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Read Through the Bible

In 2023 we will be reading through the Bible using a portion from the Old and a portion from the New Testament each day.

1: Gen 1-3; Matt 1	9: Gen 23-24; Matt 7	17: Gen 41-42; Matt 12:1-23	25: Ex 12_13; Matt 16
2: Gen 4-6; Matt 2	10: Gen 25-26; Matt 8:1-17	18: Gen 43-45; Matt 12:24-50	26: Ex 14-15; Matt 17
3: Gen 7-9; Matt 3	11: Gen 27-28; Matt 8:18-34	19: Gen 46-48; Matt 13:1-30	27: Ex 16-18; Matt 18:1-20
4: Gen 10-12; Matt 4	12: Gen 29-30; Matt 9:1-17	20: Gen 49-50; Matt 13:31-58	28: Ex 19-21; Matt 18:21-35
5: Gen 13-15; Matt 5:1-26	13: Gen 31-32; Matt 9:18-38	21: Ex 1-3; Matt 14:1-21	29: Ex 21-22; Matt 19
6: Gen 16-17; Matt 5:27-48	14: Gen 33-35; Matt 10:1-20	22: Ex 4-6; Matt 14:1-21	30: Ex 23-24; Matt 20:1-16
7: Gen 18-19; Matt 6:1-18	15: Gen 36-38; Matt 10:21-42	23: Ex 7-8; Matt 15:1-20	
8: Gen 20-22; Matt 6:19-34	16: Gen 39-40; Matt 11	24: Ex 9-11; Matt 15:21-39	



Our Mission:
To relate to
God more
intimately,
to evidence the
fruit of the
Spirit, and to
bring Jesus
into all our
relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen...

Well, it is January 2023. I want to begin with some things I shared last year in January. I want to talk about how Jesus lived daily for the Kingdom of God. Jesus lived in such a way that He sought to bring the kingdom of God into daily life. Jesus helped people, healed people, taught others, and mentored them. Jesus listened well to others and Jesus observed the lives of other people. And then He would seek to bring His life to them.



What would it be like for us to live daily with the eyes of Jesus, and bring His kingdom to bear upon the lives of other people?

I think of a neighbor who needs encouragement from the daily stresses of raising a young child. They often need adult conversation and words of encouragement and appreciation.

I think of a woman that just lost her husband in death and needs help or just to know that someone is praying for them.

I think of listening to an older person in the hospital who is nervous about an upcoming surgery and needs someone to pray for them.

I think of trying to teach a class, preach a sermon, or just have a conversation with someone confused by our world and how God fits in.

I think of observing people as I walk at the Mall of America and praying for many looking for happiness in the buying of things.

One day a lawyer came up to Jesus and asked Jesus a question, and testing Jesus. **Matthew 22: 36- 40** tells us of the dialogue Jesus had with him, **“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”** The kingdom life is about loving God and loving others.

In our small group study we were asked to choose a missionary and discover how they lived their lives on mission for Christ. I did a little research on Amy Carmichael. She was born in 1867 in Belfast, Ireland. Her missionary call came through the Keswick Movement, a movement influenced by John Wesley. In 1893 Carmichael sailed to China as the first Keswick missionary. She stayed 2 years and then in 1895 went to India. She never left India after that and she did missionary work for the next 56 years. She did evangelistic work, had women converts and in 1901 settled in Dohnavur, India. Eventually, her mission was to rescue children and she started the Dohnavur Fellowship. The work became well known through her writings. There were, “Baby nurseries which led on to cottage homes, schools for all ages from toddlers to teenagers, a dairy farm, rice lands, fruit, and

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vegetable gardens, tailoring departments, kitchens, laundries, workshops, and building offices with teams of builders, carpenters, and electricians. From the small beginning of one obedient woman and one small child came a 'model village,' complete with its own simple Indian facilities and even a hospital to serve the sick and in which to preach the Gospel to the thousands from the villages who flocked to it for help." <https://dohnavurfellowship.org/amycarmichael/> In 1931, she had a serious fall, which along with arthritis kept her an invalid the rest of her life. The Dohnavur Fellowship continues today. She signed the introduction to her book, From the Fight, with these words, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do? Yours in the fight, Looking for the coming conqueror." Amy Wilson Carmichael, April 1900.

We may not be an Amy Carmichael but we can live our lives being a blessing to others for the sake of Jesus.

Please know that I love you and desire all of us to be on mission for Jesus in year 2023.

Pastor Howard

Camp News

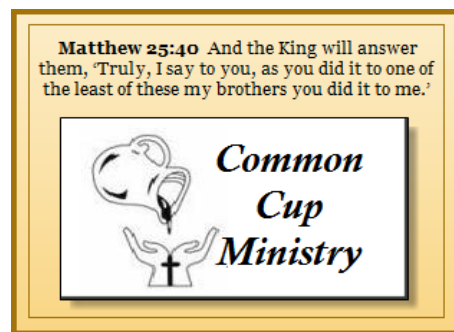
Village Creek Bible Camp is our Bible Camp located in Lansing, Iowa. There are several opportunities to enjoy this camp coming up in the next months. VCBC has several Winter and Spring Retreats scheduled: **Past Staff/Young Adult Retreat** - December 28-31; **Freedom Quest Training** - January 6-8, Speaker Terry Baxter; **Winter Youth Retreat** - February 10-12, Speaker Shea Cutshaw; **Couples Retreat 1** - March 17-19, Speakers Jim and Jane Kramer; **Couples Retreat 2** - March 24-26, Speaker Frank Switzer. Registration information is on the camp website: www.villagecreek.net

Scrap & Craft

Ladies, you are invited to join us for **Scrap & Craft** on Friday, January 20th, 4:00 – 10:00 PM and Saturday, January 21st, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Bring whatever project you are working on and enjoy fellowship with others while working on it. Come when you can and leave when you have to. Friday evening is a brown bag supper; feel free to bring snacks to share. Saturday is our potluck lunch. Please let Dawn VandenBerg or Becky Anderson know if you plan to attend so they know how many tables to prepare.

Freezer Meal Prep Day

Are you looking for ways to minister to others? We provide freezer meals for people in need when moving, sick or after surgery. We are running low on our supply of frozen dinners so we are planning a meal prep day on Wednesday, January 25 there at the church. You are welcome to come and join us as we prepare meals for the freezer to give out as needed. If you are not able to attend and would like to prepare a meal at home and bring it to the church freezer, we will use it when a need arises. If you are in need of a meal, please contact the church office.



Thank you to all of you who continue to bring in pudding cups for the Weekend Backpack feeding program. Remember that we are the only church providing pudding cups, and the need is on-going. So please keep them on your shopping list.

A Meeting and a Celebration

We will hold our annual meeting Sunday, January 29 following our morning service. At the conclusion of the meeting we will have a potluck meal to celebrate the paying off of the church mortgage. Everyone is invited! We ask that families bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert. Singles are asked to bring an item of their choice. A celebratory cake will be provided.

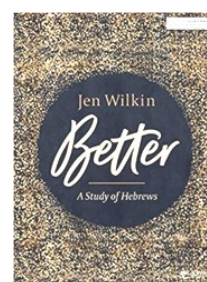


What goes up must come down! Everyone is invited to join us as we take down the Christmas decorations after the morning service on January 8.



January is a good month to stay inside and curl up with a good book. This month's featured author, Karen Kingsbury is a popular Christian fiction writer who has written or co-written over 100 books, and some of her books have been developed into movies. Our library does not have all of her books, but we have a nice selection to choose from. Why not enjoy one with a hot cup of cocoa this month?

Ladies' Bible Study



Ladies you are welcome to join us for our next study, **"BETTER, A STUDY OF HEBREWS"** by Jen Wilkin. This study will begin on January 19th at noon and

7:00 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office by Sunday, January 8th if you would like a book. They will be \$17.00 each. In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone

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'Twas the Sunday Before Christmas...

And there was a Christmas program and Christmas caroling!

