

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

PRAYER WALK | AUGUST 27

Please join us for the Kids Hope USA and Hand2Hand Prayer Walk next Sunday. Meet by the bell tower (south entrance) at approximately 11:40am. From there we will walk over to Lakewood Elementary School to continue asking for God's blessings for the administration and school board of West Ottawa, followed by prayers for teachers and staff, and finally for all of the children beginning the 2023-2024 school year. We anticipate that everything will be wrapped up no later than 12:30pm.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

CARE FOR MY FUTURE

Christ Memorial Church will be hosting a seminar on health and aging on Monday, August 28, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Chapel. Four presenters will speak about a variety of topics including: Aging, Dementia; Care Options; Advance Directives; and Spiritual Retention. To register, please contact Melissa Langworthy at melissal@christmemorial.org or 616-796-3346 by Monday, August 21.

GIVING

To support the work God is doing in and through Fellowship's ministries, you can give cash or checks using the offering bowls in the Sanctuary, text any dollar amount to **84321**, or use the QR code or the Church Center app to give online.

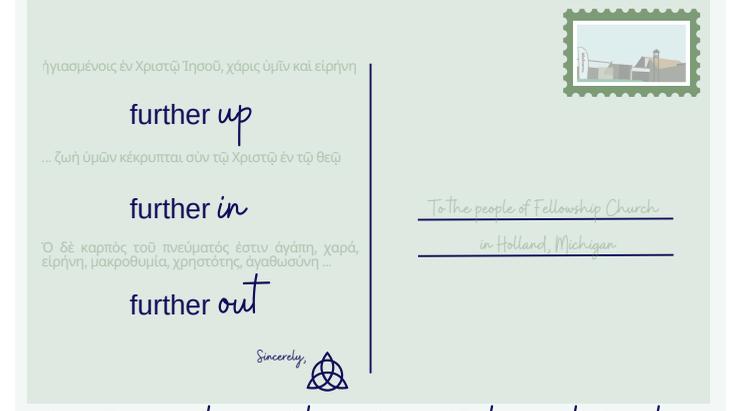


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Letters From Home



An Exploration of the New Testament Epistles

SUNDAY | AUGUST 20 | 9 & 10:30AM

Prelude**Call to Worship: Psalm 77:11-14***Great Things***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn #263)****Prayer***The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)****Prayer for Students & Teachers****Passing of the Peace****Welcome & Announcements**

(10:30am only: 3 years - 1st grade are dismissed to Children & Worship during song)

*Take My Life and Let It Be (Hymn #391 - w.1-2,4-5)****Scripture:** James 2:1-10**Sermon:** "Favorite Friends"*God of Grace and God of Glory****Benediction****Postlude****indicates congregational song***Leading in the Service****Preaching:** Rev. Nate Schipper**Liturgists:** Rev. Ross Dieleman, Rev. Tierra Marshall, Jess Mix**Musicians:** Aaron Anderson, Steve Braunius, Trisha McGovern, Bev Michielson, Abbey Price, Vonnie Ritsema**Audio & Video Tech Team:** Joel, Kary & Luke Bosma, Aaron Clark, Jabin Dieleman, Paul Solis, Duane & Ginger VandenBrink, Bryce Vander Stelt

As an **ALL BELONG** church, Fellowship welcomes all individuals and families living with disabilities. Please inquire at the Welcome Center for assistance and/or additional information.

BORDER TRIP | JUAREZ

Come witness first-hand the struggle that exists at the border and witness the ways Christians on both sides of the border are loving people who have found themselves stuck in a stranger's town. Dates: November 11-15; sign up by September 15. The cost is \$800 for adults, \$400 for 18-29 year olds. Contact Pastor Nate if you are interested: nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for one male and one female leader to help with our Wednesday evening kid's ministry, called BLAST, each week from 6:15-7:30pm. This is not a teaching position, you would simply encourage kids' faith formation by building relationships and assisting with games, crafts, and group activities. Think of it as a youth group for kids! If you can't commit to September-March, you can plug in for the fall. Please pray about it and consider being a part of our team! Contact Betsy Bruins if you are interested: bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org.

PRAY FOR LOCAL MISSIONS

Pray for our Meet Up & Eat Up volunteers who will be ministering to local families at Quincy Apartments over the next week (August 21-25). Pray for the love of Christ to be evident to all and for our team to have an abundance of joy and energy to share with the kids and parents!

HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us NEXT Sunday, August 27 @ 6:30pm for this annual favorite event! Be sure to send your favorite hymns to Jess ahead of time (and share why you love it!) so we can sing them together: jmix@fellowshipreformed.org. We hope you can join us!

**IMMERSE BIBLE READING EXPERIENCE**

We would love to have you join an Immerse Bible Study this fall! Immerse enables you to read all of Scripture in 3 years, broken into two 8-week chunks a year - supported with a group, videos, and podcasts that unpack each week's reading. Use the QR code to learn more and sign up.

*Letters From Home***James | August 20**

Journal it. Ask a friend. Discuss it in a group.

Reflect | Have you ever experienced favoritism, either as someone that another person preferred or as someone that another person disfavored? How did you navigate it?

Excavate | Read James. What is the relationship between grace, faith, and works, according to James?

Interpret | Why is favoritism problematic for faithful followers of Jesus, according to James? How does it detract from our identity as followers of Jesus?

Examine | James challenges us to refrain from showing favoritism. How has favoritism impacted your relationships with others? With whom, if you were willing to be real, do you prefer to keep company? Who do you instinctively avoid and/or not have as much contact with?

Apply | As you read James this week, what is one way that God is inviting you to love others, particularly those of lower status in your eyes, with your words and actions this week?

Invite | Who might you intentionally invite to coffee, drinks, or a meal with you this week?