

## WEEK AT A GLANCE February 5-11

### SUNDAY

9:30 am—Worship Service

11:10-noon—Promiseland/Adult & Student Classes

### MONDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class

### TUESDAY

6:30 pm—Circuit Class

7 pm—Friendship

### WEDNESDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class

7-8 pm—Prayer Team Meeting

7-8:45 pm—GEMS

### THURSDAY

9:30-11 am—Coffee Break

3:30-5 pm—Jr. Gems

### FRIDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class

### SATURDAY

7:30 am—Circuit Class

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

### PASTORAL STAFF

Randy Bergsma (Lead Pastor)

Kelli Hofstra (Director of Student Ministries)

### ELDERS

Hank Balkema, Rick Brouwer, Keith Bruxvoort, Dale Eriks, Tim Huizenga, Tom Knapper, Gerald Leep, Tim Scheeringa, Tom Schoon, Pat Vassar

### DEACONS

Dan Eriks, Dave Eriks, Jim Haan, Matt Hiskes, John Horvat, Ed Leep, John Vander Pol, Joe Scheeringa, Mike Van Rosendale

# FIRST CHURCH



## Worship Service February 5, 2012

*Beautiful One*

*Who Is Like the Lord?*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Message:

“Those Who Mess With God”

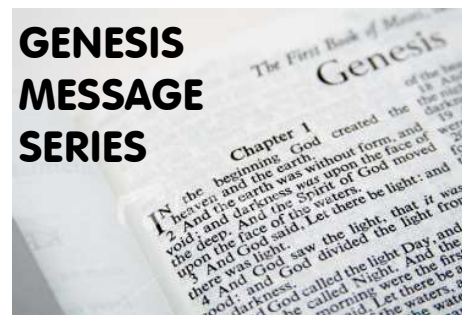
Genesis 32

--Pastor Randy

*May the Words of My Mouth*

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## GENESIS MESSAGE SERIES



[firstchurchhighland.com](http://firstchurchhighland.com)

## WHO we are

First Church is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Our church is not a building, but people committed to one another, united in the belief that God has given us a new life and a new future through our shared relationship with Jesus Christ.

## WHAT we believe

First Church believes that the decisions we make in life must be governed by our faith and our understanding of God's Word. Our desire is to teach the Bible in such a way that all will understand its relevance to our everyday life.

## WHY we exist

First Church has one primary purpose: to help people put Christ first in their life. Our desire is to help equip you and your family to exercise your faith as you face the challenges of daily living.



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## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

**CONNECTION CARD**—If you are a first-time guest at First Church, fill out a *Connection Card* (located in the benches) and drop it off at the Welcome Center in the foyer to receive a free gift.

**AVAILABLE TO YOUR FAMILY**—In addition to our worship services, First Church offers many opportunities to grow in relationship with God and others through a number of ministries, classes, and events. Please read the bulletin to find out what is available to you and your family this week.

**ABOUT THE OFFERING**—An offering is collected during each of our worship services to support the ministries of First Church. As our guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**—Pastor Randy will continue the Genesis message series with a message entitled, “Those Who Mess with God” based on Genesis 32.

**OFFERINGS**—The offering will be received for Love INC

**COFFEE TALK**—Coffee is available in the Social Hall and at the Welcome Center immediately after the service. Everyone is welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a snack and to make some new friends.

**NURSERY**—Childcare for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) is available. Nurseries are located down the hall on the east end of the foyer. Contact: Larissa Vander Pol or Lisa Blocker .

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**—Children's Church will meet this morning in the Children's Ministry Room (west end of foyer) during the worship service. Watch the screen for dismissal time.

**PROMISELAND**—All children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome to attend Promiseland after our morning worship service. Children age 4 through 1st grade meet in the Children's Worship Room (west end of foyer) and children grades 2-6 meet in the Social Hall. Promiseland runs from 11:10 to noon.

**STUDENT CLASSES**—The following classes will meet this morning from 11:10 am—noon.

- *Questions Worth Asking*—(grades 7-8) meets in Kelli's basement; teacher—Don Zuidema
- *HC and Me*—(grades 9-10) meets in the Loft; teacher—Tim Huizenga
- *Faith Lessons from the Holy Land*— (Adult Classes: Senior High & Older) meets in the Sun Room; teacher—Pastor Randy

**NEED PRAYER?**—There will no longer be a Prayer Team representative in the Prayer Room before and after the morning service, so please place your prayer requests and praises in the box at the Welcome Center in the foyer.



**Encounter** (youth group for students in 9th-12th grade) is meeting **TONIGHT** and having a Super Bowl Party! Come early to Encounter at Kelli's to watch the Super Bowl (or commercials), or play some games, or some Wii. During half time we will have our lesson and then resume watching the game and hang out. Come any time after 5:15 and stay till 9 pm. Feel free to come later or leave earlier. All High School students are welcome to join us.

All High School students are invited to come enjoy 2 hours of **FREE Bowling Saturday, February 11, 2012** from 3:00—5:20 pm at Plaza Lanes in Highland. Sign up with Kelli by Friday, February 10th.

**High School Coffee House** is back and will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30-9 pm. We will be meeting at Panera in Schererville. Come February 14th and enjoy a free beverage of your choice with Kelli.

If you missed the deadline for **the High School Ski Trip** Friday-Sunday, February 17-19 you may still sign up. Cost for anyone who hasn't signed up yet is as follows: Lift ticket only: \$114, with ski rental \$148, with snowboard rental \$157. If you want to come for the weekend to hang out and not ski or snowboard the cost is \$30. Sign up with Kelli by turning in the full payment and the sign-up form.

**Vida's** next meeting is February 12th at New Life CRC from 6-8pm. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to join us for a night of food, Bible study and games. We will be talking about who defines you.



### **UnderGrounds COFFEEHOUSE\***

(in the basement of Kelli's house—southwest corner of First Church's parking lot)

**Tuesday, February 7th  
7:00—9:00 pm**

Come for a night to play some games and hang out with friends.

**\*Junior High Coffee House**—All students must have a permission form/medical release filled out along with a signed copy of the Code of Conduct to come to Coffeehouse. Email: [hofstra.kl@gmail.com](mailto:hofstra.kl@gmail.com) or check out the website: [vidaencounter.wordpress.com/vida](http://vidaencounter.wordpress.com/vida) to get a copy.

## GETTING INVOLVED

**FREEDOM BOUND JAIL MINISTRY**—Volunteers are needed each week to write notes of encouragement, hope, and love to the following inmates: Ray James W. Smith Jr. WA and Dolly Villarreal YB at 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

**RECYCLE TODAY**—Please recycle your used *Today* books by placing them in Steve Mills' church mailbox. They will be donated to area rest homes to plant God's seed. If you have questions, contact Steve at 924-5515.

**MISSION TRIP**—The deadline for the mission trip to Honduras has been extended to today, February 5. If you have some interest in going on this life-changing mission trip, please sign up at the Welcome Center today or talk to a member of the E-Team. College aged volunteers are welcome also!

**TERRACYCLE**—Would you like to help clean up our environment and help Highland Christian School? Then go GREEN. Bring your empty chip bags, candy wrappers, and snack wrappers to the bin outside the office door. Each wrapper is worth money for HCS when they turn them into Terracycle, a company that recycles waste.

## FIRST FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep Connie Eriks in your prayers as he continues to recover from recent health issues. Currently he is at Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2300 Great Lakes Drive, Dyer, IN 46311

*\*Please keep the information above with you to show loving support of those listed by prayer, a visit, or contacting them.*

**BEACON LIGHT FOOD PANTRY**—Dry goods will be collected this Sunday for the Beacon Light Christian Reformed Church Food Pantry. Donations are collected on the first Sunday of every month and may be dropped off at our church by the northeast entrance.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**FITNESS CLASSES**—Everyone is invited to low-impact Fitness Classes in the Social Hall every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 9-10. Instructor: Karen Pobereyko . Cost: \$3 per one-hour session.

**FRIENDSHIP**—Friendship, a ministry for adults and teens from our church and community who are developmentally disabled, will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 pm. Contact: Amy Boshears [dajbos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dajbos@sbcglobal.net) or Bridget DeYoung [bridgetdeyoung@esph.com](mailto:bridgetdeyoung@esph.com).

**CIRCUIT CLASS**—A co-ed Circuit Class will meet Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 am in the Social Hall. This class incorporates multiple types of physical training. You move at your own pace. Instructor: Lisa Blocker .

**GEMS**—The GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) for girls from 4th-8th grade will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 7 pm in the Social Hall. Contact: Sherri Horvat .

**PRAYER TEAM**—The First Church Prayer Team meets every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Prayer Room (west end of foyer). Anyone who would like to join the team for prayer is welcome to attend. Please contact Marian Huizenga .

**JR. GEMS**—Jr. GEMS (girls in grades 2-3) will meet on Thursday, February 9, from 3:30-5 pm in the Social Hall. Contact: Vicki Huizenga .

**COFFEE BREAK**—Coffee Break will meet on February 9, from 9:30-11 in the Social Hall to study Lesson 3 of *Discover 1 Samuel*. Ladies of all ages are invited to participate! Childcare is provided for children from birth to kindergarten. Contact: Amy Bobb .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING**—Dave Veldhorst, our missionary to Thailand, will be our guest pastor.

**LORD'S SUPPER**—During next Sunday's worship service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S OFFERING**—The offering will be received for Illiana Christian High School.

**PRAYER SHAWL**—The Prayer Shawl ministry will **not** meet Thursday, February 9, from 1-3 pm in the Prayer Room. The ministry will meet next on March 8. Anyone who enjoys knitting is welcome to join us. If you have a family member or friend whom you feel would be blessed by one of our prayer shawls, please contact Gail Voskuil or Marry Homans .

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**—Ladies who are interested in going deeper with God are invited to attend the Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Sun Room. The next meeting will be in February 14 Contact: Betty Stammers .

**CADETS**— Come join the Cadets on Friday, February 17, for the Pinewood Derby Car Race at New Life Christian Reformed Church. Registration begins at 6:30. The race begins at 7 pm. Contact: Mark Hoeksema .

**CONNECT**—Connect is a ministry for young adults (singles and couples, college age-young adults) to meet together to socialize, study God's word and serve others in the community. Connect will meet February 19 at 6 pm in the Social Hall. . Contact: Larissa Vander Pol

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILI SUPPER**—Highland Christian School invites you to their delicious chili supper on Monday, February 6, from 5-7 pm in the gymnasium. On the menu is homemade chili, chicken noodle soup, corn bread, baked potatoes and a cookie bar buffet!. Donations will graciously be accepted at the door . The money will be used to purchase new athletic uniforms.

**HAVE A HEART FOR ELIM BRUNCH**—The Illiana Elim Key Ladies are planning their annual "Have A Heart for Elim" brunch for Thursday, February 9 at Bethel CRC in Lansing at 10 am. Come and enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship, music by the Elim Children's Choir and learn more about Elim's services. Reserve a seat by calling Amy Krooswyk 838-5064 or Marlene Kraai 923-4412 by February 5.

**COMFORT WITHIN**—Comfort Within will be meeting February 17 at 7 pm in the Pentwater Barn in Crown Point. Join us as we welcome Family and Marriage Counselor, Jean Trammel, MS, LMFT from New Leaf Resources to discuss keeping marriages strong during infertility. If you are interested in joining us in a private, confidential environment to discuss struggles with infertility or for more information, contact Tracy Bultema 219-313-5533.

**PREVIEW ILLIANA**—Discover what Illiana Christian High School has to offer at our *Preview* on February 28 beginning at 7 pm. Parents and students interested in meeting Illiana's faculty, taking a tour of the facility, and being able to ask questions about Illiana, are welcome and encouraged to attend our *Preview*. No preregistration is necessary. For more information, call 708-474-0515 or visit [www.illianachristian.org](http://www.illianachristian.org).

**MINISTRY SHARES**—*Together Doing More*—Did you know that you are a vital part of life-changing ministries that touch millions of people all around the world? It's true—and it's made possible by Ministry Shares. Today you will

see a DVD and learn about the exciting ways that God is using your Ministry Shares to multiply the work of the Christian Reformed Church.

**COMEDIAN JEFF ALLEN**—Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17 when First Church's E-Team welcomes the amazing and hilarious Jeff Allen. Jeff is an inspirational and entertaining comedian for all ages! Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Ticket prices are \$10 adult and \$5 for child 18 and under. All proceeds go to benefit First CRC charities.

**ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW**—The early morning ladies Bible study group is hosting an Antiqua Road Show on Wednesday evening, March 21st in our Social Hall. An experienced antique specialist will be available to appraise your questionable antiques in your home. More details coming soon...

**BIBLE LEAGUE LUNCHEON**—Tickets are on sale for the Bible League Women's Luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on Thursday, March 15, at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$16 (chicken) and \$20 (perch). Our featured speaker is Marilyn Laszlo, former missionary to Papua New Guinea and employee of Wycliffe Bible Translators. An offering will be taken to raise funds for Bibles for India. Contact your key lady today: Irene Leep 365-3372.

**GROUNDWORK**—*How to read the Hard Stories*—If you are a long-time Christian, the Bible may be very familiar and comforting to you. Perhaps it's so familiar that it no longer surprises you. But the Bible ought to startle us—even shock and upset us. Join the Feb. 12 Groundwork conversation on 2 Peter 3:15-18 and you'll see what we mean. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** —*Lucky Lizards*—Liz just found \$500.00 in the park, and he can't wait to spend it! Check out what Liz decides to do with the money on this week's Kids Corner. Visit [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

**CROSSROAD CONNECTION**—*Prison Church's One-Year Anniversary*—The pastor of New Life Prison Church joins the program on that ministry's one-year anniversary. Go to [www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm) to listen to *Crossroad Connection*.

**LOVE INC SEMINAR**—Love, INC is offering a seminar, entitled The Defining Difference, to help equip churches when working with individuals needing help who come to their door or attend their church. The training includes teaching components with break-out sessions at the end of each one. By the end of the seminar, church leaders will have identified several important tools that will help them address needs situations. Topics are: understanding poverty and people in need, creating church policies to address needs, networking with Love INC churches to meet needs. The presenter will be Anne Bawinkel, Executive Director. There will be a brief meal of sandwiches and beverages. Munster Church is hosting the seminar on February 21st (Tuesday) from 6-9 pm on the corner of Ridge Rd. and Hohman Ave. in Munster. Reservation can be made by calling Love INC at (219)923-2775. You may leave a voicemail message if the phones are busy. There is no fee. Reservation deadline is February 16th.