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**“As the lily among the thorns, so is my love among the daughters.”**

Song of Solomon 2:2



***“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.” Romans 10:4***

BEHOLD, what an open door does this subject set before the humble, convinced sinner. It encircles the whole future of his being with the covenant bow of hope. Beneath its gorgeous and expanding arch he is safe. The law, now honored as it never was before, invested with a luster in view of which its former glory pales, and at the brightness of which angels veil their faces, the utmost glory brought to the Divine government, do you think, penitent reader, that the Lord will reject the application of a single sinner who humbly asks to be saved? What! after the Son of God had stooped so low to save the lowest, had suffered so much to save the vilest, will the Father refuse to enfold to His reconciled heart the penitent who flees to its blessed asylum? Never! Approach, then, bowed and broken, weary and burdened spirit. There is hope for you in Jesus, there is forgiveness for you in Jesus, there is acceptance for you in Jesus, there is rest for you in Jesus, there is a heaven of bliss and glory awaiting you—all in Jesus, the law’s great fulfiller. Oh, how welcome will the heart of Christ make you! How full and free will be the pardon of God extended to you! How deep and rich the peace, and joy, and hope, which, like a river, will roll its gladdening waves into your soul the moment that you receive Christ into your heart! “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved.” “He that believes shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.”

Saints of God, keep the eye of your faith intently and immovably fixed upon Christ, your sole pattern. Our Lord did not keep that law that His people might be lawless. He did not honor that law that they might dishonor its precepts. His obedience provided no license for our disobedience. His fulfillment releases us not from the obligation—the sweet and pleasant, yet solemn obligation—to holiness of life. Our faith does not make void the law, but rather establishes the law. The “righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us” when we “walk after the Spirit,” in lowly conformity to Christ’s example. Was He meek and lowly in heart? Did He bless when cursed? Did He, when reviled, revile not again? Did He walk in secret with God? Did He always seek to do those things which pleased His Father? Did He live a life of faith, and prayer, and toil? So let us imitate Him, that of us it may be said, “These are they who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes.” What richer comfort can flow into the hearts of the godly than that which springs from this truth? “The righteousness of the law fulfilled in us.” What wondrous, blessed words! You are often in fear that the righteousness of the law will rise against you; and when you consider your many failures and short-comings, you justly tremble. But fear not; for in Christ the law is perfectly fulfilled, and fulfilled in your stead, as much as if you had obeyed in your own person. Is not this a sure ground of comfort? You see the imperfection of your own obedience, and you are alarmed; but have you not an eye also for the perfection of Christ’s obedience, which He has made yours by imputation? “There is therefore now no condemnation to them who

are in Christ Jesus,” because He has fulfilled the law’s righteousness in their behalf. You are cast down because of the law of sin, but the Spirit of life has freed you from the law. You are troubled because of the law of God, but that law, by Christ’s perfect obedience, is fulfilled in you. You desire a righteousness that will present you without spot before God; you have it in Him who is the “Lord our righteousness.” Christian! Christ’s whole obedience is yours. What can sin, or Satan, or conscience, or the law itself allege against you now? Be humble, and mourn over the many flaws and failures in your obedience; yet withal rejoice, and glory, and make your boast in the fullness, perfection, and unchangeableness of that righteousness on the Incarnate God which will place you without fault before the throne.

Sinner! if the righteousness of the law is not fulfilled in you now, that righteousness will be exhibited in your just condemnation to all eternity! Flee to Christ Jesus, “the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.”

***Taken from Morning Thoughts by Octavius Winslow December 20***

From the Consistory:

Dear Congregation,

This bulletin will be the last one of this year. Our time is running fast. Therefore, the apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5: 15-17: “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is”. What a blessed life it is to walk daily with Christ in our hearts in all our labors. But how empty and meaningless is our life without Christ. It is a life without true peace and rest.

Therefore, we are thankful that we again could start with the several activities in the congregation. The ladies aid, the Youth group, the seniors meeting, the Sunday school classes and the catechism classes. In all these occasions, the Word of God will be opened. And in our Bibles, we can find the Christ of Scripture. The only comfort in life and death.

I am glad to see almost all of our youth during the catechism classes on Sunday or Tuesday. If you are not able to come, please let me know.

During the last consistory meeting we evaluated the topic evenings like we have had them last year. We decided to change a bit the concept. We continue the reading of J.C. Ryle's *Old Path*. Instead of starting directly with the discussion groups, I will first give an introduction to the portion we are going to talk about that evening. After my introduction we will have a coffee break, so that there is also time for socializing. During this break you are also able to ask your questions about the topic on paper. After the break we will have a plenary discussion. The meetings will be held in the basement. And as with other weekly group activities in church, we do not expect head coverings.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> Jacob Arie Penning and Roelofje Koekoek were united in marriage during a Dutch service. The text of the wedding was from John 1:29b: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." We congratulate Jaap and Rolies with both their families. We wish this young couple God's blessings for the unknown future.

On September 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Johannes Van Eyl passed away. Joe was 78 years old. We offer our condolences to the entire family and in particular to Mrs. Van Eyl and her children Gretchen and Gert-Jan Oomen and Trisha and Henry Vandekrol with their children. The funeral was on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Springford Cemetery. The funeral was held in our church with Rev. K. Veldman officiating. At the graveside the funeral was led by Rev. L.J. Bilkes. May the Lord remember Truus as a widow with her children and grandchildren and comfort out of the only comfort in live and death Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

We congratulate Dave and Bethany Butyn since they were blessed with the birth of a baby boy Ezra David on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Lord has saved the live of Beth as well as of Ezra during the cesarean section. May the Lord give them wisdom to raise this little boy with his brothers Liam, Jesse and Silas in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Mrs. H. De Haan has been in the hospital for several weeks. We are thankful that she was able to leave the hospital and to stay with her daughter until she is able to go back home. The past weeks Mrs. De Haan has to experience how frail we are. Many times, she and her family lived in great concerns. But the Lord has in His grace and mercy made it well till thus far. May He remember her also in the coming time. The Holy Spirit teaches us in Romans 2:4: "*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*"

Also Mr. M. de Bie went to the hospital for a surgery on a hernia. The same day he was allowed to go home. Although the pain is sometimes still there, was he able together with his wife to attend the church services.

Mrs. De Bie turned 82 on October 27. We forgot to mention it in the last bulletin. May the Lord also remember them in the aging of their years in all their needs.

Mr. Arie Binnendijk also was in hospital after he was fallen. But after some research they couldn't find any problem. So, he was able to go back to his place in Woodstock. We also recommend him in the prayers of the congregation, when Arie's thoughts are increasing confused.

We remember Mr. Inge Gelderblom who lives in Trillium in Norwich. He also has been in the hospital for an investigation and was also able to return home. May the Lord remember him in his difficult and lonely circumstances. But in particular fulfilling: "*The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills*" (Song of Solomon 2:8).

On September 24<sup>th</sup> Rosalie Anne Van De Bruinhorst was baptized. The baptismal sermon was from Mark 10:14: "But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." May our covenant keeping God fulfill His covenant promises signed and sealed in this sacrament in the live of Rosalie and of her brothers Jacco and Hendrik.

Roseanne Zekveld came back from Malawi after several years of teaching the Oomen's children. This special experience will definitely have enriched her life. We are thankful to have her back in our midst. May the Lord bless her.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> Arie and Geertje Schep hope to have their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the next bulletin I hope to write more about it.

Last year we had two Youth topic evenings. The next one is planned for Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will start at 6 pm with a meal and after that we will have the topic. The topic will be announced later. All youth of 16 and up are very welcome. Take your friends along!

May all the work in our midst, in particular the preaching of God's Word be blessed and be fruitful by Christ through His Holy Spirit.

Rev. W.M. Mulder



## **Birthdays**

Mr. A. Binnendijk hopes to turn 80 on November 18 and Mr. I. Gelderblom hopes to turn 87 on November 22, 2023. That each may be blessed and be a blessing in the aging of their years.

## **Weak and Sick**

We would like to remember those that are shut-ins and those who may not be able to attend the regular worship services or who have ailments. We remember Mr. A. Binnendijk, Mrs. M. Everts, Mr. I. Gelderblom, Mr. G. Janssen, Mrs. S. Koenig, Mr. J. van Londersele and Mr. B. Van Woerden in their circumstances. That the Lord will be near each of them in their individual circumstances.

## **Letter from the Mission Board**

Dear members of Springford Reformed Congregation,

For several years the Mission Board was involved in a project around Christmas time with Prison Fellowship called Angel Tree. This organization connects prisoners to sponsors and allows the sponsors to deliver gifts, on behalf of the prisoner, to their child(ren). In the past we have included a nice religious book in the gift package which is delivered directly to the child(ren)s' home. For the last two years this program was challenging to operate due to Covid19 restrictions, but this year it is again possible, and we decided, as a Board, to be involved again. We are asking the members of the congregation if they would like to support us. You could support us by being involved in the purchasing of gifts, or the delivery of the gifts – the delivery of the gifts is also a wonderful opportunity to speak to the child(ren) and guardians of the greatest Gift they can receive. Please let any member of the Mission Board know if you would be interested in helping us out with this project. If you prefer you could also email Elder Zekveld.

Sincerely,

Springford Reformed Mission Board

## **Membership**

We welcome Wouter Jan Tanis, whose baptismal membership we received from the Gereformeerde Gemeente of Dirksland, the Netherlands. We pray that the Lord will bless you under the preaching of Word and Sacrament.

The following members requested a membership transfer: Pieter van Woerden to Hope HRC of Tillsonburg; Wilmer Melissant to the HHK of Sint-Maartensdijk, the Netherlands; Truus and the late Joe van Eyl to the Oxford County FRC; Gilbert Janssen to the Bornholm FRC; and Corina Vanden Bogerd to the Kalamazoo Reformed Church.

## **Ladies Aid**

We've already had 3 meetings of this new season. Every other Monday, we come together in the meeting room of our church at 7:30pm. We heartily welcome all ladies to attend. We are currently meditating on Expository Thoughts on JOHN, Volume 2, from J.C. Ryle. Extra copies should be available in the Book Nook.

Nov 13 – John 10:1-9

Nov 27 – G4G Presentation

Dec 11 – John 10:10-18

The first meeting of the new season is used to select new board members. Board members are elected for a 2-year term. Since there were not many members present at the first meeting, the selections were made on the second meeting. Sarah Driesse was elected for Treasurer and Marlies Van Dorland was elected for Secretary. Both ladies have excused their positions. We would like to warmly thank Klazina Klyn and Corina Van Den Bogerd for their dedicated service as Treasurer and Secretary! We appreciate all the labours you have done; it does not go unnoticed!

Last season, Anne Reyneveld set up a slide show presentation for us about her nursing labours in Africa. We really enjoyed seeing a glimpse of Anne's meaningful work that was done during her time there. This season, we have asked Goats for Girls to do a presentation for us on their mission work. This will take place on Monday, November 27 at 7:30 DV. All ladies are welcome to attend.

On December 23 DV, we hope to have our annual Bake Sale following the Christmas Program, put on by the Boys & Girls Club and Sunday School Classes. All baked goods donations are very much appreciated!

Please continue to collect your receipts from the Norwich Deli and Foodland, Norwich. You can hand over your receipts to Henry Verveer or leave them in his mailbox. Because of your efforts, we can continue to donate to the Stephanos Children's Home in Malawi. Last month \$60 could be donated.

Also, a friendly reminder that there are homemade cards available for purchase in the card rack at the front entrance of the church. The total proceeds are donated towards various missions. Thank you so much to all who purchase these cards. This time we are able to send \$402 to the Trinitarian Bible Society. We try to keep the rack full, but as always, if you can't find a specific card, don't hesitate to let us know.

Our first meeting in the new year will be January 15, 2024 DV.

## **Letter from the Mission Board**

As mentioned in the last male members meeting, the Mission Board has decided to start up the library again. A number of books that had been stored away for some times have been sorted through and put on the shelves above the sink in the meeting room. We have also made a list of the books available to help us keep track. There are about 150 books – many are nice children's stories from authors as Deborah Alcock and G. A. Henty. There are also a few expositories from Ryle and other religious books. We have decided to keep the library procedure very simple – if you wish to borrow a book simply do so and return when you are complete. This way the books available can be put to good use. Of course, we ask that you take care of the books and return them as soon as you have finished reading them. We hope you will enjoy reading the books available.

Sincerely, Springford Reformed Mission Board



# Financial Statement:

## August

31	Church	\$715
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## September

3	Church	\$1340
	Education Fund	\$1370

10	Church	\$1895
	Building Fund	\$1145

14	Church	\$710
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17	Church	\$2032
	Benevolent Fund	\$1185
	Lord's Supper (CLDA)	\$190

24	Church	\$1305
	Canadian Lord's Day Association	\$1375

28	Church	\$370
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## October

1	Church	\$1875
	Education Fund	\$1385

8	Church	\$3605
	Building Fund	\$1232

9	Church – Thanksgiving	\$43555
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15	Church	\$1740
	Benevolent Fund	\$1210

22	Church	\$2085
	Trinitarian Bible Society	\$3985

26	Church	\$482
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29	Church	\$1880
	Timotheos Mission	\$1745

Subtotal		\$78411
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<b>Church</b>	<b>\$63589</b>
<b>Education Fund</b>	<b>\$2755</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$2377</b>
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	<b>\$2395</b>
<b>Elderly Care Fund – Gift</b>	<b>\$10000</b>
<b>Open Doors Seniors Meeting</b>	<b>\$260</b>
<b>Canadian Lord’s Day Association</b>	<b>\$1565</b>
<b>TBS</b>	<b>\$3985</b>
<b>Timotheos</b>	<b>\$1745</b>
<b>E-transfers Sept./Aug.</b>	<b>\$6000</b>

**Total** **\$94671**



**Collections to be Held**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>November</b>		
5	<b>Church</b>	<b>Education Fund</b>
12	<b>Church</b>	<b>Buiding Fund</b>
19	<b>Church</b>	<b>Benevolent Fund</b>
26	<b>Church</b>	<b>Open Doors</b>
<b>December</b>		
3	<b>Church</b>	<b>Education Fund</b>
10	<b>Church</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
17	<b>Church</b>	<b>Benevolent Fund</b>
24	<b>Church</b>	<b>Bonisa Mission</b>
25	<b>Church</b>	<b>Children’s Books</b>
31	<b>Church</b>	<b>Elderly Care Fund</b>
<b>January</b>		
7	<b>Church</b>	<b>Education Fund</b>

**All mid-week service collections are for Church**



## Dates to Remember:

### November

1	10:30a.m.	Seniors Meeting ( <i>Pastor Mulder</i> )
2	7:30p.m.	Male Members Meeting
3	7:30p.m.	Boys & Girls Club
5	after p.m. service	Youth Sing-a-long in Parsonage
13	7:30p.m.	Ladies Aid
16	7:30p.m.	Topic Evening in Basement
20	7:30p.m.	Consistory Meeting—visitors welcome after 8:30p.m.
27	7:30p.m.	Ladies Aid (G4G Presentation)

### December

2	6:00p.m.	Youth Topic
3	after p.m. service	Youth Sing-a-long in Parsonage
6	10:30a.m.	Seniors Meeting ( <i>Pastor Mulder</i> )
7	after service	Censura Morem
9	7:00p.m.	Prayer Meeting in Basement
11	7:30p.m.	Ladies Aid
18	7:30p.m.	Consistory Meeting—visitors welcome after 8:30p.m.
23	2:00p.m.	Boys & Girls Club Christmas Program

### January

7	after p.m. service	Youth Sing-a-long in Parsonage
15	7:30p.m.	Ladies Aid



# Worship Services

## November

5	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
9	7:30 p.m.	(English Service)	Pastor W.M. Mulder
12	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
19	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
23	7:30 p.m.	(Dutch Service)	Pastor W.M. Mulder
26	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder

## December

3	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	(Preparation Service)	Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
10	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	(Lord's Supper) (Reflection Service)	Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
17	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
24	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
25	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	(Christmas Services)	Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder
31	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		Pastor W.M. Mulder Pastor W.M. Mulder

## January

1	9:30 a.m.	(New Year's Service)	Pastor W.M. Mulder
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During the past summer break, I was asked by the board of Building Stones Ministry, a small mission organization here in Oxford County, to speak at two conferences in Malawi. The main mission of Building Stones Ministry is to train missionaries, churches, organizations, and church leaders in Christian Leadership. There are a lot of problems in mission work because of unbiblical leadership. It is Mr. Berny Pennings from Norwich in particular who is performing this mission by speaking at conferences all over the world. The conferences in Malawi were organized in company with a local organization in Lilongwe, called Logos Ministries. Logos asked me to speak specifically about the topic of "Transgenderism". I will give you a brief report of our stay in Malawi and the work I was able to do.

After I brought our daughter Stéfanie to the Netherlands, I travelled from Amsterdam to Johannesburg. I arrived there in the evening. Because my connecting flight to Lilongwe would depart the next morning, I stayed that night at the place of Terry and Deanne Zekveld in Tshwane, a village close to Johannesburg. Terry is a brother of David Zekveld and Anne Reyneveld. It was nice to meet them and to have a good bed to sleep in. The next morning, I flew via Blantyre to Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. During that flight, I had a nice conversation with a Muslim lady beside me. After I had prayed for my food, she apologized that she forgot to pray. It was the starting point to speak with her about a personal relationship with God as Father in Jesus Christ. Also, to explain to her that God's mercy is not in contradiction with His justice, because of the work of Jesus Christ.

After a stay in Lilongwe, together with Berny Pennings and Manuel Kamnkhani (director of Logos Ministry Malawi) I traveled to Mzuzu, the biggest city in Northern Malawi the next day. A trip by car which took about 6 hours. We passed large round rocks I had never seen before. Everywhere we saw long line ups of cars in front of gas stations. Because of a lack of fuel, people had to wait more than a day to get gas.

The next day we had our first conference in Mzuzu. During this conference about 70 people showed up. There were pastors but also layman present. Our contributions were translated from English into the local language Chichewa. I opened the conference with the first part of a Bible study from Philippians 2:1-11 about leadership and humility. During those two days Berny Pennings spoke about The Common Path and the Kingdom Path in Christian leadership. How easily we as churches and mission organizations adopt the way of (business-) thinking of the secular world instead of the biblical principles of leadership. I spoke about the topic of transgenderism. I informed them about the actual situation in the Western World, gave them an overview of historical events that have led to the acceptance of the sinful ideas of this movement. In particular, I asked their attention for the so called 'New Hermeneutics' by which lots of Christian churches accept homosexual and transgender practices. The last part of my lecture was about the pastoral approach we need to have in those circumstances. After my lecture I had several talks with pastors who told me that this message came at the right time for them. The whole transgender discussion is already part of the African churches as well of those in the West. In particular because Western Aid organizations are pushing their whole LGBTQ+ agenda on these vulnerable countries when they ask for humanitarian help. I closed the conference with the second part of the Bible study about Philippians 2.

During this conference I was asked to speak on Saturday morning about the topic of transgender before a local radio station. That Friday night I did put everything together in one speech. But because of some miscommunication we were not able to address this topic that morning. After that we traveled back to Lilongwe and on the way we bought vegetables at several places for Manuel's family. On the Lord's Day I had to preach in a CCAP church in Lilongwe. The English service started at 6 am. Because of being part of the mission board of the HHK, I know better the RPC churches of Malawi, which when it comes to the performance of the worship service are more like the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. This church was quite different with choirs and drums in church. But I was able to preach the Word of God about the breastplate of righteousness. We also met pastor A.T. Vergunst from New Zealand, who was there because of the Goat for Girls program.

On Monday we visited the office from Logos Ministry in Lilongwe and were present during the week opening. Traveling to our next conference place Dedza, we visited first one of the oldest mission posts of the CCAP in Nkhoma including a church, a hospital, and a book press. This post was established in 1889 by South African Dutch Reformed missionaries in a landscape with beautiful mountains. After we arrived in the second half of the afternoon, we had an opening session of the conference. Ten minutes before the conference started, I was asked to do the opening meditation (which I hadn't prepared, because another local pastor was supposed to do it). In these unexpected moments I often experience the truth of the promise of Christ that He would give the words in my mouth. I meditated about Ephesians 6 verse 10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might".

The next two days were a repetition of the first conference. Two times I spoke about Philippians 2 and two times about the topic of Transgenderism. The attenders of this conference were all CCAP pastors, who were able to understand and speak English. So, I could speak without an interpreter, which saved time. The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) is one of the major protestant churches of Malawi. During the meals and coffee breaks I had nice conversations with these pastors.

Early on Thursday morning I flew back to Johannesburg in South Africa. There, I had an appointment with Dr. Brian DeVries, the principal of Mukhanyo Theological College in Pretoria. For our mission work in Southern Malawi, the Bible school in Zomba is using the materials of this college in training pastors. Dr. DeVries is a pastor from the HRC and also a professor at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids. Already for years, as missionaries, they are serving this college in South Africa. After a supper with his family, I was brought back to Johannesburg. From there I flew to Amsterdam with a connecting flight to Canada.

It was a very intensive trip with lots of traveling. But also a blessed trip. To teach others also means to teach yourself. I am thankful that the Lord still gives me a task in his Worldwide Kingdom to serve Him. It is such a blessing to meet Christians from around the world who by the work of the same Holy Spirit only can rely on Christ Jesus for their justification and sanctification. Please pray for the mission work, also from our Church. *'And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled'* (Luke 14:23).



Hello Kids!

Last month there were some very colourful pictures in the box. Very creative!

This month's puzzle is the start a series of puzzles where we work through the Bible, starting in the Old Testament. We'll start in Genesis with Creation. You can read Genesis 1 to help you complete this puzzle.

If you complete 6 puzzles in a row you will be able to pick out a book at the Book Nook of \$10 or less! \* **Please remember to write your first & last name clearly on the puzzle before you hand it in.** There have been several puzzles submitted without a name, so unfortunately they can't be counted.\* Please leave completed puzzles in the blue puzzle box in the Book Nook.

This month **Phylicia Klyn** and **Mare-Leah Koekoek** have completed 6 puzzles. Congratulations! You may pick out a book from the Book Nook.

Annette de Bie – 8	Justin Klyn – 56	Jesse VandeKrol – 4
Esmée de Bie - 1	<b>Phylicia Klyn – 18</b>	Logan VandeKrol – 3
Nick de Bie - 1	Rebekah Klyn – 9	Shane VandeKrol – 2
Steffan de Bie – 7	Stephen Klyn – 9	Jonas Van Dorland – 1
Winston de Bie – 7	Eduan Koekoek - 3	Arien van Ginkel – 2
Dirk-Jan de Boer – 13	Eliane Koekoek - 5	Sophia van Ginkel – 4
Benjamin Dzinja – 10	<b>Mare-Leah Koekoek - 6</b>	Tamara Visscher – 11
Christopher Dzinja – 8	Alayna Kroesbergen – 32	Isaac Zekveld –21
Joshua Dzinja – 33	Maeghan Kroesbergen – 19	James Zekveld – 35
Nolia Dzinja – 23	Abigail Schep – 37	Nettie Zekveld – 10
Annika Dzinja – 2	Angelina Schep – 17	
Jordan Hoeve –14	Jezra Schep – 6	
Rhoda Hoeve – 11	Kaleb VandeKrol – 22	



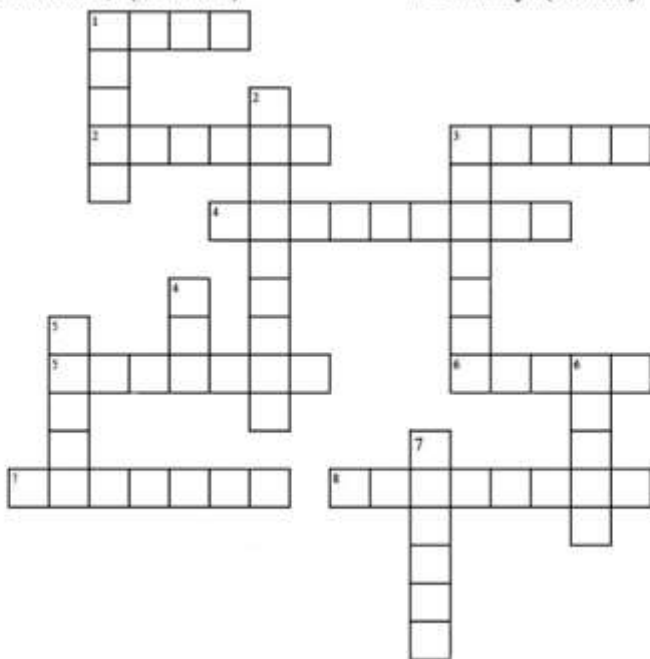
## Creation

Across:

1. "And God called the dry \_\_\_\_\_ Earth;" (Gen. 1:10)
2. "And God called the firmament \_\_\_\_\_." (Gen. 1:8)
3. "And the \_\_\_\_\_ was without form, and void;" (Gen. 1:2)
4. "And God said, Let there be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the waters," (Gen. 1:6)
5. "And the evening and the \_\_\_\_\_ were the first day." (Gen. 1:5)
6. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth \_\_\_\_\_," (Gen. 1:11)
7. "And God blessed the \_\_\_\_\_ day, and sanctified it;" (Gen. 2:3)
8. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living \_\_\_\_\_ after his kind," (Gen. 1:24)

Down:

1. "And God said, Let there be \_\_\_\_\_;" (Gen. 1:3)
2. "In the \_\_\_\_\_ God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1)
3. "And the \_\_\_\_\_ and the morning were the second day." (Gen. 1:8)
4. "And God said, Let us make \_\_\_\_\_ in our image," (Gen. 1:26)
5. "So God made man in his own \_\_\_\_\_," (Gen. 1:27)
6. "He made the \_\_\_\_\_ also." (Gen. 1:16)
7. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he \_\_\_\_\_ on the seventh day" (Gen 2:2)





# Babysit Schedule

## November

5	Marlinde Moerkerken Joanne Kroesbergen Nettie Zekveld	Martina vandeBruinhorst Emma Mulder Mare-Leah Koekoek
12	Erika Overbeek Nolia Dzinja Phylicia Klyn	Erna de Bie Heidi Overbeek Annika Dzinja
19	Anne Reyneveld Esmée de Bie Tamara Visscher	Bethany Ryksen Sophia van Ginkel Maeghan Kroesbergen
26	Jacoba Kroesbergen Harlene Hoeve Annette de Bie	Klazina Klyn Petra-Lynn Kroesbergen Eliane Koekoek

## December

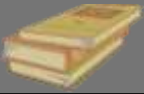
3	Willie de Boer Lydia Hoeve Angelina Schep	Martha Hoeve Alayna Kroesbergen Nettie Zekveld
10	Marlies van Dorland Nolia Dzinja Mare-Leah Koekoek	Linda Koekoek Emma Mulder Phylicia Klyn
17	Adriana de Wit Joanne Kroesbergen Annika Dzinja	Ingrid Zekveld Heidi Overbeek Tamara Visscher
24	Martina vandeBruinhorst Sophia van Ginkel Annette de Bie	Marlinde Moerkerken Esmée de Bie Maeghan Kroesbergen
25	Bethany Ryksen Alayna Kroesbergen Eliane Koekoek	Harlene Hoeve Petra-Lynn Kroesbergen
31	Erika Overbeek Lydia Hoeve Angelina Schep	Erna de Bie Emma Mulder Nettie Zekveld

## January

1	Klazina Klyn Joanne Kroesbergen Mare-Leah Koekoek	
7	Anne Reyneveld Heidi Overbeek Annika Dzinja	Jacoba Kroesbergen Nolia Dzinja Phylicia Klyn

**\*Please find a replacement if you are unable to take your turn!\***





### **"Christie's Old Organ" by O.F. Walton.**

#### CHAPTER XI.

#### ALONE IN THE WORLD.

Little Christie was the only mourner who followed old Treffy to the grave. It was a poor parish funeral. Treffy's body was put into a parish coffin, and carried to the grave in a parish hearse. But, oh! it did not matter, for Treffy was at home in "Home, sweet Home;" all his sorrows and troubles were over, his poverty was at an end, and in "the Father's house" he was being well cared for.

But the man who drove the hearse was not inclined to lose time upon the road, and Christie had to walk very quickly, and sometimes almost to run, to keep up with him; and on their way they passed another and a very different funeral. It was going very slowly indeed. There was a large hearse in front, and six funeral carriages filled with people followed. And as Christie passed close by them in the middle of the road he could see that the mourners within looked very sorrowful, and as if they had been crying very much. But in one carriage he saw something which he never forgot. With her head resting on her papa's shoulder, and her little white sorrowful face pressed close to the window, was his little friend Mabel. "So her mother is dead!" said Christie to himself, "and this is her funeral! Oh, dear! what a very sad world this is!" He was not sure whether Mabel had seen him, but the little girl's sorrow had sunk very deep into Christie's soul, and it was with a heavier heart than before that he hastened forward to overtake the hearse which was carrying his old master's body to the grave.

So the two funeral processions--that of the poor old man, and that of the fair young mother--passed on to the cemetery, and over both bodies were pronounced the words, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." But all this time their happy souls were in "Home, sweet Home," far, far away from the scene of sorrow. For a few days before, just at the same hour, two souls had left this world of woe, and had met together before the gates of pearl. And as they were both clean and white, both washed in the blood of the Lamb, the gates had been opened wide, and old Treffy and little Mabel's mother had entered the city together. And now they had both seen Jesus, the dear Lord whom they loved well, and in His presence they were even now enjoying fulness of joy.

Christie was obliged to give up the little attic after Treffy's death, for the landlady wished to let it for a higher rent. However, she gave the boy leave to sleep in the great lodging-room below, whilst she took possession of all old Treffy's small stock of furniture, in payment for the rent which he owed her. But the organ was Christie's property; his old master had given it to him most solemnly about a week before he died. He had called Christie to his side, and told him to bring the organ with him. Then he had committed it to Christie's care. "You'll take care of her, Christie," he had said, "and you'll never part with her, for my sake. And when you play 'Home, sweet Home,' Christie, boy, you must think of me and your mother, and how we've both got there."

It was hard work for Christie, the first day that he took out his organ after old Treffy's funeral; he did not so much mind playing "Rule Britannia," or the "Old Hundredth," or "Poor Mary Ann," but when he came for the first time to "Home, sweet Home," such a rush of feeling came over him that he stopped short in the middle and moved on without finishing it. The passers-by were surprised at the sudden pause in the tune, and still more so at the tears which were running down Christie's cheeks. They little thought that the last time he had played that tune had been in the room of death, and that whilst he was playing it his dearest friend on earth had passed away into the true "Home, sweet Home." But Christie knew, and the notes of the tune brought back the recollection of that midnight hour. And he could not make up his mind to go on playing till he had looked up into the blue sky and asked for help to rejoice in old Treffy's joy. And then the chorus came very sweetly to him, "Home, sweet home; there's no place like home; there's no place like home." "And old Treffy's there at last," said Christie to himself as he finished playing.

One day, about a week after Treffy's funeral, Christie went up the suburban road, in the hopes of seeing poor little Miss Mabel once more. He had never forgotten her sorrowful little face at the window of the funeral coach. And when we are in sorrow ourselves, it does us good to see and sympathize with those who are in sorrow also. Christie felt it would be a great comfort to him to see the little girl. He wanted to hear all about her mother, and when it was that she had gone to "Home, sweet Home." But when Christie reached the house he stood still in astonishment. The pretty garden was there just as usual, a bed of heartseases was blooming in the sunshine, and the stocks and forget-me-nots were in full flower. But the house looked very deserted and strange; the shutters of the lower rooms were up, and the bedrooms had no blinds in the windows and looked empty and forlorn. And in the nursery window, instead of little Mabel and Charlie's merry faces, there was a cross-looking old woman with her head bent down over her knitting.

*(To Be Continued...)*



*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh. — 1 Timothy 3:16*

*Why was Jesus Christ made flesh?*

**(1.) The prime cause was free grace.** It was love in God the Father, to send Christ; and love in Christ that he came to be incarnate. Love was the intrinsic motive. Christ is God-man, because he is a lover of man. Christ came to us, out of pity and love. Not our *deserts*—but our *misery*, made Christ take flesh. Christ's taking flesh was a plot of free grace, and a design of pure love. God himself, though Almighty, was overcome with love! Christ incarnate, is nothing but *'love' covered with flesh!* As Christ's assuming our human nature was a master-piece of wisdom, so it also was a monument of free grace!

**(2.) Christ took our flesh upon him, that he might take our sins upon him.** "He was," says Luther, "*maximus peccator*, the greatest sinner, having the weight of the sins of the whole world lying upon him." He took our flesh that he might take our sins, and so appease God's wrath for us.

**(3.) Christ took our flesh that he might make the human nature appear lovely to God, and the divine nature appear lovely to man.**

**(4.) Jesus Christ united himself to man, "that man might be drawn nearer to God."** God before was an enemy to us by reason of sin; but Christ having taken our flesh, mediates for us, and brings us into favor with God. As when a king is angry with a subject, the king's son marries his daughter, and so mediates for the subject, and brings him into favor with the king again; so, when God the Father was angry with us, Christ married himself to our nature, and now mediates for us with his Father, and brings us to be friends again, and God looks upon us with a favorable aspect. As Joab pleaded for Absalom, and brought him to King David, and David kissed him; so, Jesus Christ ingratiates us into the love and favor of God. Therefore, he may well be called a peacemaker, having taken our flesh upon him, and so made peace between us and his Father.

*Instruction:*

Consider **why** he came. That he might take our flesh and redeem us; that he might instate us into a kingdom. He was poor—that he might make us rich (2 Cor 8:8). He was born of a virgin—that we might be born of God. He took our flesh—that he might give us his Spirit. He lay in the manger—that we might lie in paradise. He came down from heaven—that he might bring us to heaven. And what was all this but love? If our hearts are not rocks, this love of Christ should affect us. Behold love which passes knowledge! "May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it!" (Ephesians 3:19)