

Sunday, February 5, 2012

VINELAND FREE REFORMED CHURCH

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. Prov. 11:30

We extend a warm welcome to our guests - please join us for coffee following the morning service

9:45 AM Service – Rev. P. VanderMeyden

Scripture: Matthew 6: 1-15

Heidelberg Catechism: L.D. 51, QA 126

The Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive Us Our Debts”

1. The Spiritual Nature of this Prayer.
2. The Convicting Need for this Prayer
3. The Acceptable Grounds for this Prayer
4. [The Assuring Fruit of this Prayer]

3:00 PM Service – Elder John Vangameren – reading sermon

Scripture :

Text:

Next week’s Services:

9:45 AM - Pastor VanderMeyden

3:00 PM - Reading Service

Baptism service will be February 26th in the pm, d.v.

FROM THE PASTOR

“Our Debt?”

Do we really care about *our* debt? Do American citizens care? As of this past Thur., Feb.2, 2012 the US National Debt Clock is clicking at about \$15.4 Trillion. That means every man, woman and child (of the 13 million Americans) owe about \$50,000 of that debt. If each household consists of 3 persons (actually, the average is 2.6 persons) each U.S. household owes about \$127,000 of the national debt. But are people really owning up to national debt as being their own debt. Or do they somehow prefer to ignore it, or “charge it” to the government, or to big business? It is worse. If you add to that debt the average of (\$100,000 personal debt including mortgages) and we come to the very sad estimate of \$250,000 dollars of debt in each American household.

Though Canada’s national debt is not as high (per capita), still the per-household personal debt of Canadians is about the same as that of Americans. We also use credit too much and owe close to

50% more total per household debt than our total household earnings in a year. Are we taking our debt serious? Do we care about *our* debts? Or do we right away talk about how government wastes taxpayer money? Do we own up to our debts? Are we trying to pay them off? Or do we just think they will somehow go away. The USA has experienced that there will be a “pay-day” – for example, the fall 2008 collapse and all the housing foreclosures since. “Pay day some day”.

There is an even greater problem: our *spiritual* debts. We have incurred an immense debt of guilt before God by our sins. We will be called to give an account of this debt one day. Each sinful action, word and thought add more and more to our debts. Do we own it as *our* guilt; *our* fault, *our* responsibility to pay *our* debts? Has it really become an urgent problem that has driven us to our knees before God? It must be faced and dealt with: will it be on Judgment Day or will you “this day...” pray “forgive us *our* debts?”

FROM THE CONSISTORY

Collections for today:

First Collection: Church General Fund

Second Collection: Seminary Fund – Funds collected are used to support the PRTS, which includes the work of Dr. G.M. Bilkes, Dr. David Murray and our FRC ministers who teach various classes. PRTS prepares men for the gospel ministry and provides education to students from around the world.

Collections for next week:

First Collection: Church General Fund

Second Collection: Word & Deed – an evangelical and Reformed aid organization partners with Christian churches and organizations in the developing world. Their mission is to improve the lives of needy people both materially and spiritually in obedience to Christ’s command to live our neighbor as ourselves.

Collections received with thanks: Church \$10,706.43; Gen Chr. Purposes: \$1,799.13; Mission \$2,678.92; Building Fund \$1503.50
Total: \$16,687.98

CHURCH FAMILY

Greeters for today: am: Dick & Rinie Attema

pm: Al & Linda Brouwer

Greeters for next week: am: Brian & Jolande Bruineekool

pm: Diana B. and Jacqueline D.

We have a lot of friendly greeters but we need more!! If more people would be willing, your turn would not come up so often. Young people would be great – just send me an email - jgm

Librarians for February : am: Juliana and Sarah B.
pm: Courtney V

Dave and Renee VanderMeyden were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, **Luke Ethan** on January 31st. He is a brother for Joshua.

CHURCH CALENDAR

(All our evening meetings start at 7:30 pm)

“If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that” - James 4:15b)

Feb. 5 (Sun) Sunday School - please learn: Job 19:25

Feb. 6 (Mon) Choir meets

Feb. 6 (Mon) Zion Sr. Bible Study at 10:00 am. Study lesson 7

Feb. 8 (Wed) Catechism classes

Feb. 8 (Wed) Men’s Wed. Evening Bible Study- read Study 8.

Feb. 9 (Thur) Speaker Paul Robertson at Calvary Christian School, 89 Scott St. “Understanding Today’s Youth – “Why they do the things they do” **7:00 pm**

Feb. 9 (Thur) Cadets regular meeting/project 7-9 pm. Cadet-in-Charge: Lane. Flag bearers: Nathaniel, Josh VB. Cadets are selling tickets for the Bulldogs vs. Marlies hockey game on March 9 at Cops Coliseum. This is a fundraiser for cadets. Tickets are \$16 and may be purchased by contacting Brad Roelofsen at roelofbr@hotmail.com

Feb. 11 (Sat) Glimpse of Spring Dinner at HCS.

Feb. 12 (Sun) College & Careers: please do Lesson 7 and read the corresponding chapters.

Feb. 12 (Sun) YP’s Emma & Sue- drinks & snacks

Feb. 18 (Sat) Free Reformed Student Society mtg. in Dundas FRC

Feb. 25 (Sat) Heritage Classic Curling Bonspiel at 4:00 pm.

Feb. 25 (Sat) St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Mar 9 (Fri) Zion Building fundraiser formal dinner

NURSERY CARE

February Mom- Christina Veenstra

FEB 5 AM Service

Infants: Vanessa Terlouw, Linda Slingerland, Ria Vant'Wel, Suzanne Tamminga

T1: Rachel Kiers, Lisa Brouwer

T2: Shannon Brouwer, Erin DeJong

Preschool: Maria Sommer, Jules Brouwer – “Noah and the Flood”

PM Service

Infants: Kelly Slingerland, Willie Roelofsen, Sheri Sinke, Lauren Kamphuis

T1: Stephanie Meeboer, Arlene Veenstra

T2: Theresa Wagter, Justine Otten

FEB 12 AM Service

Infants: Marnie Werdekker, Margaret VanderMeyden, Wendy Zwiep, Taylor VanVliet

T1: Sarah Sjaarda, Pam Bok

T2: Kerri Radsma, Steph Grin

Preschool: Renee VanderMeyden, Sarah Brouwer – “Abraham Has faith in God”

PM Service

Infants: Becky Slingerland, Christina Veenstra, Andrea Otten, Sydney Sinke

T1: Carrie Heikoop, Nicole Roelofsen

T2: Pam Jansen, Lindsay Sinke

FEB 19 AM Service

Infants: Jodie DeJong, Marg Brink, Elsie Slingerland, Macayla Valk

T1: Emily Nelson, Karen Kamphuis

T2: Kathy Bakker, Meghan Zwiep

Preschool: Becky Stryker, Courtney VanVliet – “Isaac is Offered”

PM Service

Infants: Anita Smit, Char Nieuwenhuyzen, Lisa Bok, Maddie VanVliet

T1: Monica VandenBrink, Alysha Halma

T2: Marcia Gritter, Emily Slingerland

Migrant Ministry Drivers

Sunday drivers for Feb. 12th - 7:00 pm:

John Jansen, Bill Zwiep, Rob Sinke, Bud Veenstra, Dave Nelson, Al Brouwer, Jacob Klok, Klaas Meeboer, Jay Roelofsen.

Tuesday drivers for Feb. 14th - 7:30 pm: Class Cancelled

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Friday, March 9th - Formal Fundraising Dinner - Book your Spot - Limited Seating!

Please join us in on Friday, March 9th at Zion FRC Church for a Formal Dinner. (approx 6:00pm - details to follow) This will be a fundraiser for the Zion FRC Church Building Expansion Fund. - Make your reservation ASAP as seating is limited to 80 people. Individual or table seating welcome. To book your reservation please contact Dani Vrugteveen at 905-892-5887.

Mission Update - Nico Kattenberg has proved to be an efficient and hard worker in the field, and is much appreciated by the Mission board. Yet like all of us, he needs encouragement from time to time. Here is what he wrote recently: "One of the things that affect us as individuals and churches is often a lack of prayer. I believe that through prayer much can be accomplished. It is a special feeling to know that on a certain day of the month people are praying specifically for you." Nico and Lia with their children are living far away from their home and acquaintances. Let us be especially mindful of them this month in our prayers before God. Even better, send them an email to let them know that you are praying for them. nicokattenberg@gmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Evening at Calvary Christian School, 89 Scott St., St. Catharines, On, email: ccsniagara@bellnet.ca: Join us to hear keynote speaker Paul Robertson on the topic, “**Understanding Today’s Youth – Why they do the things they do**” at 7:00 pm on *Thurs. Feb. 9.* Paul has worked with youth for over 25 years. All parents, grandparents and young people are encouraged to come on. **Visit his website at www.paulrobertson.ca.**

February 11: Glimpse of Spring: The doors for dinner will be open at 5:30 pm for punch and dinner will start at **5:45pm**. Please note the time. If you have any other questions, please call Janet at 289-821-4707. Thank you to all who have made reservations. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: to be held Saturday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. at John-Michael’s Conference Centre, Hwy #58 in Thorold, L2V 3Y7. Guest speaker, author and Life Training Institute President Scott Klusendorf, will help equip us to defend the sanctity of life. For information and to reserve tickets (\$45, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or talk to Rob Sinke or Greg Slingerland.

Vineland Free Reformed Church



Services
9:45 AM and 3:00 PM

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