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Renaë's Thoughts

1 John 3:1 reads, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

This verse was our theme verse for our Son Rock Kids Camp Bible School. This verse is such a strong reminder of how loved we are by God that we are called his children. We are all His children but we often forget that and become complacent in our worship of Jesus.

The students last week came with such an excitement to learn, create and have fun and be filled with joy as they learned more of God's goodness. As we sang his praises, I was reminded of what a great God we have and that we as adults should come and worship Him like the students that praised Him last week. They came with smiles on their faces, a bounce in their step, and an anticipation of what that day would bring for them. They embraced the songs, Bible truths, and memory verses with such a passion.

Children in the church bring a whole new level of energy. They show us what it is to be hungry to learn more about Jesus. They show us how to worship with our whole hearts and not worry what others will say when we may be a little out of tune yet sing at the top of our voices. They show us that it is okay to ask questions if you don't understand something and not be afraid that someone will think less of you. Adults sure can learn a lot from the children.

Last week was an incredible week and a great reminder of what a great contribution our young students can have not only in their schools and this community, but especially in the church. If we teach our children the way of the Lord, we can only imagine what a change we will see in the world around us. It is all of our jobs to show the world Jesus. We need to show them with the same child-like excitement so that they can see the importance of knowing God and what He is doing in our lives.

Rene Lind, Youth Director

Pastor's Pen

The following is an article by the late Dr. RC Sprout entitled, "The Reformed Doctrine of God." His premise is why we need to read, study, and teach the whole council of God.

So, let me start with two questions today. Why is it important for us to study the doctrine of God? Why is it important to know His character and ways, His nature, and attributes? You might say it's not important, but if you do not understand who God is and what He does, you will not understand your nature, your sin, and your need to be saved. In fact, if you desire to study the whole gambit of Christian doctrine, which is called systematic theology, you must start with the study of God, or nothing else makes sense.

What I am about to say may seem contradictory, but all branches of Christianity believe the same thing about who God is and what He does. The Reformed position is no different than another Christian tradition, yet, the Reformed doctrine of God is the most significant distinction from the other traditions.

The Reformed doctrine of God sets us apart from other traditions because no other tradition's theology takes seriously the doctrine of God's relationship to every other doctrine. In most systematic theologies, you get an affirmation of the sovereignty of God on page one of the textbook, but then once you move on to soteriology (doctrine of salvation), eschatology (doctrine of last things), and anthropology (doctrine of humanity), and so on, the author has seemingly forgotten what he said about God's sovereignty on page one.

Reformed theologians, however, see the doctrine of God as informing the whole scope of Christian theology. They are self-conscious of this. That's one of the reasons why Reformed Christians tend to focus so much on the Old Testament. We're concerned about the character of God as defining everything—our understanding of Christ, our understanding of ourselves, our understanding of salvation. We turn to the Old Testament because it's one of the most important sources that you find anywhere in the universe on the nature and character of God. Reformed Christians tend to take the Old Testament very seriously because it's such a vivid revelation of the majesty of God.

Here are some of the key revelations of God in the Old Testament. In Isaiah 6, we find one of the most vivid disclosures of divine holiness in all of Scripture. Then, of course, there's the Lord's revelation of Himself and His covenant name to Moses at the burning bush that we read about in Exodus 3. That's a must-read chapter for anyone seeking to understand God's independence and self-existence. In Genesis 15, we see our Creator's commitment to truth and His faithfulness to keep His covenant promises. Here God swears by Himself to fulfill His pledge to Abraham to give him innumerable descendants. For a vivid portrayal of God's unflinching, effectual love for His people—His bride—you can hardly find a better place to go in Scripture than the book of Hosea.

There are many more examples, but what do these episodes all have in common? These revelations of God all take place at various crisis points in the lives of God's people. Both Isaiah and Moses were about to be sent on a great mission to proclaim the greatness of the Lord to hardened people. What did they need most at a time like that? Not a promise of success—indeed, Isaiah was told that his message would harden hearts. No, what they needed was an understanding of the Lord's character. When God wanted to give them assurance, He gave them Himself. The same was true of Abraham and Hosea. Humanly speaking, Abraham had little evidence to believe that God would give him many descendants. So, the Lord assured the patriarch of His faithfulness by committing Himself to His own destruction—an impossibility—should He not keep His Word. Hosea lived in a day when it seemed as if God had fully and finally cast off His people for their unfaithfulness. What hope could the Lord provide that He loved Israel with an everlasting love? It was the revelation of Himself as the Husband who is perfect in love and faithfulness.

Reformed theology's doctrine of God and its emphasis on all His attributes at every point in the unfolding of salvation sets it apart from other Christian understandings of the Lord. Our doctrine of God is drawn from Genesis through Revelation, from the Old Testament as much as from the New Testament. Why, therefore, wouldn't we soak up the whole counsel of God and read both testaments with great devotion?

Submitted by Pastor John



June 15, 2023 Consistory Information

- ARC National meeting-Aug. 9-11, Denver, CO
- Next Elders meeting: July 17
- Sign is paid for
- Worship Pillar meeting June 25
- New shed arriving soon
- Lights to be installed in July
- Fifty-five children attended VBS
- Election/Selection is in the process of contacting persons for elder & deacon positions.
- 75+ Summer Luncheon on July 19th
- Next Care Team meeting July 5
- Next Consistory meeting Aug. 17



Thank you for the many prayers, visits, cards, and food during my recent surgeries. Your acts of love are greatly appreciated.

Betty DeBoer

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness shown to us after Glen's passing.

Thank you to the ladies who provided and helped with the lunch.

Your enduring love and support will always be remembered by the family of Glen Kamphuis



IFA **10 for America** campaign is a grassroots sharable movement of inviting people to take the challenge to pray for America for 10 minutes daily.

1. **Pray for the president and cabinet.** For wisdom, humility, and hearts softened toward God. (Proverbs 9:30)
2. **Pray for the Congress.** For honest dealings and humility among lawmakers, and that they would resist manipulation. (Proverbs 19:25)
3. **Pray for the Supreme Court.** That the justices would value the Ten Commandments and have fear of the Lord. (Psalm 19:7-11)
4. **Pray for your government.** For state actions protecting families, religious freedom, and biblical morality. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)
5. **Pray for your state officials.** That they would seek God for solutions in your state and be willing to receive wise counsel. (Proverbs 24:6)
6. **Pray for the protection of freedom.** That we would be free to believe, worship, assemble, and speak as we choose. (1 Peter 2:16)
7. **Pray for truth to flourish.** That truth would be spoken from the highest office, media, classrooms and churches. (Psalm 34:13)
8. **Pray that children would be safe from harmful agendas and indoctrination.** For innocence to be protected, and that they will not be subjected to radical harmful policies. (Mark 9:37)
9. **Pray that our nation would be protected from external internal threats.** Uphold our military, police, intelligence, and leaders in prayer as they protect our nation and citizens. (Proverbs 24:6)
10. **Pray that our nation would once again seek the honor of God.** That we as citizens would revere God and seek His righteousness. Matthew 6:33)

10 for America is the perfect prayer evangelism tool for introducing people to praying for America. Being an "intercessor" may sound overwhelming to many, but taking on praying for America for just 10 minutes a day is doable!

From **The Connector** a publication of Intercessors for America.

July Schedules

Sun., 2nd 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Adult Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. Church & Culture

3rd-5th Pastor Vacation

Wed., 5th 8:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting

Tue., 4th Offices Closed
 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friesland Community Events

6th-9th Lifest Renae-Out of office

Sun., 9th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship - Interview with Dan Degner
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Deacons Meeting
 Adult Sunday School
 Executive Meeting

Tue. 11th 10:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering Potluck/Fellowship

16th-21st Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, MI

Sun. 16th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship Special Offering Benevolent Fund
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Adult Sunday School
 6:00 Men's Ministry Meeting

Mon., 17th Beacon Items Due
 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

18th-24th Pastor Vacation

Tue., 18th 12:00-6:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive

Wed., 19th 12:00 p.m. 75+ Summer Luncheon

Sun., 23rd 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship MASA Speaker
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Adult Sunday School

Tue, 25th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering

Sun., 30th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Special Offering Benevolent Fund
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Deacons Meeting
 Adult Sunday School

Lift

2nd Ken Beekman
 9th Ed Montsma
 16th Floyd Smit
 23rd Harley Coehoorn
 30th Ken Beekman

Sound

2nd Harley Coehoorn
 9th Merwin Kimble
 16th Kelly VandeZande
 23rd Harley Coehoorn
 30th Merwin Kimble

Greeter

2nd Ed Montsma
 9th Nick Kamphuis
 16th Dan Brown
 23rd Brian Brown
 30th Harley Coehoorn

Liturgy

2nd Amanda Hiemstra
 9th Mark Kastein
 16th Shelly Hiemstra
 23rd Sandy VandeZande
 30th Karen Redeker

Nursery

2nd Lori Coehoorn
 9th Mac Mattheis
 16th Angela Arndt
 23rd Sophie Newbury
 30th Rosanne Bresser

Fellowship

2nd Lynn DeBoer
 9th Randi Turner
 16th Jack Theyerl
 23rd Jared Hoinacki
 30th Torrie Grade

DVD Delivery

2nd & 23rd Charlene Kamphuis
 9th & 30th Shelly Hiemstra
 16th Karen Redeker

August Schedule

Tue., 1st 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Sun., 6th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Executive Meeting
 Adult Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. Church & Culture Discussion
 Tue., 8th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Senior Gathering & Potluck
 9th & 10th Alto Fair
 9th & 10th Offices Closed
 Sun., 13th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship Communion
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Deacons Meeting
 Adult Sunday School
 Mon., 14th Beacon Items Due
 Tue., 15th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Thu., 17th 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting
 Sun., 20th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Offering Bible League
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Adult Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry
 Tue., 22nd 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Sun., 27th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship
 Deacons Meeting
 Adult Sunday School
 Tue., 29th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering

Lift

6th Ed Montsma
 13th Floyd Smit
 20th Harley Coehoorn
 27th Ken Beekman

Sound

6th Kelly VandeZande
 13th Harley Coehoorn
 20th Merwin Kimble
 27th Kelly VandeZande

Greeters

6th Shaun Hiemstra
 13th Ed Montsma
 20th Nick Kamphuis
 27th Dan Brown

Liturgy

6th Jen Post
 13th Amanda Hiemstra
 20th Mark Kastein
 27th Shelly Hiemstra

Nursery

6th Faaris Turner
 13th Danica Riedeman
 20th Lori Coehoorn
 27th Mac Mattheis

Fellowship

6th Jon Post
 13th Lynn DeBoer
 20th Randi Turner
 27th Jack Theyerl

DVD Delivery

6th Karen Redeker
 13th Charlene Kamphuis
 20th Shelly Hiemstra
 27th Karen Redeker





1st	Ron & Ann Mulder (55)	10th	Jaxon VandeSlunt	21st	Dave & Shelly Freiberg
2nd	Mitchell Kastein		Carson VandeSlunt		Jim & Donna Schmuhl
	Brock Post		Katie Mulder	22nd	Jason Derksen
	Laurie Walker	11th	Annette Ebert	23rd	Ron Mulder
3rd	Kathy Owens	13th	Tim Kamphuis		Kylie Sippel
5th	Chris Navis	14th	Dan Beekman	25th	Nick Mattheis
6th	Cade Brunsdon		Keegan Madigan	26th	Elaine Hiemstra
	Graham Brunsdon		Ron VandeBerg		Ryan & Laurie Walker
7th	Danielle Hiemstra		Grant Brown	27th	Angela Arndt
	Jim Kuik (85)		Gary & Vicky Mulder		Rylee Lavota
8th	Marie Navis (Missionary)	16th	Tim Boomsma	28th	Kohen VandeZande
9th	Doug Kok		Dan Coehoorn	29th	Cash Farrell
10th	Tenley Riedeman	17th	Gary Henker		Nick Tank
	Harley Coehoorn	18th	Cayla Sauer		Mark Sippel
	Camden Smit	19th	Adam Smit	30th	Sam Hiemstra
			Mark & Linda Sippel		Shirley Margers
				31st	Lynn DeBoer

AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st	Mason Lind	10th	Nariah Lind	21st	Troy & Toni Newbury
2nd	Connie Blank	13th	Tim Wellhouse	22nd	Charlene Kamphuis
	Gerri Buteyn		Michelle Farrell		Steve Little
	Jacob Kamphuis	14th	Nick & Jennifer Redeker	24th	Ken Kuik
	Curt DeHaan	15th	Logan Gunnink	25th	David Grade
3rd	Willa Wiedeman		Ann Zabel		Orval & Pat Bronkhorst
4th	Linda Sippel		Dan & Emily Beekman		Dale & Dawn Henning (50)
	Ardis Redeker (86)		Olivia Mattheis		Scott & Lori VandeBerg
5th	Avry Henning	16th	Carla Gunnink	26th	Shannie Tank
6th	Mary Kimble		Kem Margers		Steve Beekman
7th	Keith Krohn	18th	Harley Block		Jon & Jenni Post
	Jayden Redeker		Merwin Kimble	28th	Mike & Heather Wegner
8th	John Vander Plas		Blaise Post	29th	Rosemary Pike
	Bruce & Marilyn Belmer		Kari Youngwirth		Alivia Jurjens
9th	Amanda Hiemstra		Tony & Pam Sauer	30th	Marilyn Belmer
	Kelly VandeZande		Austin & Sammi Hiemstra	31st	Sharon Bos
	Gerrit Mulder	19th	Brian & Lori Madigan		Shelly Hiemstra
	Rick & Karen Redeker	20th	Kyle Leusink		Parker Laper
			Phil & Carmen Laper		
			Pat & Teresa Schmuhl		

Consistory 2023

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Lynn DeBoer (24) 920-948-0380
Ed Montsma (24) 920-948-4578
Torrie Grade (25) 920-948-7419
Jon Post (25) 920-960-1402

Deacons

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Randi Turner (23) 920-251-9697
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