

SECOND'S MATTERS

October 16, 2024



Sunday, October 20

Rev. Len Troast will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "A Little + Jesus = Everything" based on John 6:1-14. The children will be taking a noisy coin offering for World Renew Disaster Relief Service (DRS) – Hurricane Helene. The greeters are Bob and Kim Hayward.

Sunday, October 21, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Hey church family,

Last week my letter to you was focused on prayer. and this week will be no different. But I'd like to share with you a story this time. Some of you may know the name DL Moody. He is considered by many to be the most successful and influential evangelist of the 19th century. If you don't know him that's ok, the story will make sense either way. It is famously reported that Moody carried in his pocket a list of 100 people in his circle of friends, family, coworkers, etc that did not know Jesus. he had this list in his pocket every day of his adult life. Moody was a shoe salesman before hearing God's call to ministry and he did not live a full life of spiritual formation before that. Just a hard working guy who gave his life to the Lord and listened to the call to follow God's will in his life. Thousands of people came to the Lord and were reborn as children of God through Moody's preaching and teaching but secretly, every day, he spent time with the Lord praying for the salvation of those 100 people, most of whom did not know each other and none of whom knew of this practice until after his death. At his death, 96 of the names on the list had given their lives to Christ, and the remaining 4 people, who were not friends or connected to each other in any way and who did not know of the list, attended the funeral where the list was shared; not the names on it, just Moody's quiet dedication to that mission. Those 4 all surrendered to Jesus during an altar call that was made at the close of the memorial service in honor of Moody's life of evangelism.

I want you to take a minute and reflect on that story. And then, I want to see if there are any among our family of believers here, who have a deep enough conviction to make their own list and to pray for each of the people on their list by name every day. Maybe you make a list of 10, or maybe you shoot for 100. But just imagine what impact our little church might have for God's Kingdom if we prayed for those who don't know Him to be saved. If you want to join in this work with me, shoot me an email or a text and tell me how big your list is so I can pray for your work. I don't need to know the names on the list and I will not be checking up on you to see if you're doing it, but I believe that the more that we blanket our community in prayer, the more moves of God we will see. The Bible gives us ample evidence of that and I believe for it.

In Service to the King,
Adam

PS As an aside, I'd also like to extend an invitation to all the men of the congregation to join me on Thursday night from 6-7:30 for DudeStuff, our men's Bible study. It is a weekly gathering of men who love Jesus and love to lift each other up in prayer and with encouragement, love to read the Word together, and love to get a little bit competitive in a game of cornhole. No Bible knowledge needed or studying need be done ahead of time, just come join us. If you are a man, this is for you. if you aren't, spread the word to the men in your life.

Our Church Family

Please pray for continued healing for Pastor Dave Brower. If you would like to send him and Jean a note, their address is 6516 Poinsettia ST SW, Grandville MI 49418

Please keep Marilyn Wever and her family in your prayers.

Prayers for Tim Boeskool, who will be undergoing spinal surgery today. Pray that the surgery will be successful, and he will have a good recovery.

Please continue to pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law. Pray for healing and that the treatments will be effective in fighting the cancer.

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, October 16, 2024

This afternoon we will again offer drive thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help.



9:38Fest (Trunk or Treat), October 31

2nd Church is hosting a trunk or treat event (9:38Fest) on Thursday October 31st from 5:30 – 7:00pm. We are asking for volunteers to help grille hotdogs, distribute food and general oversight of this event. If you would like to participate in this, please sign up and plan to arrive at 5:00pm at church on the 31st. We are also asking for candy donations. If you're able to donate candy, there is a box in the narthex where you can leave those donations. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to a member of the Outreach Committee.

FYSH, Sunday October 20

those of you signed up for the service project will meet at Reeman CRC to leave by 1:30pm and head together to the Muskegon Rescue Mission. There will be no Bible study this evening.

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 October the requested food items are canned fruits and vegetables. 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: October 20: True North

October 27: Bethany Christian Services

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