



First Covenant Church

201 N. 90th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68114 (402) 391-2747

JANUARY 29, 2012

8:30 A.M. Service

Today's Message
"Reality Check"
Joshua 7
Pastor Wes Gibson

PRELUDE

*Praise and Thanksgiving
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Matthew Weston
Matthew Weston

PRAISE MUSIC

*Hosanna
Come Ye Sinners
Made to Worship
I Will Lift My Eyes
Forever*

OFFERTORY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Matthew Weston

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Matthew Weston

11:00 A.M. Service

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Minor

John Stanley

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach us your way, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth;
People: Give us undivided hearts to honor your name.
Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart, and we glorify your name forever.
People: For you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*HYMN NO. 62

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Debt and Debtors)

ANTHEM

Total Praise

by Richard Smallwood

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 7:1-13 (page 339)
1 John 1:5-9 (page 1898)

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence *"...do good, be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up treasure for yourselves..."*
1 Timothy 6:18-19

Offertory

O Breath of Life

John Carter

*Offertory Response

(Hymn No. 634, v.1)

*Great Source of all our life, we come with thanks and praise
for countless gifts of love with which you bless our days.
With joyful hearts we come to you, renewing now our gifts of love*

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN NO. 401

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

SERMON

"Reality Check"
Joshua 7

Pastor Wes Gibson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive prayer #908 from hymnal)

Leader: We confess to you, Lord, what we are:

People: We are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls.

Leader: But we do not want to hide our true selves from you. We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;

People: teach us to respect ourselves for your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding and power.

Leader: We confess to you, Lord, the unrest of the world,

People: to which we contribute and in which we share.

Leader: Forgive us that so many of us are indifferent to the needs of others. Forgive our reliance on weapons of terror,

People: our discrimination against people of different races, and our preoccupation with material standards.

Leader: And forgive us Christians for being so unsure of our good news,

People: and so unready to tell it.

Leader: Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt

People: into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.

Leader: And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept,

People: we ask you to break their bondage and set them free.

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 324**

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley

*Congregation standing

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Recovery Road - by Andy Stanley; discussion led by Kyle Lennard in the Cave end of the Fellowship Hall

Staying Grounded in a Shifting World; discussion led by Beth Hemphill January 29 and February 5 in the Church Lounge

Young Adult Sunday School - Louis Giglio's *Passion* Series; led by Cathy Hanson in Room 202

Starting in February: *Staying in Love* by Andy Stanley (for marrieds), Fellowship Hall 3
New Rules for Love, Sex and Dating (for singles), Fellowship Hall 2
Network begins February 12 in the Lounge.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study; led by Lorraine Anderson, 1:00 p.m. weekly in the Church Lounge

Di-Still-Ation Class; led by Becky Grabner (\$5 per class or \$25 for 6 weeks)
6:30 p.m. - Yoga movement class followed by relaxation, scripture and prayer in the Range

Romans; led by Dr. James Eckman, 6:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge beginning February 1

Women's Small Group; led by Diane Gibson, 6:30 p.m. in Room 100

Other Weekday Opportunities

Precepts - James - Led by Greg Dollen, 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the Church Lounge

James - Mercy Triumphs - by Beth Moore; led by Brenda George
9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 205

THROUGH THE WEEK

January 29 - February 5

TODAY

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & D/C
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
5:00 p.m. Supper and Annual Meeting (FH)
7:00 p.m. AA

MONDAY

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi (FH)
6:30 p.m. Precepts (Lounge)
6:30 p.m. BSF (All locations)

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi (FH)
9:30 a.m. Beth Moore Bible Study (205)
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Hi League (Cave, FH)
8:00 p.m. AA (100)

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (205)
12:30 p.m. AA (201)
1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Lounge)
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi (205)
5:45 p.m. NOW Meal (FH)
6:20 p.m. X-Roads (Cave)
6:30 p.m. Kid's Club, Adult Classes
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Chapel)
7:45 p.m. Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi (FH)
9:30 a.m. Missionary Knitters (Lounge)

FRIDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Muster (Kitchen)

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m. BSF Leaders' Meeting (Range)
30's and 40's Event (offsite)

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & D/C
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
11:00 a.m. X-Roads Water Education Project
7:00 p.m. AA

SUNDAY NOTES

(Items received after noon on Thursday may not appear until next week's bulletin.)

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. we will be having the first of a two-part **Annual Meeting**. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall with the meeting to follow.

OPPD will be doing **work on our church property** and the driveways off of 90th Street will be torn up (one at a time) for a few days. On Sundays however, both drives will be open.

Tai Chi classes begin this week. Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Next Sunday there will be a retiring offering taken after both services for the **benevolence fund**.

2012 Annual Reports are available at the Welcome Center. One copy per family please.

Do you need a night out, but have no one to watch your children? We are here to help! From 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, the First Covenant Church X-Roads students and their parents are offering child care for children, ages 2 to 12 years old, so that you may enjoy a night out. The children will enjoy a pizza dinner, movie, crafts, and age-appropriate games and activities in a safe, adult-supervised environment at First Covenant Church for just \$10 per child. This event is a fundraiser for the X-Roads June mission trip to Washington, D.C. Space is limited, so register by February 8. Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

There will be a wedding shower for **Lena Van Putten** on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Linda Stanek, Kris Swanson, Pam Williams or Janet or Kelsey Denman.

Covenant Christian Fellowship (CCF) will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lasagna dinner (salad, breadsticks & dessert) and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Mr. Timothy White, professional photographer and musician, will present, "From Maine to the Plains" at 7:00 p.m. Please make reservations (\$6.00) at the Welcome Center today or Sunday, February 5 or 12. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

30's & 40's Group: Mark your calendars! Movie and dessert on February 4. We will be going to *Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close* at the Aksarben Movie Theater. Time of movie will be determined that week. R.S.V.P. to Dorine Nordstrom (402-968-6912), Kari Bulgrin (402-676-3078) or Michelle Royal (402-650-8419).

X-Roads will be hosting an **online auction** to raise funds for their mission trip to Washington D.C. this summer. Do you have a service (lawn-mowing, cake baking, closet organizing, music lesson, etc.) OR an item (designer bag, tickets to a show or sporting event, gift card, artwork, electronic device, etc.) that you could donate? Instructions for listing your item will be coming out soon! Contact Rachel Howell or Kay Horwath with questions.

Welcome to First Covenant Church. We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday.

About Us

The Evangelical Covenant Church is a multi-ethnic denomination of more than 700 churches in the United States and Canada. It was founded by Swedish immigrants in 1885 as a voluntary covenant of churches committed to working together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Covenant churches emphasize the Bible's witness to new life in Jesus Christ expressed in a day-to-day walk with the Lord.

Mission Statement

To prepare people for Christian Discipleship as we minister to individuals, families, the community and the world. We will accomplish the Mission Statement as we commit ourselves to Christ, Each Other and the World.

Sunday Child Care

Care is available for infants through 5 years old. The Nursery (6 weeks - 24 months) is on the lower level at the north end of the hallway. The Extended Care room (ages 2-5) is on the east side of the lower level in Room 103.

Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday School is available September to May for all children, age 2 through grade 12 at 9:45 a.m. Please stop at the Welcome Center if you need assistance in locating a class. Adult classes are held in various locations. See the bulletin for more information on current offerings.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.

CDs and DVDs of all worship services are available. To order, please fill out a request card at the Welcome Center. You may also call the church office to request a copy.

Holy Communion

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at both services.

Children's Bags

These are available on a stand in the back of the sanctuary and are filled with a children's bulletin and other items. Please return the bags to the basket near the rear doors after the service.

Restrooms

Located on both floors near the main staircase. Signs will direct you to the nearest location.

Welcome Center

Available to current members as well as visitors and includes sign-ups for current ministry opportunities sponsored by First Covenant Church. It is located in the area just north of the sanctuary. If you are a visitor with us today, please stop by for a welcome bag and direct any questions you have to the individual at the Center.

Coffee

Coffee is served in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) following the 8:30 a.m. service and in the Church Lounge (west side of the hallway on the upper floor) following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Prayer

Volunteers are available following each service in the choir loft to assist anyone with prayer needs.

Church Office and Building Hours

The office is located on the upper floor on the west side of the hallway. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you come to the church and the door is locked, simply press the intercom buzzer on the north side of the doors and someone will let you in.

Pastors

If you are in need of pastoral ministry or a visit, please call the church office to set an appointment or ask to have a pastor call you.

Congregational Care

First Covenant employs a part-time Coordinator of Congregational Care who can assist with various physical and spiritual needs of the congregation.

Youth Programs

Hi League (<http://hileague.com>) is our High School ministry (grades 9-12) and meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

X-Roads (<http://xroadsfcc.com>) is our Junior High ministry (grades 7-8) and meets on Wednesdays from 6:20-7:30 p.m.

Looking for a Church Home?

If you would like to know more about joining First Covenant, please contact the church office.

Church Contact Information

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