

Sunday, February 12, 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 18: 21-35
Heidelberg Catechism: L.D. 51, QA 126
The Lord’s Prayer: “...As We Forgive...”
The Assuring Fruit of Sincerely Praying this Prayer

3:00 PM Service – Sermon reading

Scripture :
Text:

Lord’s Day Services on February 19

9:45 AM – Rev. P. VanderMeyden

3:00 PM – Candidate Derek Baars

FROM THE PASTOR

“...as we forgive...”

One of the most unique and distinctive teachings (and practices) of the Christian religion is that of forgiveness.

What sets the Christian message apart from that of most of the world’s religions is that it proclaims the Biblical truth that God is both perfectly just toward sinners and also offers — in Christ Jesus His son — to forgive their sins. (Rom.3:26; 6:23). When we pray “Forgive us our debts,” as Jesus taught us, we are assured by the Word of Christ that His Father will forgive us as we sincerely pray in faith.

Jesus teaches this petition of the Lord’s Prayer in such a way that this additional phrase immediately challenges the sincerity of our prayer. “Forgive us ... as we forgive.” “As” is used in the sense of “like, similarly, in the same manner” (Dutch: “gelijk ook wij...”) We are asking the Lord to deal with our sins in the same manner that we deal with those who commit offences against us. Do we really want God to do that? Those who sincerely want to be forgiven, also sincerely want to be forgiving. That is the lesson Jesus illustrates at the end of Matthew 18. If you are not at all forgiving toward others, you have not been forgiven by the Father. Saving grace bears fruit.

FROM THE CONSISTORY

Collections for today:

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 love our neighbor as ourselves.

Collections for next week:

First Collection: Church General Fund

Second Collection: Hannah House – non profit organization committed to providing hands-on assistance to those who are challenged by their pregnancy and related issues.

Collections received with thanks: Church \$12,587.04; Shalom \$1,435.60; Seminary Fund \$1,946.97; Building Fund \$1,964.25 **Total: \$17933.86**

Dear Congregation: As promised, hereby an overview of the money received for our new church building.

Bank account \$567,667.84

Term deposit 391,413.00

In Bank 959,080.84

Already paid 117,984.52

Total received \$1,077,065.36

This as per January 30, 2012. On behalf of the finance committee, your treasurer.

CHURCH FAMILY

Greeters for today: am: Brian & Jolande Bruinekeool

pm: Diana B. and Jacqueline D.

Greeters for next week: am: Denise M & Arlene V

pm: Bill and Char Nieuwenhuizen

More greeters please! **email** me – (bulletin@vineland.frcna.org) jgm

Librarians for February : am: Juliana and Sarah B.

pm: Courtney V

Congratulations to **Marty and Stephanie Grin** who were blessed with the birth of a son, Drew Alexander, on February 7. He is a little brother for Micah, Riley, Josiah, and Linnaea.

We also congratulate **Al and Linda Brouwer** on becoming first-time grandparents as their daughter, Alysia and son-in-law Matt Bakker were blessed with a baby girl, Holly Grace, this past Monday.

“We would like to thank the congregation for all the encouraging words that were spoken to Jen & I confirming that so many people were praying and hoping for a quick recovery as well. We thank God for all the blessings he has given to us in our lives, including an excellent recovery so far, and has really opened our eyes as to how truly blessed we are to be in a Christian community where especially our family and friends have really supported us when we needed it. Thank you, Matt and Jen

Zwiep.”

Reminder: The church needs to be booked for non-scheduled meetings so that there are no conflicts. You can email vdbrink@cogeco.ca or call Ann V. Also, each society or any committee meeting is responsible for their own cleanup, this includes dishes! Thank You.

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. 12 (Sun) Sunday School - please learn: Job 19:26

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

Feb. 13 (Mon) Choir meets

Feb. 15 (Wed) Canada Family Action Niagara will meet at 7:30 PM. As usual we will meet at Jordan Christian School. Among other items we will be looking at “ Sharia law vs Canadian law” .What do we need to know, how and why do we respond ? Everyone is welcome!

Feb. 15 (Wed) Ladies Evening Bible Study, Complete and discuss Session 5. Watching Video Session 6.

Feb. 16 (Thur) regular Cadet meeting/project 7-9 pm.

Cadet-in-Charge: Mitchell. Flag bearers: Robert, Peter. Cadets are selling tickets for the Bulldogs vs. Marlies hockey game on March 9 at Copps Coliseum. This is a fundraiser for cadets. Tickets are \$16 and be purchased by contacting Brad Roelofsen atroelofbr@hotmail.com

Feb. 18 (Sat) Men’s Bible study at 6.45am Chapt. 7 - Starting at “going deeper” - page 55.

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 2 (Fri) Providence FRC (St. George) church dedication at 7:00

Mar 2-3 (Fri & Sat) Chatham Bi-Annual Meeting

NURSERY CARE

February Mom- Christina Veenstra

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

FEB 26 AM Service

Infants: Danielle VanMaanen, Rosanna Klok, Patricia Bok, Paige Nieuwenhuyzen

T1: Jolande Bruinekool, Nikki Sinke

T2: Vanessa DeVries, Christine Valk

Preschool: Val Slingerland, Nikki Sommer – “Jacob tricks Isaac”

PM Service

Infants: Melinda Pouli, Rachele Roelofson, Jacqueline DeJong, Sarah Brink

T1: Joanne Heikoop, Delia Wolfert

T2: Kim VanderMeulen, Lydia VanderMeyden

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

The consistory and congregation of **Providence FRC of St. George** would like to invite you to attend the opening and dedication evening of our new church building on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm. The church is located at 269 St. George Rd in St. George, ON. Please come and share our joy as we commemorate the Lord's goodness and faithfulness.

Chatham FRC Bi-annual Youth Conference: The Senior Young Peoples of the Chatham FRC would like to invite all Senior Young Peoples from across all the FRC churches for our Bi-Annual Youth Meeting! We look forward to doing this every two years and always have a lot of fun on these week-ends. It will take place the first weekend in **March (2-3)** and the festivities are as follows. The meeting which will feature Pastor Tim Bergsma presenting "Being in the World, not of it", will start at 7:30pm on Friday. If you have any questions at all, e-mail Alex at avanpelt1@hotmail.com, or visit "Chatham FRC Annual on Facebook

Children's Home (Word & Deed) Imagine being born into a family living in Sumba (an island), Indonesia. Likely your family worships its ancestors. If there is anything wrong with you or if you are a girl born to a second or third wife, you will likely be "exposed" and left to die. Provisionally, however, if you are exposed in a certain part of Sumba you may be adopted by a special home where you will join 75 new siblings and 17 staff. Here you will receive love, nutritious food, clothing and learn about the gracious God who saved you from death's door and now also offers you the hope of eternal life. Please pray for the Pengharapan (Hope) Children's Home in Sumba, Indonesia.

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

Curling Tournament: You are invited to attend the 4th annual Heritage Classic Curling Bonspiel! **Sat. Feb. 25** Put on some comfortable clothes, **bring** a pair of clean shoes (no dirt/sand/stones in the soles) and come learn a new sport! The first 30 minutes will be allotted for teaching and shoe taping. This year we will be doing a tournament style with the winners receiving a prize! Each game will take approximately 1 hour to complete. Teams consist of 4 players. No need to worry about signing up the whole team; we'll gladly put together a team for you! Sign up as individuals, partners, or a group of 4. Cost is \$ 50 per person and includes dinner. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase at the arena. Please return the completed form to Leigh Scholtens (ipscholtens@hotmail.com) or Ken Hessels(kenhessels@bellnet.ca) by Monday, February 20, 2012!

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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Banner of Truth Radio Broadcast
WDCX 99.5 FM (Buffalo station) 2:00 pm each
Sunday with half hour broadcasts.

☎ Service for Shut-Ins: 905-562-0007 ☎

Dial five minutes before service times.

Webcast live: www.sermonaudio.com/vinelandfrc