
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
March 2, 2014**

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our church family, please fill out a "Visitor Card" found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate later in the service. Following the service, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, cookies and fellowship.

Many of us find ourselves stuck in the wilderness in life. Where has God gone? Why does God seem so distant? Why do bad things keep happening to me? Why can't I stop sinning? These are the questions we ask while wandering in the desert. This morning Jake Parks, our Western Seminary intern, will help us reflect on the theme of Wilderness which runs throughout Scripture and will help us think about what God might be doing during these times.

PRELUDE Worship Team

Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*Only a God Like You
I Know Whom I Have Believed
My Savior's Love*

PRAYER

Lead Me To The Cross

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Open Our Eyes

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5.5 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT THIS TIME IN ROOM 3.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED

Jake Parks

"The Wilderness"
I Corinthians 10:1-13 (p. 1111) & Luke 4:1-13 (p. 995)

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, March 2

- **Nursery Workers:** Betsy Coutchie and Erica Stone. Next week: Lynn Berthiaume and Amy Coeling.
- **Greeters:** Scott & Melissa Schalk. Next week: Ruth Meendering and Sue Berrios.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Lynn Simone and Nicholas Walton. Next week: Julie Gleason and Gabe Hawkins.
- **Coffee** will be served by Bob & Connie Scherpenisse and Mike & Nancy Brinks. Next week: Tom & Norma Boehm and Eric & Laura O'Brock.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise Team.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **J-Walkers.**

Monday, March 3

- 6:30 PM - **GEMS.**

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 7:00 PM - **High School.**

Wednesday, March 5

- Noon - **Kids Hope Leadership Meeting.**

Thursday, March 6

- 5:00 PM - **180.**

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- Pray for the couples who will be participating in the **Fourth Marriage Retreat** on March 29. Pray for health, love, healing and joy for our marriages and families.
- Continue to pray for **Jerry Wierenga** as he undergoes further surgery tomorrow around his eye. Pray for healing and patience as he recovers from this surgery and for Connie as she cares for him.
- **Tim Randall** was admitted to Butterworth Hospital on Wednesday with an unknown infection. We give praise that following some IV treatment, he was able to return home on Friday.

Praise & Prayer Concerns (continued)

- Please be in prayer for **Diane Bingham**, retired Kent Hills Elementary School Teacher, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Our Mission of the Month for March is **Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke**. The Van Dykes have lived and served in Guatemala City since 2003. He directs the work of CMT (Center for Transforming Mission) in Latin America. Their goal is to mobilize and nurture communities of grassroots leaders with affordable and accessible theological training, spiritual formation and networking. This work seeks to inspire and equip local leaders to be agents of transformation in the context of chronic poverty and violence.

Joel will be in Michigan this week for the US screening tour of *Becoming Fools*. In 2010, some of us remember the film *Reparando*, a documentary focused on street kids in Guatemala. *Becoming Fools* is a documentary depicting the legacy of a professional clown who mentored street youth in Guatemala City. Make a difference in the lives of homeless and at risk youth by going to *Becoming Fools* on Wednesday, March 5, beginning at 7 PM at Celebration North or Thursday, March 6 at RiverTown at 7 PM. Tickets are \$10. Our offering for the Van Dykes will be March 23.

Red Prayer Box - There is a red prayer box on the sign up table that enables you to put in requests each week that will be prayed for on Tuesday evenings. Give us the opportunity and privilege of interceding for you.

Organic Outreach for Ordinary People is a conference led by Dr. Kevin Harney that will fire up and equip you to share Jesus in new and effective ways. The event is on Saturday, March 22, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Registration is \$30, which includes a book and lunch and it is being held at Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. Kevin is an excellent teacher and equipper for this work to which we are all called. We will gather at church at 8 AM to carpool. Sign up in the narthex so that we can register as a team. Leaders and those interested are also encouraged to consider the leadership training for organic outreach on Friday. Scholarships are available if you need assistance with the registration fee. Details can be found at westmichigandistrict.com.

Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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Kids Hope USA

- **Leadership Team Meeting** will be held on March 5 at noon in the Kids Hope USA office.
- **Easter Celebration** will be held on April 2 from 6 - 8 PM. Kids Hope volunteers be sure this date is on your calendar. Watch for more details.

Membership Class – Pastor Tim will be hosting a membership class that is made up of two parts that are taught over the evenings of March 9 AND 16 (7-9 PM). This class prepares new or soon-to-be new members for faithfully taking up their position in our church family. But it is also a great way for you to learn some essentials of the faith, explore what it means to profess your faith and become a member of Fourth. If this would serve you at this time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Fourth Marriage Retreat – March 29 at Fourth – We will meet from 1 to 9 PM at Fourth and enjoy times of learning from Scripture and each other through discussions, teaching and a panel of couples. If you are engaged or married—whether it has been for six months or sixty years—we want you to join us. Please pray for the preparations and great participation for this important event for our church family. **Sign up to indicate your plans to participate.**

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$356. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM to continue our series on Nehemiah. Snacks will be provided.
- **180** - We have a few spots open for desserts. If you are able to help us out, please sign up today.
- **New City Urban Farm** - The farm is offering farm shares for 2014. We have full, half and quarter shares available. We are excited to be able to receive EBT with Double-up-Bucks this season for any farm share purchases. We also have an online application form for any high school students who would like to participate in our summer employment program. We will be hiring 8 students again this year. Pick up a farm brochure in the back, visit our website www.newcityneighbors.org/farm, or email Lance Kraai at lancek@newcityneighbors.org if you would like to receive more information.

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Sermon Notes: