

Thanks for being here today! We welcome you and pray that God would draw you closer to Himself through your time with us.

Our mission is to **Pursue Jesus Together**. "Christ died, and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). Believing in this truth compels us to live in three simple ways:

-  Exalting God
-  Edifying His Church
-  Evangelizing the World

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MORNING SERVICE

- Song of Anticipation** *#238 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
- Announcements** Pastor David
- Call to Worship** Pastor Timothy
- Song of Worship** *#116 Rejoice, the Lord is King*
- Song of Worship** *Great Are You, Lord*
- Prayer of Confession** Louis Wolf
- Scripture Reading (Luke 2:4-11)** Nickel Family
- Song of Confession & Praise** *Emmanuel*
- Song of Praise** *#236 Silent Night, Holy Night*
- Worship in Giving & Song** Choir
- Children's Time** Ben Jacques
- Worship in the Word** Pastor Timothy
- "The Temple and Emmanuel"*
- Song of Response** *God With Us*
- Closing Benediction** *Numbers 6:24-26*









EVENING SERVICE

- Kid's Time** Puppets—with Dureys
- Testimony of Grace** Gavin Steenwyk
- Ministry Moment** Mike VanderToorn—ushering
- Message** Church Covenant #9

This Week at Ventura

- Tuesday 6:30 PM** Mid Week Fellowship @ Koedyker's
- Wednesday 7:00 PM** Mid Week Fellowships (various locations)
- For more information on these, please see David Pollard.
- Friday 6:00 AM** Men's Prayer (Big Apple Bagel on Waverly)

Events & Information

-  **WELL REGENERATION PROJECT**
Please be aware that due to testing on our church's well there will be NO water at the church this week, Dec. 18-22.
-  **SQUAD NEWS**
The next Secret Agent Sunday is **Dec. 31**, and mark your calendars for **Jan. 20, 2018** for the next fellowship night! More information to come!
-  **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**
Ladies Bible study will begin a new session on **Jan 16** (6:30-8pm) & **17** (10-11:30am). We will be doing a book study of C.J.Mahaney's, "How Can I Change: Victory in the Struggle Against Sin." Sign up sheets are on the message board in the schoolhouse. If you have any questions, please see Janet Ewing or Bethany Jacques.
-  **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING SERVICE**
Please note that due to the holidays we will only have our regularly scheduled morning service at 10:30 am on **Sun, Dec. 24** and **Sun, Dec. 31**.
-  **BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**
Please mark your calendars for **December 31** for our next Benevolence offering.
-  **BABY SHOWERS**
Ladies, mark your calendars for two upcoming baby showers. On **Jan 6** at **10am** we will celebrate Katie & Mike Gebben and their baby BOY. She is registered at Target and Amazon. To contribute to a larger gift, please see Cyndi Hemmes. Also mark your calendars for **Feb. 3** to celebrate Alexis & Brad Zeinstra and their baby GIRL. Sign up sheets are on the board in the schoolhouse. What a joy to celebrate!
-  **BUILD CONFERENCE**
Men, mark your calendars for the annual BUILD conference on **Feb. 23-24**. For more information, go to buildconference.com.
-  **MEMBER'S MAILBOXES—UPDATED!**
There are "mailboxes" for each member located in the schoolhouse near the message board to help facilitate communication among our church family. Please check to see if you have any information in your box.

Avg. AM Attendance	184	Avg. PM Attendance	75
Average Giving	\$5,326	Weekly Budget	\$4,302

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

