

## Harvest Community this week

### This Lord's Day, August 23

9a – 'War of Words' Bible Class for all ages

10a – **Worship.** Heb 7:1-3; Mark 6:32-56; Gen 25:27-34

6p – **Worship.** Ps 145:20-21; Jer 16:14-17:11; Rom 9:24-29. Installation of additional elders. Gary Vander Hart leading.

*Afterparty at the Hakims'*

### Wednesday, August 26

7p – **Prayer Meeting,** Psalm 42:1-6a

### Next Lord's Day, August 30

9a – 'War of Words' Bible Class for all ages

10a – **Worship.** Heb 7:4-5; Mark 7:1-23; Gen 25:27-34

6p – **Worship.** Ps 146:1-2; Jer 17:12-18; Rom 9:30-10:4. Mark Fedders leading.

*Afterparty at [your name here; have it at your house!]*

**August Servants' Rotation:** Greeting—De Groot; Coffee—Hermans; Nursery—Lavermans; Cleaning—Vander Harts

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*Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."*

*Genesis 25:34*

*As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'*

*Romans 9:25-26*

## Welcome, Announcements, and Preparation

### Call to Worship – Hebrews 7:1-3 (Pew Bible, p1004)

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus is our King of righteousness who has won our peace with God, and who continues forever in His priesthood, even as He mediates this worship service! Think what an amazing thing is about to happen here: we for whom God gave His Son to die when we were enemies have this time come as His friends, yea even His children, and that very Son, Jesus our Lord, mediates these things for us in Heaven, even as we sit in this room!*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Song – #156, O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Song – #535, O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

*Let us sing with relish and joy these hymns that realize the love of Christ in which He came to be our righteousness and win our peace, and in which He currently pleads that righteousness and maintains that peace on our behalf!*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Prayer for Help

*Let us pray that Jesus would indeed mediate the service in glory that our worship would be accepted there and send His Spirit upon us on earth that what we do here might be pleasing to Him.*

### Serial Reading – Mark 6:32-56 (Pew Bible, p841)

*In this passage, we learn that Jesus is sufficient for our fellowship, provision, safety, and healing.*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Song – #656, Jesus, Priceless Treasure

*Oh the unsearchable riches of Christ! He is our priceless treasure!*

### Congregational Prayer

*So then let us ask Him to do what pleases Him! Since we are invited to make them known to Him, let us all give heart, mind, and will as we are led in prayer. We've been plodding through our prayer list slowly in order to give more attention to particular requests, coming this week to the circumstances of those who worship with us and their loved ones.*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Morning Sermon Text – Genesis 25:27-34 (Pew Bible, p20)

### Morning Sermon – *Jacob: Gamer of the Hunter*

*In this sermon, we learn from Jacob to watch out for Satan's shortcut and depend instead upon Christ alone!*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Song – In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song!  
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone!—Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the world He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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### <sup>STANDING</sup> Benediction

*(This concludes the worship service)*

### <sup>STANDING</sup> Parting Song – In Christ Alone, v1

**PLEASE STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE—LET US GREET AND WELCOME ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST!**

Evening Worship Assembly, 6p.m.

**Welcome, Announcements, and Preparation**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 145:20-21** (Pew Bible, p525)

*How shall we respond to God for all of His great mercies to us? Certainly, we will use our mouths to speak His praise (v21a), but we have seen over and over again in the Psalter that for those with true gratitude for true salvation, their individual praise just isn't good enough. They want to see God's name exalted much higher than just that. And so we see their desire to praise His name in the midst of the congregation, and (v21b) their desire ultimately for that day to come when all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever!*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Song – #5, God, My King, Thy Might Confessing**

*So let us use these divine Words of Psalm 145 to sing this divine praise!*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Prayer for Help**

*And let us pray for our great God's gracious aid to praise His greatness and grace!*

**Serial Reading – Jeremiah 16:14-17:11** (Pew Bible, p644)

*This section promises a salvation so great that it will dwarf the Exodus and render it irrelevant(v14-17a)! God will not do this by overlooking sin, but by making absolutely full satisfaction for it (v17b-18). And in response to this combination of amazing mercy and perfect wrath, Jeremiah fully expects the nations to recognize Yahweh as the one, true God (v19—21).*

*Why isn't Judah responding as the Gentiles do in vv19-21? Because their heart is too hard. The 'pen' in v1 is really an engraver's tool. vv5-6 and 7-8 show two competing types of hearts: the heart that turns from the Lord to trust in men, and the heart that trusts in the Lord. There are only two ways to live, and they have exactly opposite results. But Judah's heart is absolutely engraved (vv1-3) with the wrong way to live. v9 goes on to say that the heart is impossible to figure out and incurable even if you did.*

*The answer to v9's question is v10: Yahweh knows the heart. He alone understands it, and He alone can cure it. v11 warns that unless we are those who are searched by Yahweh and cured by Yahweh, no amount of earthly riches matter. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but to lose his soul?*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Song – #57, Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul**

*Let us use this translation of Psalm 146 to sing of God's greatness and God's grace, confronting each other with the choice of having hearts that trust in God or trust in man.*

**The Evening Prayer**

*As we have been hearing of clinging to God and submitting to Him, let us do that now in prayer—making our requests, especially that we might obey His commands.*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Evening Sermon Text – Romans 9:24-29** (Pew Bible, p945)

**Evening Sermon – Election's Living Proof**

*Romans abruptly cuts off reasoning for election from what sounds hypothetical in order to point out that this is in fact what is happening: the riches of God's glory are indeed being made known in those in whom He has chosen to display His mercy! There are those whom He has called, and the mercy that He is showing them is simply astonishing!*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Song – #469, How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place**

*This song takes much the same approach as tonight's text—asking the questions about election within the context of amazement at the historical and experienced reality of God's mercy, and seeing election itself as driving God's mission on earth.*

**Elder Installation**

*This includes a brief explanation of the office of elder, the repeating of vows of those being installed, and a brief charge or exhortation to the new elders and the congregation.*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Song – #12, Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim**

*These charges of Psalm 135 apply to every believer, but also in a special way to ordained servants such as the elders who have just been installed. Let us sing it with joy!*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Benediction**

*(This concludes the worship service)*

<sup>STANDING</sup> **Parting Song – #731, Doxology**

*Immediately following worship, all are invited to a Lord's Day after-party at **the Hakims' (217 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW)**. If you would like to host an after-party some week, let James know to put it in the worship booklet; thanks!*

## Congregational Announcements

**‘WAR OF WORDS’ IS THE INTERGENERATIONAL (i.e. for ALL ages) BIBLE CLASS THIS SUMMER .** The psychologists are always talking about communication; but, this summer, we’ll ask and answer: **what does GOD have to say about it?** This course of 12 half-hour lessons on DVD, with accompanying discussion, is a thorough study of Scripture on how we use our mouths. Not only is this a huge practical matter in areas like our children’s discipleship, our love and faithfulness in marriage, the strength of our witness to the grace of Christ; but, **the Bible also tells us that our speech is a great battleground and proving ground for the issues of our heart.** We have a license to print as many of the discussion guides as we need. If you need **LARGE PRINT**, we can do that too. Also, if you wish to **purchase the book that teaches the same material more in depth, you can do so for \$7**—just ask Pastor James.

**LARGE PRINT PEW BIBLES** are on the bookshelf nearest the door, and return them there after worship, so that they are readily available for the next people who need them.

**THERE IS AN OFFERING BOX ON THE RESOURCE TABLE** by which you may bring the tithes and offerings that we offer as we come to worship God through Jesus, our great High Priest (Heb 7).

## Service Opportunities

**MAKE THE SERMON CDs.** This is an important service to those who miss sermons, wish to review carefully what we have heard from God’s Word, or wish to share it with others. You would also be saving Pastor James a couple hours per week. No experience or materials necessary. We will train you and provide whatever is needed (you probably already have the necessary hardware at home).

**SERMON TRANSCRIPTIONIST.** Often, more from the study comes out in the sermon than was in the manuscript; and, sometimes there isn’t a manuscript at all. Perhaps one of our young people would be willing to spend a couple hours per week re-listening to the sermons and transcribing them? This would serve the congregation, visitors to our website, visitors to the building, and friends and relatives with whom we would like to share the preached Word here, but who would be more likely to read a transcript than listen to a CD.

**CATALOG THE LIBRARY.** This is an important service to Pastor James and the congregation at large. It will include looking up the Library of Congress Catalog Numbers for unmarked books, labeling them, arranging them properly on the shelves,

and making a computer database from which sign-out sheets may be printed. No experience necessary. We will train you and provide whatever is needed.

**CHURCH HISTORIAN.** Initially, this will involve interviewing members who have been here the longest about the beginnings of our congregation and God’s work here up until this point. The historian would keep track of things like session meeting summaries, congregational meetings, sermon & reading series, and individuals’ testimonies to God’s faithfulness here at Harvest. Eventually, the historian would maintain an historical section at the church website and update annually the annals of our congregation to the PCA Historical center.

## Prayer Requests

- Harvest’s worship, evangelism, discipleship, elders, teachers, parents; officer training and election
- Our Presbytery, the PCA, the church around the world, particularly mission works and the persecuted church
- Our country, particularly those in high position
- Celestin—family, ministry to Muslims, efforts to help Congolese Presbyterians with farming
- MTW, SAT-7, MERF, ITEM, Gideons, Gospel for Asia, and other world mission works
- PRAISE for healthy delivery and quick recovery for Kristen Dorr and baby Tyler Robert; pray for complete recovery, healthy development, and family adjustment
- Heather Hakim – Jonathan Isaac and Beatrice Christi due end of November
- Phyllis Vanden Brink – getting medical care at Happy Siesta in Remsen
- Maggie’s sister Melanie – frequent migraines, PRAISE for good CAT scan results
- The Rowenhorst Family—Randy’s headaches; falls increasing, subsequent injuries
- Carla Van Essendelft’s pregnancy, due November
- Jacob De Groot – air national guard school in Pensacola
- Jonathan Vander Plaats – stationed in Norfolk
- Lisa Vander Plaats – semester in Nicaragua
- Ron De Groot – looking for work, physical and spiritual progress, Christian friends

## Community Announcements

**Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra** will be held on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12. Anyone wishing to play in the orchestra for the first time must audition, and all student members need to re-audition each year. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Missy at 712-722-6230 or [niso@dordt.edu](mailto:niso@dordt.edu).