

This is the LORD'S DAY – July 20, 2008

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Scripture: Galatians 3
Text: Heidelberg Catechism, L.D. 7

SAVING FAITH

- I. A Binding Instrument
- II. A Certain Knowledge
- III. An Assured Confidence

Psalters: 39, 389, 8, 152

Offerings: General Fund, PR Special Education

Next Week's Offerings AM: General Fund and Adams Christian School

PM: Benevolence and Seminary Student Assistance Fund

Nursery Today AM: Beth M., Faith N., Emma A.

PM: Amanda O., Cindy O., Colin R.

Nursery Next Week AM: Audra O., Michelle P., Madeline R. PM: Libby O., Julie P., Lydia N.

Ushers Today: Mark Ophoff and Jim Holstege

Transportation for Doug Smit: Harlow Kuiper

Meditation: "Free promise we make the foundation of faith, because in it faith properly consists. For though it holds that God is always true whether in ordering or forbidding, promising or threatening; though it obediently receive his commands, observe his prohibitions, and gives heed to his threatening; yet it properly begins with promise, continues with it, and ends with it. It seeks life in God, life which is not found in commands or the denunciations of punishment, but in the promise of mercy. And this promise must be gratuitous; for a conditional promise, which throws us back upon our works, promises life only in so far as we find it existing in ourselves. Therefore, if we would not have faith to waver and tremble, we must support it with the promise of salvation" (John Calvin, *Institutes*, 3.2.29).

The Reformed Witness Hour message, "Fear Lest We Come Short" – Hebrews 4:1-2 will be heard today at 8am on WFUR 102.9 FM and at 4pm on WFUR 1570 AM.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Rev. Langerak** will be on vacation the next two weeks. Next week our pulpit will be supplied by Rev. G. Van Baren and Prof. Dykstra, and the following week by our former pastor, Rev. Dale Kuiper.

~**We express our Christian sympathy** to Dennis and Sharon Gleason in the death late last week of Sharon's brother, Mr. Arie Griffioen, after a long battle with cancer. The health of Dennis and Sharon remains basically the same—she continues to find it increasingly difficult to move or even stand; Dennis did receive cortisone shots to try alleviate extreme back pain. The situation also remains the same with Dot Swart—she continues to experience great pain in her legs for which there seems to be no cure and only occasional relief. Let us remember these and our other shut-ins in our prayers, cards, and visits bringing the comfort of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who alone has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2Tim. 1:10).

~**The Fellowship Committee** will meet tonight after the evening service.

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Grace PRC has formed a trio** of Revs. C. Haak, J. Slopsema, and R. VanOverloop. They plan to call on July 22.

~**Rev. K. Koole is considering** the call to Calvary PRC of Hull. And this past week, Doon PRC called Rev. R. VanOverloop as missionary in the Philippines, and Providence PRC called Rev. R. Kleyn.

~**The Hope Heralds** will practice this morning at the Seminary at 11:25. Please see the bulletin board for their list of concerts this summer.

~**Hope Protestant Reformed Church Council** will give a presentation concerning our work with the Protestant Reformed Churches of Myanmar tonight at 8pm at Hope PRC. All are welcome to attend.

~**There will be a Summer Singspiration** on Sunday, August 10, at 8:15pm at First Church in Grand Rapids.

~**SENIOR SINGLES FELLOWSHIP:** Our next meeting had to be scheduled on Thurs., July 31st due to the program planned. Lunch will be at the new Rainbow Grill, 4225 32nd Ave., south of Hudsonville at 1 p.m. From there we will go to Holland PRC for the program. Call Florence (457-0474) or Harriet (669-3785) for reservations by Monday, July 28th. Hope to see you there!

~**The League of the Protestant Reformed Adult Bible Societies'** Mass Meeting / Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 8 pm at First Protestant Reformed Church. Rev. Bill Langerak will speak on "The Unity of Scripture". Plan now to attend this timely lecture to begin our Bible study season.

~**Loveland Protestant Reformed Church** is planning, D.V., to have their 50th year anniversary celebration on September 19, 2008. Plan now to celebrate this with us. Those who plan on attending are requested to call Ray Ezinga at (970) 667-5702 or e-mail tammyjvan@aol.com. Please reply by August 15!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Adams Christian School's** Board Newsletter is available today in the back of church.

~**Hope Foundation** Perch Fishing Tournament is July 26. Look for the tournament brochure in the hand-out racks. Please call Todd Groenendyk if you have any question - 667-2556.

~**CCHS FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** Advance Notice - Please reserve Saturday, September 6, 2008, for our annual golf outing to be held at The Mines Golf Course. More details to follow soon.

~**Covenant Christian is accepting applications** for a Boys JV Soccer coach for this fall. The season begins August 11. For more information or to apply, contact Travis Van Bommel at 662-9683 or e-mail covenantad@yahoo.com. Please apply by July 28.