

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

Today we celebrate communion. Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is invited to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Grapes are available for those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper, and all are welcome at any of the stations to receive a blessing.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5

SUMMARY: Today we begin a four part series that looks at biblical principles for our relationships! Marriage, children, parents, church, and community are all family relationships that God gives clear directions for and during the month of January we will explore how to follow those directions.

We start with Ephesians 5 today. In this letter from the Apostle Paul, pay attention to these phrases from the chapter as our outline:

1. Submit to one another, out of reverence for Christ

2. as to the Lord

3. Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior

4. just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her

5. we are members of His body

What does the Holy Spirit have to say to you today? What reminder is He giving? What do you need to start or stop? What do you need assurance of? Here are some starting points to consider...

1. **Right a wrong.** Maybe you have not submitted well; maybe you have not been a good head. Maybe you have not been owning your role as a part of His body. Write out a letter! It can be a great practice to write to the person you need to make amends with. Maybe you deliver it, maybe you don't. Nonetheless, write it out and listen to the Holy Spirit speak through you.

2. **Uplift.** Speak kind and positive words about yourself! Speak kind and positive words about your wife! Speak kind and positive words about your husband! Try it for one week and see what changes are made in your relationships!

3. **Revisit Christ's love for you.** Remember how loved you are; focus on several passages that tell you that (1 Peter 2:9, John 3:16). Know that you are loved and that changes everything!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAYER: Please pray for the Cadet Corps who will be holding their annual board meeting in Grand Rapids on January 9, 10 & 11. There will be representatives attending from all over the U.S. and Canada. Those attending are given the task of making sure that the Cadet organization stays true to its mission and vision, reviewing programs and materials, reviewing proposals and recommendations, approving a budget, and electing executive committee members.

For the next few weeks following the worship service during the children's JAM/SS small group time, adults are invited to stay and watch a video relating to the **Family Life** sermon series.

- JAM/SS small groups/Wave resumes today.
- Overflow will resume this week on Wednesday (8th).

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP/COMMUNION

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 JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP

5 yrs-5th gr

Meets in JAM room (next to kitchen)

Sunday School small groups follow

5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs

2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor

12:00 dismissal; parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

11:10am WAVE

Meets in room in SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon

11:10am FAMILY LIFE VIDEO

in the Worship Center

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Jan 6 - 7:00pm - LW Prayer Gathering @ OC Campus

Tues, Jan 7 - 3:30pm - Staff Mtg

Wed, Jan 8 - 6:45pm - OC GEMS @ OC Immanuel CRC
(Lessons 9 & 10)

6:50pm - OC Cadets - @ OC Calvary CRC

7:00pm - Overflow (9th-12th gr) @ OC Campus

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 12 - Leadership Transition

⇒ New Leaders Installed

⇒ Outgoing Leaders Recognized

Mon, Jan 13 - Combined Leadership Meeting @ SH Campus

Sun, Jan 26:

⇒ AM Worship - Robin's School of Dance @ OC Campus

⇒ PM Worship - Cadet Sunday @ OC Campus

EBENEZER CAMPAIGN

After much prayer and consideration, the Living Water Council has identified three priorities for which we have a goal of raising \$300,000 through the EBENEZER CAMPAIGN. Each of us is being asked to prayerfully consider giving to this important campaign for:

⇒ **Education Space in Sheldon for Children's Ministries**

⇒ **Future improvements for Orange City's facility**

⇒ **Debt reduction**

How to Give:

1. **Pledge Card:** fill one out from a brochure, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.
2. **By Check:** write a check with "Building Campaign" in memo, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.
3. **Online:** visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>
4. **Text-to-Give:** Text 84321 and include your amount followed by "building" or "campaign" either one will get us notified that your gift is for the building projects. If this is your first time, it will take you through the set-up.

How to Help:

If you would like to donate labor and/or materials for the Sheldon building project, contact Jim Haack.

- Call or text Jim at 712-635-2154
- Email: jim.haack@interstates.com