

Jamestown Jottings

January 2013



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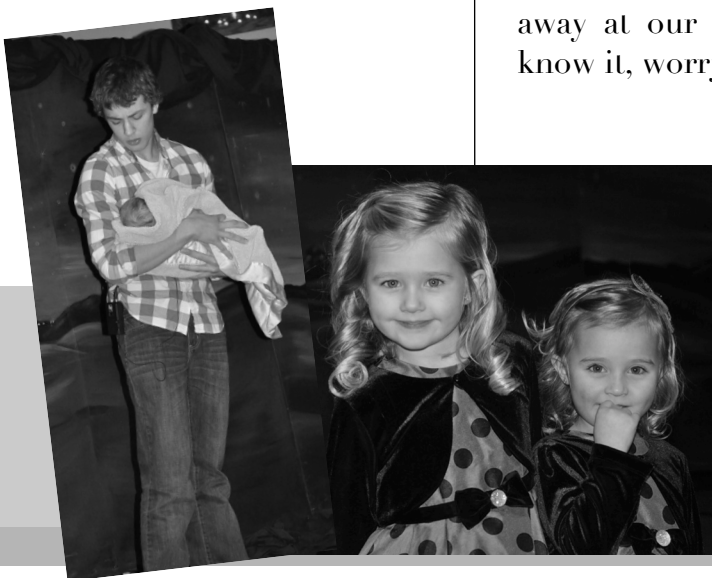
Do Not Fear!

Do not fear! This was the announcement made by the angels the night of Jesus' birth, if I remember correctly.... This is a message we find in many places in Scripture

In Isaiah 41:10, "do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." In Psalm 23 "I will fear no evil." Psalm 118:6 says, "The Lord is with me; I will not fear..." And in Acts 18:9 we read, "Do not be afraid." Question is, how often do any of us really experience true fear, the type of gripping fear and paralyzing anxiety you see in a horror movie? My guess is, not on a regular basis.

Why then start off a new year with a message that doesn't really apply to many of us? Worry however, is not commonly classified as fear and consequently becomes a part of normal life for many people. The results of a nagging sense of concern always has a destructive effect on people's lives, the exact same effect fear has. Worry robs our lives from the beauty and abundance God intended His children to experience. It chips away at our happiness, little bits at a time, and before you know it, worry turns into anxiety and stress.

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January Birthdays



- 1 Helen Baker
- 2 Jeff Van Rhee
- 5 Josh Simmons
- 6 Charlie Pater
- 7 Alex Bos
Don Bowman
Dave Mahaney
Lila Ellens
- 8 Tom Macy
Dean Hassevoort
- 9 Karen Lee
- 10 Carolyn Slattery
Pat Carlon
Beth Hassevoort
- 11 Sam Macy
- 12 Mary Pater
Andy Hubach
- 17 Sue Boldt
Mike Gerrits
- 18 Brian Mast
- 21 Alayna Baker
- 23 Ed Bos
Danae Bos
Rick Eefsting
- 24 Gary Diekevers
- 25 Holly Van Klompenberg
- 28 Abby Boogaard

story of the month

A new KHUSA mentor has been meeting with a boy who has been struggling this year. After Christmas Break, the mentor asked Caleb, "Did you get what you wanted for Christmas?" Caleb answered, "Yes, you came back."

upcoming dates

January 7
February 1

Mentoring Resumes

Jamestown Elementary School Staff vs. Alward Elementary Staff Annual Basketball Game 7pm at Hudsonville High School

If you are looking for something fun to do with your child, this game is sure to be the talk of the school! Admission is snack items (Jami has a list in her office) that will benefit KIDS FOOD BASKET. There are also a lot of fun activities and giveaways that make this to be a fun night of entertainment.

prayer requests

Praise God for...

- A successful and fun Christmas party.
- All the volunteers who are part of making a difference in the life of a child through the KHUSA program.

Pray for...

- For parents to return permission slips to school so some of our mentors who have been patiently waiting can begin mentoring this January.
- Good health for staff and students as we settle into the winter months.

national mentoring month

Did you know that January is national mentoring month? Take some time this month to thank someone who is participating in KHUSA for their time and dedication to the children of Jamestown Elementary School this month.

khusa pic of the month



Our Mission:

KIDS HOPE USA builds caring relationships...one child, one hour, one church, one school.

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In Matthew 6:25, Jesus warns us against worrying and encourages us to see the abundant blessings God provides. Worrying is a sign of wavering trust in God's love for us and a blindfold that makes us miss His Grace. Fear is associated with punishment and dissatisfaction. In 1 John 4:18 we read, "There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear." This certainly applies to all our worries too, and is the perfect reminder as we head into a new year. My prayer is that we all see and experience a new year filled with blessings and leave the fear, anxiety and worries that causes fear in God's loving hands!

Pastor André



JRC Small Group Ministry

Small Group Resource Website

We are pleased to announce JRC's new small group resource website. We created this website as a place where small group leaders and members can find helpful information about small group studies, tools, and general resources. The site contains a full list of resources available at JRC as well as helpful videos, suggested studies, and other online material. We hope to keep this site updated and a living useful tool, so if you have any questions about content or would like to contribute to the site, please let us know.

Latest update: Check out the article on Small Group New Year Resolutions.

<https://sites.google.com/site/jrcsmallgroupministry/>

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Hand 2 Hand Ministries

Week Of

Packing

January 6	6 th – 8 th Grade Sunday School
January 13	Angela Rodenhouse, Katie Henry
January 20	TBD
January 27	Sheila Mahaney



JRC Youth Ministries – Jan 2013

Middle School Basketball Program



After School Basketball Program

I (Sherri) am excited to announce that after our first successful basketball program last year- we are bringing it back this year! It turned out to be a big “WIN” for both families and students. I was able to watch students improve athletically, physically, and socially as they improved their skills both on and off the court. I watched as the students made friendships from both Riley Street and Baldwin Street Middle Schools, I watched as they learned plays and worked as a team by the end of the season, I watched as parents and family members cheered for the students in their games, and I watched coaches ENCOURAGE their players to play with integrity.

How the Program Works:

After school, I jump in my sweet ride (aka the JRC van) and I go pick up the players that attend Riley Street Middle School. I then bring them to their practice facilities (Blue team- JRC gym, Green team- Zutphen gym). When they arrive, they drop off their bags and then they rush towards me to find out what their snack is for the day. They LOVE their snacks! After that, they warm up and begin practice from 3:45 to 5:00pm.

GAME DAY.

On home game days, I pick up the players like normal, and they eat a snack and then begin to warm up. We set up chairs around the perimeter of the gym and then begin our game at 4:00pm. We play four 15min quarters and everyone gets equal playing time.

Away Games

Another exciting piece of this program is that other churches/youth ministries are starting programs like this too! We have away games scheduled with “The Bridge” Youth Ministries in Zeeland.

Outreach Driven.

Most of the players in this program do not attend Jamestown Reformed Church! I say that with excitement because we have an open opportunity to extend welcome and hospitality to two teams of new families and players!

I could use some help...

I am the one who organizes the program... but I can't do it without the help of some amazing volunteers.

- Snack Volunteers: I need some volunteers to bring a snack for the players. Cookies, bars, or granola bars work the best (something to eat without the use of utensils). There is a sign up on the Information Table.
- Referee: I am looking for one more referee for our home games at JRC. The time commitment will be from 4:00-5:00 on Tuesday, January 29 and Tuesday, February 19. The job of the referee is to keep the games fair and explain the rules to the students as the game progresses (ex. tell the players why the whistle was blown).
- Coach: I am looking for one more coach. If you are at all interested, please come talk to me and I'll let you know of the specific details.

A Quick Look at a Busy Year

Excerpts from the Facebook Page of
Chad VandenBosch

January–March, 2012

Continued working on the recording studio in Xia-Xia, Mozambique.



June 18, 2012

Got some great news last week when we heard that our shipment of 1200 audio Bibles was en route! I would appreciate your prayers for safe and timely delivery of these audio Bibles! I would also appreciate your prayers as we get plans together for another big audio Bible distribution trip next month. We are looking forward to once again bring God's Word to so many who are still waiting to hear.

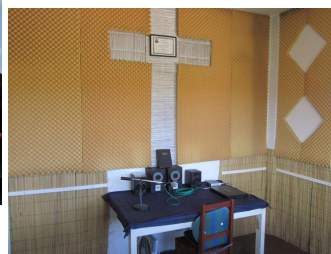


September 30, 2012

What an amazing weekend! Choir competition was a success, new recording studio was dedicated...and we ate a cow! We are so thankful to the Lord for blessing this incredible celebration. Thank you all for your prayers.

December 7, 2012

I'm proud of my recording team! We recorded over 130 chapters of the Mwani OT just this week! This is the first recording in the new studio and so far it's coming off without any major glitches. I love it when a plan comes together!



April 21, 2012

Distribution of audio Bibles in the Sena language in the Sofala Province in Mozambique.



July 17, 2012

As you may have guessed from some of the recent photos, we did finally get the audio Bibles. We've been busy loading them with audio pretty much non-stop since receiving them, and this morning we are leaving on a much abbreviated distribution trip. We have less than a week before Sergio's classes start again, so we are headed up to Beira to do some distributing of the Scriptures in the Sena language. This was definitely not the original plan, but we know the Lord has something amazing planned. I'm excited to see what that is!



November 18, 2012

Amazing morning with the baptism of 3 new brothers! Quite a spectacular backdrop too.

JANUARY 2013

JRC Women's Ministry

What Happened...

December was a whirlwind of a month for most people. For some ladies it started with a leisurely walk through some beautifully decorated homes. What a blessing it is to have women so willing to share their homes and ideas with the rest of us. Thanks to those of you that opened your homes and shared your ideas, it was like taking a Pinterest tour!

Coming Up...

Ever wondered what Bobotie tastes like? What about Tzatziki or Baklava? Ever wanted to try making it, but didn't want to risk the waste if it didn't work out? Join us on Thursday, **January 17 at 7:00pm** to experience tastes from around the world. You will be able to sample dishes from Greece, Guatemala, South Africa, and more.

All are welcome; invite your friends to join us.

Best wishes for the New Year!



Community Announcements

"Teaching Kids Healthy Sexuality" will be hosted at Cornerstone in Caledonia with Jim Burns from Homewood on February 6. Tickets will be \$7 a piece or \$10 for a pair and will be available sometime in early January. For more information, contact Cornerstone Church at 616.698.3170.

Walk for Warmth helps keep the heat on and meals hot for households in Ottawa County. The walk is an annual event to which you can send a donation directly or that you can attend with family, friends, co-workers, fellow worshippers, and even the dog! The walk will take place on February 9. Registration starts at 8:30am, 9:00 speakers, and 9:30am a 2-mile walk through downtown Zeeland. It will begin and end at City on a Hill – bring food/clothing for drop off at His Harvest Stand.

Soup Supper at Jamestown CRC on Monday, January 14 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the church basement. We will have a wide variety of soups, chili, hot dogs, bread, tossed salad, jello, and ice cream. Cost is by donation and the funds will be used to support of GEMS group.

Special Love INC Budget Mentor Information Meeting Are you looking for a way to make a big difference in someone's life? Are you curious about what is involved with being a Budget Mentor? Come to an informational night at Love INC on Thursday, January 3 from 6:00-8:30 pm to learn more about how you can impact a life in the name of Christ. A light dinner will be provided for free. Please RSVP to Tonia at 616-662-3300 ext 122.

Hope Totes



In February, our Women's Ministries will be participating in a project to fill "Hope Totes" for Mel Trotter. These totes are given to homeless people to help them clean up, feel better and hopefully encourage them to take a step towards changing their life. We are asking everyone to collect any of following items and put them in the box on the Information Desk: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm, socks, hairbrush, tissues, lotion, shoelaces, disposable razors.

Book Club

We will be meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, January 15 for our next book club. The book we will be reading this month is "Hadassah" by Tommy Tennay. We look forward to seeing you there and discussing this book!



JANUARY SCHEDULE

Greeting Schedule

January 6: Andy and Dawn Simmons
 January 13: Rog and Julie VandenBerg Family
 January 20: Rick and Karie Eefsting Family
 January 27: Chris and Sara Holwerda Family

Valet Parking

January 6: Ed Berghorst
 January 13: Jon Huyser
 January 20: Terry Van Order
 January 27: Steve Fifer

Children & Worship Schedule

January 6: Sarah Weeldreyer, Kaleigh Ykema
 January 13: Lisa Voet, Max Niemann
 January 20: Emily Ellens, Nick Biesbrock
 January 27: Angela Rodenhouse, Tyler Van Order

Little Lambs Schedule

January 6: Sara Gardner, Sam Harkema
 January 13: Lisa Boogaard, Jorin Weeldreyer
 January 20: Laura Kruisenga, Heather Slattery
 January 27: Trisha Bassler, Grace Weeldreyer

Nursery Schedule

January 6: Tracy Harkema, Kelly Vierzen, Dee Malloch, Kayla Fifer
 January 13: Tara Johanson, Bonnie Mast, Margi Biladeau, Anna Huyser
 January 20: Julie Biesbrock, Diane Gerrits, Becky Coffman, Nikki Mast
 January 27: Chris Butkus, Teri Hubach, Linda Lamers, Allison Slattery

Family Night Nursery

January 9: Annette Bos
 January 16: Emily Ellens
 January 23: Sara Jones
 January 30: Mary Hammersmith

Just For Kids

The Birth of Jesus



R	V	Q	S	J	K	S	K	E	U	R	B	X	T	V
B	R	A	R	N	W	A	H	R	B	O	O	O	Q	P
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Joseph
Mary
Bethlehem
baby
born
glory

wrapped
clothes
manger
room
inn
sign
earth

shepherds
watch
flocks
angel
appeared
afraid
peace

Bible Memory Verse

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:12 (NIV)



counterfeit gods

when empty promises
let you down

A series based on the book by Tim Keller

Jamestown Reformed Church, January 6 – February 10

The Series Schedule:

January 6

All you've ever wanted
Genesis 22

January 13

Love is not all you need
Genesis 29

January 20

Money changes everything
Luke 19

January 27

The Seduction of success
II Kings 5

February 3

The power and the glory
Daniel 2

February 10

Hidden Idols
Jonah

Did you know?

There are 7 congregations in the Zeeland Classis on this journey with Jamestown Reformed Church. They are:

Vriestland
First in Zeeland
Faith
Community
Harlem
Ottawa &
Jamestown

On February 3 these churches will have a pulpit exchange. Pastor André will visit First Reformed in Zeeland and Pastor Kevin Kleinheksel from Ottawa Reformed will preach at JRC.

On February 10 at 6PM all these churches will have a combined evening service to celebrate the commitment we as followers of Jesus Christ have made to leave our counterfeit gods behind! Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information.

Jamestown Reformed Church is about to embark on a six-week journey through the world of false gods! Are we going to learn a little more about Buddha or maybe something about the Hindu gods Shiva or Vishnu? No, there'll be nothing about Buddha or Vishnu or any other strange pagan god made from wood or stone. The gods we will find on our journey are the false gods we will all be able to recognize as a very real and present danger in our own spiritual lives. As believers we are all prone to turning everyday necessities, like our jobs, our families and our passions into gods that step into our lives with the greatest of ease, replacing the God we profess. This journey is not designed to make us feel guilty. This journey is designed to make us aware and guide us to a place where we put God back in His rightful place in our lives.

Join us as we read this book together. Read it, one chapter each week and come to the worship service with the expectation to learn and grow. Join us for the Sunday school class every week a time to continue the discussion and share thoughts and challenges.

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