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### Bible Passage of the Month

#### Matthew 16:29-33

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech."<sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me."

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## 2022 Important Information

**Directory:** A new printed church directory will be prepared this month. If you have any changes in address, phone number, or family member listing, please call the church office (616-837-8949) by Friday, January 7. We would like to include all regular attenders; please let us know if you are not currently listed and would like to be. Note: Please let us know if you want cell phone numbers and/or email addresses included in your listing.

**Offering Envelopes:** The boxes of 2022 offering envelopes are in family mailboxes in the church's main lobby. This is also a good time to look into online giving if you would like to save a step. Thank you for your continued financial support this year and please see a deacon if you have any questions. If you no longer use the offering envelopes, please return them to the church office so they may be reassigned. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like to use them, call the church office (616-837-8949) or email [tami@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:tami@coopersvillereformed.com).

**Love Link:** If you would like to be added to the email list to receive this monthly newsletter, please call the church office or email [heather@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:heather@coopersvillereformed.com).

### Family Celebration Update

**Elders Affirmed:** Bob Boom, Steve Smith (three-year terms)

**Deacons Affirmed:** Sid Bakker (one-year term), David Courson, Homer Hill, Cory Visser (three-year terms)

The proposed budget for 2022 was approved as presented with the removal of line 2118 in the amount of \$7,280.

Copies of the 2022 budget and the 2021 financial report are available in the church lobby.

The Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons will be on January 2, 2022, at both morning services.

**A very heartfelt *thank you* goes out to the past Consistory members and to the incoming new members. Your sacrifice and service to God is a blessing.**

## *24 Hours of Prayer*

Please join us in prayer by signing up for a one-hour time slot starting this Saturday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday, January 9, at 8:00 a.m. You can sign up on the church website under “events.”

## *Save The Date*

One Way high school youth group will be having a soup supper and auction on Saturday, March 19, to raise funds for their mission trip to Costa Rica next summer. Be thinking of ways that you can get involved by donating auction items or services and help support these kids in their international mission trip.

## *The Garden*

Calling all middle & high school students! Come for a time to hang-out on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. There will be open gym, games/music, and a movie room available. Cost is \$1.00 for snacks & drinks.

## *S.A.L.T. Events*

Join us on Mondays beginning January 17 at 10:00 a.m. for a 7-week Bible Study of James in the Activity Center.

On Friday, February 18, at 12:00 p.m. we will have our Valentine’s party in the Activity Center. Join us for soup and ice cream sundaes.

## *Hand2Hand*

I would like to thank everyone for their warm response last week about the needs for Hand2Hand. There is a table in the lobby with a menu for the month of January. I have created a list of needs and where we have found the best price as of August 2021. Many have expressed an interest in packing the bags for the kids. We have found that Tuesday seems to be the day that would work best, but some exceptions might be able to be made. We have a great need for people who might be able to deliver the bags to the schools on Thursday mornings. We will have an official sign-up day on January 16. Please prayerful consider where you would be able to help. We are all set for January for packing the bags. Any questions you might have, you can contact me at 616-862-5006 or at [h2h@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:h2h@coopersvillereformed.com). Thanks again, Mary Bialas

## *Coopersville Cares Winter Benefit Sale*

Coopersville Cares will be having their 8th Annual Winter Benefit Sale. The event will be Tuesday, February 8, 2022, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. This will be held at the Coopersville Community Center (182 East St.).

## *Summer Camp*

2022 brochures for Camp Geneva are available in the church office. The church will pay half of the camp fee for kids who regularly attend and are actively involved. Call the church office (837-8949) for the required voucher code.

## Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year  
Just one request I bring:  
I do not pray for happiness,  
Or any earthly thing—  
I do not ask to understand  
The way Thou ledest me,  
But this I ask: Teach me to do  
The thing that pleaseth Thee.  
I want to know Thy guiding voice,  
To walk with Thee each day.  
Dear Master make me swift to hear  
And ready to obey.  
And thus the year I now begin  
A happy year will be—  
If I am seeking just to do  
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

--Unknown Author

**Trace of Doubt** by Diann Mills. She dedicates this book “to every woman who has ever closed the door on her past to step forward with Jesus.” Shelby has been released from prison after serving fifteen years for the murder of her brother-in-law. She met Jesus while in prison. Now she is ready to start over with a new meaning and purpose for her life. She knows it won’t be easy for an ex-con but is depending on Jesus to guide her. Difficulties abound. Someone has Shelby in their crosshairs and wants to silence her. Why? Submitted by Norene Sattler.

**The Edge of Belonging** by Amanda Cox, won both the 2021 Christy Book of the Year Award and the First Novel Award. This book and author were recently featured on Chris Fabry Live. From the publisher: “When Ivy Rose returns to her hometown to oversee her late grandmother's estate sale, she soon discovers that the woman left behind more than trinkets and photo frames--she provided a path to the truth behind Ivy's adoption. Shocked, Ivy seeks clues to her past, but a key piece to the mystery is missing. Twenty-four years earlier, Harvey James finds an abandoned newborn who gives him a sense of human connection for the first time in his life. His desire to care for the baby runs up against the stark fact that he is homeless. When he becomes entwined with two people seeking to help him find his way, Harvey knows he must keep the baby a secret or risk losing the only person he's ever loved. In this dual-timeline story from debut novelist Amanda Cox, the truth--both the search for it and the desire to keep it from others--takes center stage as Ivy and Harvey grapple with love, loss, and letting go.”

**The White Rose Resists** by Amanda Barratt, is the winner of the 2021 Christy Historical Fiction award. The promise of a new Germany galvanized Sophie Scholl, until she realized the truth behind Hitler’s machinations for the Fatherland. Now she and other students in Munich, the cradle of the Nazi government, have banded together in a desperate, dangerous fight for the truth. In this gripping testament to courage, this book illuminates the sacrifice and conviction of an unlikely group of revolutionaries who refuse to remain silent...no matter the cost. This novel was also featured on Chris Fabry Live. The description is taken from the book cover.

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).*

Each day, you watch America turn further from Christian values and the core principles of liberty. It’s frustrating to feel you can’t assert biblical truth without facing condemnation, and fearful to witness outrage and victimhood replace respect and reason. Amidst this dissent, how can you not only stay rooted in your own faith but continue publicly testifying for Jesus?

In **We Will Not Be Silenced**, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer prepares you to live out your convictions against a growing tide of hostility. Gain a better understanding of nonbelievers’ legitimate hurts and concerns regarding issues like racism, sexism, and poverty—and identify the toxic responses secular culture disguises as solutions. In the process, you’ll see how you can show compassion and gentleness to those outside of the faith without affirming their beliefs.

This nonfiction book will ready you to move beyond fear and boldly accept the challenge of representing Christ to a watching world that needs Him now more than ever before.



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- 1 Marvin Downs**
  - 4 Jenna Van Klompenberg**
  - 6 Tresa Sparkles**
  - 9 Diane Rozema**
  - 11 Lisa Rosel, Ethan Saigeon**
  - 12 Michelle Budai, Judith Bouwman, Jacob Hill, Mark Mol,  
David Vander Ark**
  - 14 Norma Busman**
  - 16 Peter Bassette, Samuel Bassette, Ava DeVries**
  - 17 Staci Lamsma, Julie Neumann, Kathy Van Klompenberg**
  - 18 Kylee Bennink, Tom Harsay**
  - 19 Casey Van Antwerpen, Curt Visser**
  - 22 Peterson Keller, Laureen Mayeaux, Kaitlyn Tibbe**
  - 23 Kevin Wieringa**
  - 24 Naomi Smoes, Annabelle Steadman**
  - 25 Zoe Cheadle**
  - 27 Mary Bialas, Louise Boom, Sidney Kooistra**
  - 28 Matthew DeYoung**
  - 30 Connie Clauson, Lynda Johnson, Owen Schoolcraft**
  - 31 Kalene Sietsema**

# Servant's Page

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## Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
January 2	Infant Toddler	Naomi Smoes Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Lily Keller, LeighAnn DeVries
January 9	Infant Toddler	Beth Baron, Sam Baron Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin April DeMull, Onna DeVries
January 16	Infant Toddler	Casey Van Antwerpen Mary Baird, Maggie Van Dop	Amber Vander Tuin Pete Mast, Hannah Mast
January 23	Infant Toddler	Mary Baird Julie Kleinjans, Naomi Smoes	Amber Vander Tuin Annie Sietsema, Miniya Lothschutz
January 30	Infant Toddler	Shelly Visser, Jenna Casler Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Trisha Schippers, Abby Mast

## Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
January 2	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Abby Mast	Michelle Hazelton Avery Burk, Miniya Lothschutz
January 9	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Jenna Casler	Michelle Hazelton Trinity Hazelton, Kyren DeVries
January 16	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Michaela Courson	Michelle Hazelton Ryan Vander Tuin, Isaac DeVries
January 23	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Anneke Bakker	Michelle Hazelton Isaac DeVries, Ryan Vander Tuin
January 30	Leader Helper	Amanda Casler Jenna Casler	Michelle Hazelton Trinity Hazelton, Annie Sietsema

## 9:00 a.m. Greeters

January 2	Wes & Bonnie Busman
January 9	Jan Jordan
January 16	Jim & Kris Van Huis
January 23	Charlie & Bonnie Vander Kolk
January 30	Scott & Tami Schoolcraft

## Coffee Fellowship

January 2	Deb Mauk, Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft
January 9	Beth Mast, Amanda Casler, Jan Jordan
January 16	Heather Smoes, Kalene Sietsema, Evonne Erhorn
January 23	Ron & Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma, Karen Lemmen
January 30	NO Cookies...Volunteers needed

# Calendar of Events

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## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  NO Crossroads NO One Way	3   7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	4 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	5 2:30-4:00 pm The Garden  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	6	7	8 8:00 am 24 Hours of Prayer Begins
9 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6:00 pm Women's Small Group 7-8:30 pm One Way	10	11 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	12 2:30-4:00 pm The Garden  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	13	14	15 7-10 pm One Way Open Door
16 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 7-8:30 pm One Way	17 10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	18 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	19 2:30-4:00 pm The Garden  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	20	21 9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee	22
23/30 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6:00 pm Women's Small Group (23rd) 7-8:30 pm One Way	24/31 10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	25 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer	26 2:30-4:00 pm The Garden  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	27	28 Office Closed	29

**Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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