

**Spring Hill Day Camp at Cascade Fellowship**  
Save July 8-12 on your calendar! Early sign ups February 14-28.

**Debt Elimination Campaign Update** Thank you for the tremendous support for this campaign since fall 2017. We have made encouraging progress toward the goals of paying off debt and reestablishing our capital reserve. January 2019 marks the completion of that effort. Many of you have completed your pledge and for that we are thankful. Some still have a portion of their pledges to fulfill. Please prayerfully consider fulfilling these pledges this month so we can bring this campaign to a successful completion.

**External Ministries Fund** Funds collected in 2019 are divided equally among the following ministries: Forgotten Man Ministries, Manasseh Project, Matthew's House Ministries, New City Kids, Safe Families, West Michigan Friendship Center, Heartside Ministries, and Family Promise.

#### Directory Change

**Thank You** Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern for Paul's health and the cancer diagnoses of two of our children. Also, your many congratulatory notes celebrating our 55th anniversary were enjoyed after the fact. Thank you, Milt and Jean, for celebrating with us in the emergency room! It certainly will be an anniversary that won't be forgotten. Although the health issues of Paul and our son Mark are not resolved, we know that God is faithful and his love is reflected in your prayers and concern. Paul and Jackie B

#### Community Bible Experience

**Experience the Bible as a Community of Believers** Sign up for a discussion group this week or next in the Hub as we read the Bible (Genesis through Kings) as a community and discuss its impact in small groups. Plan to join this life-changing 8-week experience. See insert or contact Melinda H (Melinda@cascadefellowship.org) for more information.

## THIS WEEK at CASCADE

### Sunday

9:00am Sunday School  
9:30am Prayer (CG #2, Prayer Room, #201)  
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)  
pm Middle School & High School  
Small Groups (times vary)

### Monday

6:00pm Missions Support Team Meeting

### Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at the Gathering Place  
9:30am Women's Bible Study  
1:00pm Staff Meeting  
6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)  
7:00pm Ministering Elders Board Meeting  
7:00pm Women's Min. Leadership Team Meeting

### Wednesday

12:30pm Wonder-full Wednesdays Book Club  
6:30pm Wednesday Night Worship

### Friday

6:15am Men's Bible Study

### Sunday

9:00am Sunday School  
9:30am Prayer (CG #3, Prayer Room, #201)  
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)  
12:00pm Meal for College Students  
3:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
6:00pm High School Youth Group

### Looking Ahead

January 27 Community Bible Experience begins

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# Cascade Fellowship

## Christian Reformed Church

January 13, 2019

### Welcome

We welcome you as we remember God's faithfulness in the past and use our faith in Him to prepare for the future.

We invite guests to stop at the Information Center to find out about our ministries and activities.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Hub after the worship service.

**Mission and Vision** Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples wherever we go. Our vision is to see lives transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### Nursery & Children's Worship

**Nursery** is available on the lower level for infants through two-year-olds. A nursing room is also available for mothers. Our **Children's Worship** program provides age-appropriate worship for children ages three through 1st grade. Children are dismissed from the Worship Centers early in the worship service to go to their worship rooms after check in. Parents, please pick up your children personally using the parent card after the service.

### Today in Worship

Message: If Not Wisdom, What?

Pastor James

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17  
Proverbs 1:20-33  
Matthew 7:24

Praise: *O Worship the King  
Lord, Reign in Me  
I Lift My Eyes  
Take My Life*

### On the Other Hand

Making Wise Decisions

#### Featured Ministry

Today: Growing with the Lord  
Debt Elimination Fund  
Next Sunday:  
External Ministries

### Worship Notes

**On the Other Hand...** The beginning of a new year is a good time to ask how to make better decisions. What if there was one question you could ask yourself that would help clarify every circumstance and every decision you make? We spend three weeks exploring the life changing impact of this one question: "Is this wise?"

### Prayers for the Family

**Jay & Marty K (#5)** Marty is recovering from her broken back but continues to have a lot of pain.

**Al & Jan V (#5)** Jan is at Breton Rehab and continues treatments for cancer.

### Adult Ministries

**Sunday School** *The Stories Behind the Songs* Lynn S leads a study on the purpose and use of songs and the different types of songs we use to live and worship. Sundays in January, 9:10-10:10am, rm 220.

**Wonder-full Wednesdays Women's Bible Study** What are the Feasts of the Lord? How do they matter to us? If you would like to delve into this interesting biblical study, join us for an interesting 8-week study beginning January 23 at 12:30pm. Questions? Contact Carol Z at 942-0509 or jimzuidema@att.net.

### Children & Youth Ministries

**Youth Groups: Small Group Sunday** Students meet with their small groups this week. Wondering where to go or who you meet with? Contact Eric or check your email for your leader's information.

**Middle School Event** Bring on the FUUUUUN! Don't miss the Craig's Cruisers event Saturday, January 26. Sign up online (just scan this QR code) or use the link in the parent email.



### Opportunities to Serve

**Meals and More** Are you interested in being part of a ministry to college students? We're hosting a potluck meal at noon next week in the

• Cascade Room. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Hub to be a part of the fun.

• **Urgent Needs for Children's Ministry** We need 1st grade Children's Worship leaders, a GEMS Coordinator, Tuesday morning nursery workers, and someone to create Children's bulletins on a rotating basis. If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Laura B (laura@cascadefellowship.org).

• **Volunteers in Service** VIS has a number of service opportunities in this area; take a look at the bulletin boards on the lower level for more information.

### Announcements

• **Wednesday Night Worship** Join us for a time of worship, prayer, and reflection at Wednesday Night Worship this week, 6:30pm in the Youth Center as we continue to walk through the Lord's Prayer. Pastor James offers the reflection.

• **Nominations for Office Bearers** We are receiving nominations for elders and deacons to serve on Council. Please submit nominations to Information Centers by January 20.

• **Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference** Great marriages don't just happen. Every marriage can be stronger, and there's always something new to learn. Coming to GR February 22-24 at the Amway Grand Plaza. Register at familylife.com/weekend-to-remember by January 28 using group name CascadeFellowshipCRC for 50% OFF! Questions about scholarship? Contact Julie B (949-4342, julie@cascadefellowship.org).

• **Cadet Soup and Chili Contest** The annual Soup and Chili Contest is Wednesday, January 23, 5:30-7:00pm, featuring a soup & chili competition, open to anyone wishing to compete. All soups and chilies entered are voted on by diners to determine first, second, and third place winners. Enter your soup or chili on cascadefellowship.org. Donations support our Cadet program.

on the *other hand*...



January 13, 2019

### If Not Wisdom, What?

Ephesians 5:15-17, Proverbs 20-33, Matthew 7:24

This morning we look to the book of Proverbs for the worldly alternatives to wisdom and the consequences of not living wisely.

### Things to Think About

- 1) When have you made decisions as a simple person, a fool, or a mocker? How would you make that decision now?
- 2) What can you do to avoid being the simple person, fool, or mocker in future decisions?
- 3) What impact does the Good News of Jesus have on your decision-making process?
- 4) Use these three qualifying questions to help you live wisely:
  - Given my past experiences, is this wise?
  - Given my current circumstances, is this wise?
  - Given my future plans and dreams, is this wise?



### An 8-week experience

- **Read:** Read the Bible as it was meant to be read—without chapters or verses, as a book with a context; read about 15 pages a day, five days a week for eight weeks beginning January 27.
  - books distributed January 27 (no cost)
  - Reading plan on bookmarks, journals available for notes
  - E-books available Amazon or Nook (\$9.99)
  - Listen online at [www.thenivbible.com/community-bible-experience/daily-audios](http://www.thenivbible.com/community-bible-experience/daily-audios)
- **Discuss: Learning happens best in community.** Once a week (beginning February 3) meet in small groups for an hour to discuss what you've read. Go over five simple questions:
  - What's something you noticed for the first time?
  - What questions did you have?
  - Was there anything that bothered you?
  - What did you learn about loving God?
  - What did you learn about loving others?

### Sign up now to deepen your faith!

Sign up January 13 & 20 in the Hub for a group that meets at a day and time that works for you (a variety of options available).

**Nothing is more important to  
personal spiritual growth than immersing  
yourself in the Word of God!**

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