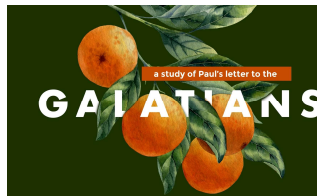


Freedom

Galatians 6:1-18



A – mutual accountability (1a)

B – personal responsibility (1b)

C – mutual accountability (2)

D – personal responsibility (3-5)

C' – mutual accountability (6)

B' – personal responsibility (7-8)

A' – mutual accountability (9-10)

TODAY: The Bible describes characteristics of what it means to be set free in Christ; how does this freedom shape our relationships with others?

THANKSGIVING DAY: Scriptures and prayers which express our gratitude to God

NEXT WEEK: Advent is about waiting for what is coming. But waiting is not empty time; it is filled with anticipation. Isaiah shows us how to make room in our hearts for hope during a time of waiting.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 15:

Received for General Ministries:	\$2,665.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$205.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

Community Offering:

CRCNA Chaplaincy \$55.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: CRCNA Office of Social Justice helps CRC members love our neighbors in tangible ways. They provide resources to learn about the root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression, and empower the church to call on those in power to improve systems and enact just public policy.

Nov 29: CRCNA Back to God Ministries

Dec 6: Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

Dec 13: Tent Schools

Dec 20: Roosevelt Park Ministries

Dec 27: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 23

9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, Nov 24

7pm Full Council (online)

8pm ELDERS/DEACONS (online)

Thursday, Nov 26

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship
(online)

Sunday, Nov 29

9:30am Worship (online)

COMING UP

BLOOD DRIVE, Dec 2

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- “Busy Boxes” with kid’s bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Galatians 6:1-18*

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵for each one should carry their own load. ⁶Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Message "Freedom" [part 3]

*I Will Follow
How Great Thou Art*

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship (online)

CHURCH LIFE

A Thanksgiving Day service of scripture and prayer will be available on our website to watch online. Start your Thanksgiving Day by giving thanks to God. www.fellowshipcrc.com

Find an updated list of events taking place online on our church calendar - www.fellowshipcrc.com/calendar


WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Two groups are forming to study Ann Voskamp's "One Thousand Gifts." This study will take place over zoom. One discussion group will be on Wednesday during lunch time and the time of another group is being decided. Participants would watch the video on their own time and join the discussion group on zoom. Meetings began last week. Contact **Laura VanderPloeg** or **Pastor Barb** for more information.

LABELS NEEDED!

Backpack Buddies is looking for Avery style address/shipping label sheets size 2"x4"(10 labels per sheet). We are required to label all food items if they do not have ingredients/nutrition info on them. Many of our items, once removed from their packaging do not have this information on them such as fruit cups, granola bars etc. Contact **Sandy Campo** if you have any you'd like to pass along to us. Thank you! campo-5@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

 Fellowship is partnering with Family Network of Wyoming to support their Christmas Store. Because we will not be meeting in person, please mail in your donation to church **before Sunday, November 29**. (Checks should be payable to Family Network of Wyoming). Gift cards will be purchased with this money and will be given to registered participants of the Christmas Store on December 5. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wood-Agents at 616-446-3358 or woodagents1@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!

Fellowship has received letters of appreciation for our community offerings from Safe Haven Ministries, The Banner, World Outreach Ministries on behalf of David and Sara Lont, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Resonate Global Mission on behalf of Anthony Meyer. We rejoice in the generosity of our members. **GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME! ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!**

THANKS FOR GIVING

During Thanksgiving, we remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with those who do not have as much as we do. You are invited to join our "THANKS FOR GIVING" Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. Donations of food may be dropped off to the pantry during operating hours of Monday 9-12 and Thursday 12-3 or contact **Bonnie Houtstra** or **Nancy VanDenBerg** to make other arrangements.

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- We pray for those in our congregation and known to our congregation who are sick with COVID and for those who are recovering from COVID.

Denomination:

- For the CRCNA Office of Social Justice as they provide resources to learn about the root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression, and empower the church to call on those in power to improve systems and enact just public policy.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte, Caroline Dik, Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker, and Char VanDommelen.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Don & Ann Aardema, Russ Ballinger, Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len Koetje, Gary Meengs, Arv & Pearl Tap, Roge & Mary Visser, Tom Vlietstra, Tom & Donna Westra, and Sharon Walcott.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BACKPACK BUDDIES

What a blessing you are to the children and families in our community! Our collection box was overflowing with food after this past Sunday and our pantry is nearly fully stocked as a result. God is Good!!

Here is a modified list for November:

Oatmeal (boxes with Individual serving packets), Macaroni and Cheese, peanut butter - (around 15 oz), Spaghetti sauce-can or plastic jars (Aldi has plastic jars), thinking ahead to Christmas - bags of candy for treat bags, Gift Cards to Aldi or Meijer (can be given to the Deacons or to Sandy)

NOTE: we are quite well stocked on canned pasta, soups, and canned tuna and Chicken for the next few months -thank you so much.

Items may be placed in the Back-Pack Buddies box. Questions? Contact **Sandy Campo**.

LIFE SKILLS

The Tuesday evening Life Skills class continues to be taught by Monica from Love INC. Please pray for the 5 participant families and Monica as they continue to work through new material about discerning spiritual gifts.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry has some needs which include *jams/jellies, pop tarts, canned pears, apple sauce, juice, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, chunky soups, canned pasta & meat*. For a complete list, please see the mid-week. Thank you!