

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 28, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, September 1, Community Service

Our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments activities.

Hey Church Fam!

School began this week and the energy in the city is definitely heightened. Nerves are going as traffic increases at pickup and drop off, newly licensed drivers are flooding out of the high school and flooding the shops around and all the while I imagine God is sitting back and watching us hurry around wondering when we are going to sit and remember that His call for us is to be still. So today as we face down the second half of the first week of a new year, remember to be still and know that the Lord is still reigning and ruling.

Join me in prayer for the students, teachers and faculty of our area schools today that God would be moving in and through each of them to bring Himself glory and bring about their good. Let's also pray that as school families settle into new routines, that they see value in adding in our new season of Mission Monday into that routine. If you want to get your own kiddos signed up, click here (<https://secondchurchfremont.churchcenter.com/unproxy/registrations/events/2434682>) and feel free to be a digital missionary and share that link on your social media for the whole world (or at least the local area) to see. Our GEMS and SPARK leaders are excited to begin sharing the gospel with their students beginning September 9th.

One more thing to mention, which is that I am so very excited to see half a dozen bible studies either beginning or continuing this month. We have a women's study on Elijah, a co-ed study on Revelation, our Coffee Break group is diving back into Genesis, Public Reading of Scripture continues each Sunday (except this coming Sunday 9/1, we will be off that day for the holiday weekend, sign up here for updates on PRoS <https://secondchurchfremont.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/public-reading-of-scripture-pros>), our men's study DudeStuff (register here: <https://secondchurchfremont.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/dudestuff-men-s-bible-study>) is going strong and the women's Connection Point Coffee group (sign up for updates here: <https://secondchurchfremont.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/connection-point-women-s-fellowship>) continues to meet as well. There is so much life happening here at Second Church and I am so very excited about what's to come as we continue to see the fruit of all that God is doing in and through this church.

Lastly, remember that this coming Sunday we will be gathering with our fellow churches here in Fremont at Veterans Park at 10am for worship. the service will be live streamed on our youtube channel as we usually do on Sundays. you can visit that channel anytime to view past services and subscribe by clicking <https://www.youtube.com/@secondchurch-fremont>.

I leave you this week with this text from Exodus that the Lord has placed on my heart. no matter what you are going through right now church, remember this: "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

In Service to the King,
-Adam

Our Church Family

Pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law, who has stage 4 cancer. Pray for strength as he navigates the next steps going forward.

Please continue to pray for healing and strength for those recovering from injuries, surgeries, and treatments.

Prayer for all the teachers and kids as they begin another school year.

Marian Homan has a new phone number (231) 260-2892

Community Announcements

There will not be a prayer guide next week due to the Labor Day holiday.

The church office will be closed Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2.

Faith Promise Update – *Friendly reminder that if you haven't had a chance to return your Faith Promise pledge card to please do so. You can put your pledge in the offering boxes outside any of the doors in the narthex. As of last Sunday, we've received \$19,670 in pledges with a goal of \$35,000. Please prayerfully consider a pledge you can make to Faith Promise. Thank you to those that have had a chance to return your pledges.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Thank you for helping us achieve our financial goal for the past school year! Please check your church mailbox for a letter and a pledge card for the 2024/2025 school year. Please place your pledge card in the box in the church foyer by August 31st. This year we anticipate 11 children utilizing this fund at a cost of approximately \$72,000.00. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686.

To All Members and Regular Attendees

The church office will be producing an **Updated Church Directory** in the coming weeks. If you have changed address, phone number, email, etc., or would like to be added, please get the appropriate information to Valerie by emailing office@secondcrcfremont.org or calling the church office (231) 924-0170 by **August 30, 2023**.

Bible Study

Join us beginning Monday, September 16 at 10:30 am for a study of Revelations. How does this book apply to our lives today? How should our day to day life be affected by this book? We will meet twice monthly beginning the 16th at 10:30am. There is no book needed.

Calling All Women!

Join us for a Priscilla Shirer Bible study *Elijah: Faith and Fire*. This involves a weekly video and a study book. Check out the sample book at the sign-up table. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 18 and continue for 7 weeks. Please join in!!

FYSH Kick Off

Sunday 9/8 FYSH Kickoff Bonfire @ Reeman CRC/MacLean's home at 7:13-8:45pm! Join us for bonfire, games & pizza!

OASIS Kick Off

Join us at the FCS gym from 6:30-8pm, Wednesday, September 11. We'll have pizza!

Kids Hope

Are you wondering how you can make an impact and make Christ known in our community? Do you have one hour, once a week to spare? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Our Kids Hope program needs mentors for the 2024-2025 school year. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Stephanie DeKuiper (231) 414-5141 or Chelsea Breuker (231) 414-1122 for more information.

Coffee Break

Ladies: Coffee Break Bible Study will resume meeting on September 10th here at Second CRC! Open to women in all stages of their Faith Walk, Coffee Break will be studying Genesis (covering chapters 12-25) on Tuesdays from 9:45-11am this Fall. Study guides will be available at our first meeting on September 10th, with the first lesson discussion starting on September 17th. Please note: No child care is available at this time. Additional questions? Contact Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Torri Wilkinson (231-355-0757).

GRIEFSHARE

Grieving? Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend a GriefShare Group. This 14-week course offers help and support to those who feel lost. A \$10.00 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide your healing. You are encouraged to attend all sessions. However, there is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any time. We begin on Tuesday, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Register online at griefsher.org or call 231-924-2460. Registration is helpful but not required.

COOKIES

Bakers or buyers are needed to help supply 10 dozen treats each Sunday morning this fall for our post-service fellowship time. Please sign up for a date or two if you are able to help by clicking on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-50295653-fall> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141.



Stock the Pantry

For August the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, canned meat, tuna. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Offering Information

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings for: September 8 – Love, Inc

September 15 – Resonate Global Missions

September 22 – Fremont Service Committee

September 29 – Fremont Christian School

Prayer Corner

Please pray for our two new Mission India church planters.

- Pray that they will have boldness when sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that they have God's protection.
- Pray for a "person of peace" in each neighborhood they visit.
- Pray that God prepares the hearts and minds of those who the church planters will be talking with.

Ishwar - Church Planter

Ishwar's background

"I used to believe in many deities and worshipped them. I was an orthodox Hindu person. I used to be very ill since childhood, and my family, too, had the challenges of my persistent health issues. Despite trying various treatments and consulting doctors, including resorting to exorcism, I saw no improvement. For 15 years, I remained in a state of illness, narrowly escaping death multiple times and accumulation significant debts."

Ishwar's testimony

"But then I found hope. One day, a Christian introduce us to the Lord. Gradually, I began to believe in the Lord. I started listening to God's Word regularly. One day, she shared John 5 about the man who waited for healing for 38 years. It resonated with our situation of waiting. After praying for me, I felt a divine touch, and my health began to recover. Growing in faith, a month later I received Jesus Christ. Thanks to the Lord, he influenced my father's mindset, leading him to declare that we would believe in Jesus, even if it meant forsaking all other gods and societal norms. We embraced the faith as a family".

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Bhajeram Yadaw - church planter

Bhajeram's background

"I belonged to a Hindu family and worshipped all the deities. I believed that being born in a Hindu family was a blessing as we had many gods to protect us in difficult times. Initially, when I heard about Jesus, I perceived Him as a foreign God, and due this, I struggled to trust Him. Instead, I used to express disbelief and even criticized Him."

Bhajeram's testimony

"But then He worked in my life. My perspective began to change when my sister, who attended church, shared the Gospel with me multiple times. I questioned why she embraced a foreign God, but she insisted that Jesus is the living God, who sacrificed Himself for humanity. One day, she started reading verses like John 3:16 and Matthew 11: 28-30, illustrating how Jesus loves people and gave His life to save them. Gradually, as I continued reading the Bible, I discovered the words of the Lord and His miracles. This realization led me to understand that the Lord is not a foreign deity. He is our Savior. I surrendered my life to Jesus and joined the new life."

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