elgersma shirleyelgersma@gmail.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Bible study, fellowship and prayer for men -college-age or older. Meets 2x a month on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00pm. For more info, contact Dale Schmidt at dschmidt19@msn.com

<u>LADIES BIBLE STUDY</u>: Meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. For more info contact Nicole Tubergen ncltbrgn@gmail.com Brittany Negus bklaahsen@gmail.com or Sarah Wolthuizen

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CONTACT ONE OF THESE MINISTRY LEADERS

AUDIO & VISUAL TEAM: Gary Hibma - gbhibma@centurylink.net

FACILITIES: Galen Elgersma - galenelgersma@gmail.com

GRACE TEAMS: Dale and Deb Schmidt - dschmidt19@msn.com

GREETERS/COFFEE/COOKIES: Tres Ver Steeg - ktversteeg@yahoo.com

LITTLE TREASURES: Julie Haack - arizona6@premieronline.net

NURSERY: Carol Bootsma - 712-363-4418

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