

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 8/31/25

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### A TIME FOR PRAYER:

- You are invited to a time of prayer before our worship service every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

#### FROM THE DEACONS:

- Monthly Offerings:** We would like the congregation to know that you may give at any time during the month to any of the causes we have scheduled. You DO NOT need to send separate checks each week, but one check with the offerings and other causes noted that you want the money to go towards would be fine.

#### September Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
9/7	Jared & Anna De Young	Joshua Christian Academy
9/14	Christian Education Fund	Gideons
9/21	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	818 Forward with Faith
9/28	Andrew Boender	Missionary Support

#### TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- Releases were in your mailbox on Aug. 17. If you haven't already, please fill it out and turn it into the office asap.

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

- The Men's Bible Study Group will be meeting on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 7:00 a.m. at church. Our lesson will be on the "Discipline of Prayer." Study sheets are available on the Information Center table.

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Aug. 31 = Ki B, Rachael H  
Kendall & Trish B
- Sept. 1 = Irv & Anne DB, Evan & Brooke W
- Sept. 2 = Sandra P, Allison V (Mitchel)
- Sept. 3 = Ken VD  
Chris & Kelly P
- Sept. 4 = Tyler S  
Marvin & Jeanette DB, Mitchel & Lyndsay V
- Sept. 5 = Ben DB  
John & Delores R

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Ryan & Jody Faber's *Days of the Harvest*

#### LOST AND FOUND:

- A bag chair cover was turned in following Parking Lot Praise last Sunday. Please identify and claim in the office.

#### OFFICE NEWS:

- Misc. Stuff:** Just a few reminders as the society season starts up again:
  - ~ Space: If you need to use areas of the church that you don't normally use, at a time you don't normally use them (i.e. Fellowship Hall &/or Kitchen on a Thursday afternoon), you need to talk to the office to reserve the space. Space is reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis.
  - ~ Projects: I am more than willing to help you with your projects (designing, copying, cutting), just please get them to me in a timely manner. (Read "NOT Thursday or Friday" ☺)
  - ~ Mailboxes: **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** let me put things in mailboxes for you. It is much easier for me to do the smaller things last. Just leave the items on the office table with instructions (if needed). Thanks!
  - ~ Van Use: A copy of the van use guidelines was in last week's supplement. The van is reserved through the office on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- Vacation:** I will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks. Sharon Spoelstra will be filling in in the office for me. Please contact her if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you. 😊

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **BIBLE LEAGUE FALL RETREAT:**

- **You can still register** for the Bible League Retreat, **STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE SEASONS**, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Calvary Church (408 Maple St.) in Pella. Be inspired by speaker Twila Belk and enjoy powerful ministry updates, along with uplifting worship led by Benjamin Spronk and the Pella Christian High Worship Team. Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration and connection. Register today at [www.bibleleague.org/tickets](http://www.bibleleague.org/tickets).

### **FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:**

- On Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:00 p.m. Pella Christian will host an information session for prospective Board Trustees. Anyone with interest in board and/or committee service is encouraged to attend. The event will be held in the Pella Christian High School Library.

### **FROM LOVE, INC:**

- **Attention Golfers!** Join us for a great day on the green! Love INC of Mahaska County is hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Edmondson Golf Course.
  - ~ Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM
  - ~ Cost: \$90 per golfer or \$350 per foursome

To register, email your list of players – and let us know if you need a cart – to: [events@loveincmahaska.org](mailto:events@loveincmahaska.org)  
Questions? Contact Keith Van Donselaar at 641-780-6802. Come out, have fun, and support Love INC!

- **Mahaska Connect** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Fellowship Bible Church. There is a Volunteer Sign-Up sheet on the Information Center table. Church volunteers may also sign-up on our website at [www.loveincmahaska.org](http://www.loveincmahaska.org) under the “Mahaska Connect” tab. What a testimony for our community to see the partnership of churches working together to serve our neighbors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan at 676-3750.

### **HUSBANDS/FATHERS:**

- Husbands, do you desire to reignite romance in your marriage? Fathers, do you have a teenage son you need to have “the sex talk” with but don't know how? Faith Church of Pella (215 E. University St.) invites you to a two-day event with author and therapist Sam Jolman who will help us ignite romance in our marriages and equip us to have “the sex talk” with our sons that goes far beyond just biology. Join us at Faith Church on Friday, Oct. 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a couples evening where Sam will speak on “Recovering Your Romance” and again on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. for a Father/Son Breakfast where Sam will offer “The Not Awkward Sex Talk”. RSVP is not required but appreciated. For more information check out the Faith Church website, [www.faithcrcpella.org](http://www.faithcrcpella.org) or to reserve your spot call or email Faith Church at 641-628-1335 or [pastor@faithcrcpella.org](mailto:pastor@faithcrcpella.org).

### **FROM CRC NEWS:**

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork – Jesus' Kingdom Parables*: Jesus often used parables to teach His followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God's kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of His kingdom behave. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Kids Corner Devotions – Praying for Someone Else*: Check out this week's kids' devotion, “Praying for Someone Else” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you're helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!
- **From Thrive:**
  - ~ *Get Involved with Generation Spark*: Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. Thrive, the CRC's congregational support agency, invites you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring! An informational webinar will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 11:30 a.m. ET. Register here: [shorturl.at/d7DEO](http://shorturl.at/d7DEO)
  - ~ *Thrive Faith Formation Tip*: When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone in your building carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive).