

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

Sam Ashmore and his wife, Gail, live in Sioux Center with their sons, Zion and Judah; Judah is the newest member of the family born on July 26. Sam is the Discipleship Coordinator at Dordt University and both he and Gail are in Seminary and have a dream to do ministry together in the future.

TEACHER: Sam Ashmore

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8

SERMON TITLE: *Jesus, Necessity or Commodity?*

SUMMARY: We are continuing our series going through the book of Acts this morning. In Acts 8 a shift takes place in the book as the Gospel moves beyond Jerusalem and goes outward. Luke, the author of Acts, shows this by zooming in on two conversion stories that we will look at. The major question to reflect on is this: How valuable is Jesus to you? Is He a necessity or a commodity? For the disciple, Jesus is a necessity. This morning I hope we recognize the posture of our heart. Is it proud and self-dependent or is it in desperate need of Jesus? This will be the focus, and I hope we all leave here this morning recognizing even more our need for the love, grace, and power of Jesus.

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

September 15 - Serve Sunday - If you would like to volunteer or if you know of anyone who LW can bless that day by helping them with a project, please contact Brad or Ronda Noteboom at rondajn@hotmail.com

GEMS ("Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior"), for girls 3rd-8th grade, will be starting in just a few weeks. Our Orange City GEMS Club is looking for 3 more counselors; one for 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 7th grade. If you are willing to help out with this ministry, please contact Jenness Wolgen (ajwolgen@hotmail.com).

This Wednesday (28th) from 6:30-9:00pm, the Men's Group from Sheldon is going to *Justice for All* in Rock Valley to help fill trailers with goods. If interested in helping, please contact Jamie Negus at Jamie.negus89@gmail.com or 712-363-0779.

TODAY

9:30am

COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am

WORSHIP

10:20am

LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God
meets in Upper Room
watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am-11:30am KID ZONE

Meets in the JAM room next to the kitchen

**This is the last session of Kid Zone for the summer
JAM/Small groups will resume on Sunday, Sept 22**

11:00am

STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Aug 26

7:00pm - LifeJacket meeting (OC)

Tues, Aug 27

3:00pm - Staff meeting (OC)

Wed, Aug 28

6:30-9:00pm - Men's Group to *Justice for All* in Rock Valley
If interested in participating, please contact Jamie Negus at Jamie.negus89@gmail.com or 712-363-0779

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

**Wed, Sept 4 - 7:00pm - Overflow begins (9th-12th gr)
meets at OC Campus**

Fri, Sept 6 - 6:00am - Leadership Breakfast and Video
Anyone interested in developing their leadership skills is invited!

Sun, Sept 8

Donuts with the Pastor - following worship
5:00pm - Children's Ministry Teacher Orientation/Meal

Sun, Sept 15 - Serve Sunday/Communion

Sun, Sept 22 - JAM Praise and Worship, Sunday School small groups (3-5 yr olds) and WAVE (6th-8th gr) will begin

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AN OPTION!

You are encouraged to try it out and then share your feedback!
You can set up your account one of these three ways:

- ⇒ **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving> (You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts).
- ⇒ **On your phone:** Install the "**Church Center App**" and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime!
- ⇒ **Text:** Text any amount (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

Please contact Administrative Deacon, Brittany Foreman, (dan_brittanyforeman@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns about online giving!