If you would like your news or milestone event included in this column, please call Anita or email her at anitafl@sbcglobal.net

Congregation Chatter...........

Last week Bill and Grace Vander Moren celebrated their 65th anniversary. What a milestone event in the lives of this godly couple who have been our church members for all of those years. We thank them for the many ways they have blessed this church by their regular attendance and your participation in many church activities. May God continue to grant them His richest blessings!

The Workingman’s Store was featured in a special section of an April issue of the Hanford Sentinel. There was an entire page devoted to the history of the store with the headline proclaiming “Workingman’s Store Featuring Old Fashioned Service Since 1937.” The store has been owned by member Tim Koelewyn since 2001. The article noted the store “has provided quality products and old-fashioned service to customers ever since its downtown location”. Tim bought it from former member John Vande Beek (deceased), the father of Joyce Vande Beek. The original beginning was back in 1915 when the store was called Hanford Hardware. It was interesting to see a picture of that 1915 store. The Sentinel article ended with “Stop in today and see why Workingman’s Store is second to none in customer service and western wear selection”. A nice tribute to Tim and his staff.

Caleb Danielson, son of David and Kim Danielson, was united in marriage with Elizabeth Driskell on June 30. The newlyweds will be living in Paris, Texas. May God bless this young couple!

Congratulations to all of our graduates! Emma Johnson, daughter of Dave and Sharon Johnson, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Westmont College on May 5, 2018 with a major in English and a minor in Economics/Business. She is now looking to join the job market! Audrey Soluri Galloway is the proud grandmother of two graduates, sisters Alicia and Christina Couto. Christina graduated from Riverdale High and will be part of the nursing program at Fresno State. Alicia completed the early childhood development program at Brandon University in Visalia. Congratulations to both girls! Savannah Vasquez, granddaughter of Tom and Esther Scheeringa, received her Master Degree in Clinical Counseling from Aliant International University. Congratulations, Tom and Esther, to your granddaughter and you for this great accomplishment!

Renee (teVelde) and Dustin Wagner recently welcomed new son Robbie into their home. He joins two siblings who are three and one and a half. Renee is one busy Mom. This is the 12th grandchild for David and Alice teVelde. Congratulations to these parents and grandparents!
In the last issue of Life Net, the Crossroads Pregnancy Center newsletter, Director Kathryn Enloe noted that the Board members are “the unsung heroes” of the Center. She thanked them for their wisdom, prayers, encouragement, and passion for this ministry. Our own Rick Koelewyn is one of the directors. Thanks for your service, Rick!

Kim Spicer, an active member of the Kings Players, was recently pictured in the Hanford Sentinel presenting a scholarship to Lemoore High School student Margaret Franckhauser. Each year the Kings Players offer the Audrey Liebold Memorial Scholarship to a local student who intends to pursue a career or make a contribution in the field of the Performing Arts. The scholarship was established to honor one of the Kings Player’s founders and advocates, Audrey Leibold.

We ask almighty God to watch over our nation... and may He always guide our country.
George Bush, 9-14-2001

Vacation Bible School: Finding the Greatest Treasure
By: Sarah Zonneveld

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus was a great Vacation Bible School. About 140 students learned about how Jesus rescues us from our wrongs, worries, struggles, and fears. There were great crafts, Bible lessons, games, and awesome snacks. A big thank you to everyone who donated their time, treasure, and talents to make this week happen. While Vacation Bible School is a great program, it isn't just about the decorations and games, but rather it is about learning more about God and worshipping him. Watching the students sing through the week was so special. Their final performance for their parents was especially energetic.

A favorite song's lyrics say, "My lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow you." While we had the amazing opportunity to walk alongside Christian parents by reinforcing Biblical truths to them, we also had the even greater responsibility to share the new truth with students who do not have a church home (of which we had nearly 40%). It is our earnest prayer that they meant the words that they sang and discovered the greatest treasure of all--following Jesus!

Another fun activity during VBS was collecting school supplies for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Kings County. The supplies collected will be distributed to children in foster care as they prepare to return to school in the fall. If you would like to join us in this worthy cause, it is not too late! We are extending our supply collection until July 22nd. Items may be dropped off in the church office or in the basket at the Welcome Center on Sundays. For more information contact Sarah Zonneveld (209-810-0883) or Lael Dunn (559-904-5149).
DID YOU KNOW?

That the beautiful rendition of “My Only Hope” by Jillane and Jarrett Zonneveld during the offering is an original song with the words written and the music composed by Jarrett. What a powerful presentation they gave! We thank God for the wonderful gifts He has given this brother and sister!

That the Zonnevelds now have the most entries in the church directory? For many, many years the Koelewyns had the most entries. But now the Zonnevelds have 10, one more than the Koelewyns!

That the executive order signed by President Trump on the National Day of Prayer focused on protecting religious freedom and giving faith-based groups equal access to federal funding? The order created a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative. Included in the responsibilities of this office will be to inform the attorney general of any concerns raised by faith-based groups about failures of the executive branch to protect religious liberty.

That the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary?

That faith is living above “see-level”?

TEEN TALK: BRING THE NOISE

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.
Psalm 100:1

My dear Child:

People get loud and extreme for rock stars, movie stars, and famous athletes, but they think it’s disrespectful to cheer for Me. Do you think the only way to worship Me is with your faces in a hymnal, bowing your head, or kneeling? Someone has deceived you.

I want you to get loud for Me. My Word says it’s okay. I made you to be the way you are, and I made you part of your generation. True, I make times for kneeling, but I also make times for celebrating.

So I’ve done something good for you. If there’s anything about Me that you like, then shout thanks for Me. If you play music, then write songs for Me, and turn up the volume when you play them. You have my permission to get loud. Crank it up!

The One who Made Thunder,
God
Hanford CRC
Ministering Elders Meeting
Minutes of May 8, 2018

1. Opening Devotions: Pastor Lambert read scripture and opened with prayer.

2. Roll: Justin Carruthers, Darrell Kootstra, Case Kamper, Marv Reenders & Lambert Sikkema

3. Minutes of previous meeting are reviewed and accepted.

4. Correspondence: none for this meeting

5. The elders are informed that both vacancies on the Pastoral Care Team have been filled. There are no longer any vacancies on this roster.

6. The elders discuss the schedule for our seminary intern (here for ten weeks). David Bouma will arrive for his summer assignment on May 28th. Our Lead Pastor has crafted a robust agenda for training this individual for entry into gospel ministry.

7. The elders take up a discussion regarding the membership status of various members of the congregation.

8. Executive Session: The elders did not discuss discipline cases at this session.

9. The elders are informed that we have a sufficient number of nominees for the ministering elder ballot. No further solicitations will be made.

10. The elders take note that with regard to our corporate worship experience of late things appear to be going well. They express gratitude for this development and desire to see this trend gain momentum. It is the consensus of the elders that this is an answer to our prayers.

11. The elders conclude the evening’s agenda by entering into an extended session of prayer for the congregation and the community.

12. Motion to adjourn to meet at the Reenders residence on July 10, 2018 - Approved

13. Darrell closed the meeting in prayer.

Belief in, and dependence on, God is absolutely essential.

Ronald Reagan
Kings Gospel Mission Updates

“Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.” – Philemon 7

Thank you to the many church members who support the Kings Gospel Mission through prayers, gifts and time. Through your partnership, lives are transformed.

The Gospel Mission has grown tremendously since its start in 2015. Thanks to your support:

- We opened the first homeless shelter for men who can come as they are and will be deeply cared for.
- We built multiple sustainable business lines to help fund the future while providing practical training opportunities and jobs. These include a recycling center, a thrift store and room and board facilities.
- We have graduated six men from our New Song Academy into strong futures with a focus on Christ.

To lead and support this growth, the mission’s board and its president, Dave Clevenger, have begun a local and national search for a permanent, full-time president and CEO. Dave has been serving as part-time president and CEO and will continue to serve in an unpaid board support position after a new leader is selected. If you’d like to learn more about the position, please send an email to info@kingsgospelmission.org.

In other updates, Bruce Pickering has rejoined the board and Christine Pickering has resigned. Bruce, one of the founding board members, resigned in 2016 because of his work out of town and is excited to be back serving with the ministry.

Below are current needs at the mission. For more information, please send an email to info@kingsgospelmission.org, call 559-583-2033 or talk to Bruce or Board Chairman Dennis Rietema.

Volunteers (6): Clothing experts, welder instructor, mechanic (no tools necessary), materials handlers (for recycling and thrift prep), frozen meal prep and an event planner.

Food service kitchen – $2,500 raised (Goal: $10,000)

Newer and safer van – 12 passengers - (Goal: $10,000)
Hi everyone! My name is David Bouma, and I hail from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I will be entering my third and final year of seminary next fall. Pastor Justin and Pastor Lambert were gracious and asked if they could bring an intern out to learn what all ministry entails, so here I am!

I grew up in a military family, my father was an officer in the United States Navy, while my mother worked as a psychiatric nurse, helping those who struggle with depression and other ailments. We’ve lived in all sorts of places, including Guam, South Carolina, Japan, Virginia, and Chicago. For the past seven years or so, I’ve lived in Grand Rapids. I completed my undergraduate degree in Biology at Calvin College and then heeded God’s call to come to seminary.

I have an older brother, Christopher, who attends seminary with me, and he and his wife Elisabeth live about 10 minutes away from me in Grand Rapids. They have a wonderful daughter, my niece Emily, who is about two and a half years old now. My younger sister Katherine just graduated from Michigan State and is pursuing her masters in Psychology at Elmhurst College in the fall. My hobbies include reading, basketball, and hiking.

It has been wonderful to get to know some of you, and I look forward to meeting even more of you as the summer continues!

SENIOR SCENE: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Let’s sing today!

Though it may seem only you and I are here, the heavenly angels shall join us and we shall have a choir! Open your mouth and let the praises roll out - the thanksgiving! Lift up adoring hands to Me and you shall hear the bells of joy ringing out!

It’s good to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands; Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious

Sing praises to the Lord, Who dwells in Zion!
Declare His deeds among the people.
Psalm 9:11
1. When Job was tested how many sons and daughters did he have?
   A. four sons and three daughters  
   B. five sons and six daughters  
   C. seven sons and three daughters  
   D. six sons and four daughters  

2. Job was so concerned about sin, that he made sacrifices to the Lord on behalf of his sons, in case they had unintentionally sinned.
   A. True  
   B. False  

3. Why did Satan say that Job had been faithful to God because: (pick two)
   A. he was terrified of God  
   B. the Lord had blessed him  
   C. Satan had told him to  
   D. he had never been tested  

4. The sheep and all but one of the servants sending them were destroyed by:
   A. a pack of wolves  
   B. fire falling from heaven  
   C. Chaldeans  
   D. a flood  

5. Job’s children were killed by:
   A. Assyrians  
   B. fire  
   C. wind  
   D. hail  

6. Job shaved his head when he found out about his losses:
   A. False  
   B. True  

7. Job said, “________________ came I out of my mother’s womb, and __________ I shall return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”
   A. wrinkly  
   B. naked  
   C. crying  
   D. squirming  

8. When Satan placed boils on him, Job scratched them with:
   A. broken pottery  
   B. his fingernails  
   C. the dull edge of a knife  
   D. the tip of a stick  

9. How many friends arrived to comfort Job?
   A. two  
   B. three  
   C. four  
   D. five  

10. Job’s friends didn’t speak to him for seven days and seven nights.
    A. true  
    B. false  

    If the answers you do not know, just look right here, down below.  
    You can find all the answers in Job 1 and 2.
If there are any needs in the congregation for the Deacons, please feel free to give one of them a call and they will be willing to address them. Thank you.

Your Diaconate

Answer to Kid Korner Questions

8. A  9. B  10. A

This-N-That

Joy is the theme of both the “Teenage Talk” and the poem “Return to Him”. As Christians, we are so blessed to be able to have joy in our hearts, no matter what! Why can Christians rejoice? Because we are so sure of life’s circumstances? No indeed, but because we are so sure of our God. The poem “These Joys Are Mine” reminds us of some of those joys.

As we celebrated Memorial Day a few weeks ago and will soon celebrate the 4th of July, our thoughts turn toward our country. Our money is still inscribed “In God We Trust”, our legislatures open with prayer, and many people still sing our national anthem which acknowledge the importance of God to our country, but we all know that our country has strayed far from its’ Christian foundation. Note the quotes of some early citizens and some presidents, as well as the poem on this page that urges America to return to God.

We had an amazing Vacation Bible School: 140 children and over 70 volunteers. Thank you to the many volunteers who devoted so much time to this successful VBS. Special thanks to co-chairs Julie Carruthers and Sarah Zonneveld. Our church is richly blessed with so many dedicated young Christian women! Kudos to the “seniors” who worked so diligently; this wasn’t an easy week for them!

We hope and pray that each of you will have a great summer, in spite of the 100’s, We are so blessed with air conditioned homes and cars. Seniors well remember when it wasn’t that way!

Anita and Nancy