

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

TODAY'S TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16-17

SERMON SUMMARY: Our Lent sermon series continues today by answering "Why Easter?" with "Jesus comes to save!"

In order to think about that more, we will look at John 3:16-17.

As we study this passage, feel free to use these thoughts as an outline:

1. **Out of a conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus speaks a convicting truth.**
2. **We are in NEED because our default future WAS "death."**
3. **God's motivating factor was His love.**
4. **He showed His love by giving.**
5. **Our requirement is to believe.**
6. **Our reward is the opposite of death.**
7. **Our challenge is to live in the light of this truth.**

So, now what?

1. **Admit your need. In journaling, in prayer, in conversation admit your sins and your sinful nature and admit that you cannot save yourself from the "death" that sin leads to.**
2. **Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior! Only He can save! Not your works, not another "small g" god, not anything or anyone-only the true God! Remember: accepting Him is not just a private thing! Accepting Him is a communal privilege, so share that the Holy Spirit is calling you to accept or reminding you of Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior! Share it with me, with a trusted believer in God, with a church elder or leader and pray together.**
3. **Now that we know we will not experience true death, live in the light! Be aware of what truly matters most (seek first the Kingdom of God!) and don't fall into the traps of this world. Know that He loves You and has saved you and living an "old life" isn't worth it anymore!**

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAISE: Today we witness and celebrate the baptism of Hazel Kroese, daughter of Justin and Alli, and little sister to Jacob and Klayton.

THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to all 20+ people, including students from our Overflow Youth Group and their sponsors and also from the Men's Bible Study, who helped paint new areas at the SH Campus on Wednesday night as part of the Ebenezer Campaign. The progress has definitely helped keep the project on schedule!

Thurs, Mar 26-7:00pm-"Beat Your Bear" @ SH LW Campus

Find your purpose and be encouraged by the inspiring account of survival and a newfound purpose in Christ. Free admission. To find out more about this event, go to TheBearMan.com/events or contact: Dale Schmidt at dschmidt19@msn.com or (712) 324-1117. If you are unable to attend on the 26th, the following times/locations are open to the public:

Thursday, 26th @ 1:30pm – Western Christian High School, Hull

Friday, 27th @ 9:45am – Unity Christian High School, OC

Saturday, 28th @ 1:00 pm – Village North West, Sheldon

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP/BAPTISM

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

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

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

front of the Worship Center near the cross

11:10am WAVE

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Mar 16 - 6:00pm - Unity Meal @ SH Campus

Thank you to Sheldon St Paul Lutheran Church for the meal and bringing the volunteers. This is a free meal; everyone is invited!

Tues, Mar 17 - 3:30pm - OC Staff Mtg

7:30pm - Red Hot Mission Team @ OC Campus

Wed, Mar 18 - 7:00pm - Overflow (9th-12th) @ OC Campus

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 22 - Pastor Jesse @ OC; Pastor Garry @ SH

Mon, Mar 23 - 7:00pm - OC LifeJacket Mtg

Mar 25-26 - Dave Bartlett sessions @ OC Campus

Thurs, Mar 26 - 7:00pm - "Beat Your Bear" @ SH Campus

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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. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center.
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.