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**FALL 2023**



# Looking Back on Decades of Service

As I contemplate retirement at FRC, many memories come to mind. First of all, I would like to thank all of you at our church for the encouraging words and well wishes. Also, I would like to thank the staff and leadership who have supported me through the years. It's been a journey of many remembrances. When I started forty-seven years ago, I really wondered why I took the job. But after the first year or two rolled by, we had our building project of the church we're in now, and it felt like a new start. I said from the start that this job was not just cleaning but being in relationship with people either from our church or those just visiting. I've had the privilege to witness many weddings, baptisms, special events, and funerals. It reminds me once again that the church is a family. We all have been blessed so much by others. Let's continue to do the work of the Lord and be His witnesses to our church, community, and the world.

God's Blessings to All,  
*Galen Kleinwolterink*



Galen Kleinwolterink Family



Galen & Becky Kleinwolterink,  
Aaron, Rachel & Nathan





# WELCOME *New Faces*



Jeremiah, Amanda, Jaxson, & Dominic Crisel



Rik & Amy Dahl



Al & Shirley Schouten



Matt, Alisha, Brooks, & Devi McCarty



John, Christian, Nathaniel, Alex, & Nicholas Sage



Autumn Pluim & Kessler Vorwald



Barb Maxwell



Gerald & Amy Van Rokel



Brian & Joanne Wise



Luke, Amber, Ryker, Sailor,  
& Baker Perry



Korey, Jen, Ellie, &  
Cambria Van Wyk

*Welcome*  
**LITTLE ONE**

Born:  
October 20, 2023

Parents:  
Kyle & Kelli  
Boersma

*Mallory Marie*





# Kingdom Network

## Great Plains Regional Launch

On August 26, we participated in the Great Plains Regional Launch at Maurice Reformed Church. Currently, we have four churches that make up this region: Alton Reformed Church, Maurice Reformed Church, Community Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, and our church. At this event, the four churches came together to worship, listen to encouragement from Kingdom Network's leader, Dave Izenbart, pray for each other, and participate in connecting conversations.



### Great Plains Launch Charge...

**Our Dream:** A Community of Reformed Churches connected through a Denomi-Network that is Lean, Nimble, Kingdom Focused, Relational, and Enjoyable!

**Our Mission:** Multiplying Disciples, Leaders, and Churches Together.

**Toward a Kingdom Vision:** To join Jesus in building a global movement of regional networks compelled by a Kingdom vision, rooted in scripture and a reformed heritage, passionate about reaching the lost, making disciples, empowering the next generation, reaching and reflecting our diverse communities, and exploding with Growth and Joy.



## Seen Seminar



Expert Psychologist Dr. Chinwe Williams visited us on October 18. Her talk was focused on helping us step into conversations about mental health with kids and teenagers. She gave us 5 connection tools - Show Up, See Them, Just Listen, Speak Life, and Develop Grit. Her talk gave us ways to help our kids feel Loved, Understood, Safe, Worthy, and Empowered.



### Looking for more mental health resources?

Join our parenting class beginning on Sunday, February 18 at 5:30 pm based on content from Dr. Williams' books. This class includes videos, a workbook, and discussion time.

Purchase Dr. Williams' book *Seen* at [theseenbook.com](https://theseenbook.com) or scan the QR code above.



# College Students

We love our college students! We kicked off the return of our students by feeding over 225 athletes at our Fall Athlete Feed. We also continue to serve 80 - 110 college students at "The Best Breakfast in Town" every Sunday morning.



## FUEL Young Adults Group

Our young adults meet monthly to encourage one another and have fun. In October they got together to paint and carve pumpkins at their "Kinda Corny" event.

### Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party on **December 17th** at 7pm in the Loft

TRIVIA NIGHT! with the Very Good Trivia Company on **January 19** at 7pm in the Loft

Contact Allie Haverdink at [alhaverdink@gmail.com](mailto:alhaverdink@gmail.com) for all the details of these events.





# Youth

This fall, we've had 103 middle and high school students attend either our Wednesday night youth groups or Sunday morning Bible studies. Take a look at these picture highlights from this fall, including our Pringles Pop-Up Night, T.A.C.O. prayer night, foam noodle war, youth worship night, our studies of 1 John and Esther, and our series on how to succeed in school as a Christian. Thanks to our incredible volunteers and guest speakers who continue to help us develop an understanding of God by teaching the Bible and studying the life of Jesus, praying and sharing in small groups to identify the Holy Spirit's work in each person, and moving outsiders to insiders through fun and engaging shared experiences.









*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."  
Matthew 28:19*

## ENGAGE GLOBAL

Article written by Kim Bousema

Although I've been aware of the great commission as long as I can remember, I've never seen anyone point out how the commission goes through the entire Bible. I really enjoyed seeing the "global thread" and the scriptures that support it, how God has blessed us (enjoy my grace) and then commanded us to go to all the nations (extend my glory).

I liked the idea that *every* Christian is called to missions, just not in the same ways. Foreign missionaries may be the only ones *sent*, but we are all *called* to be part of reaching the nations.

Depending on your gifts/interests you can be a

- Missions Mobilizer
- Informed Intercessor
- Warm Welcomer
- Global Goer
- Sacrificial Sender

We need to educate the church about the mission and that we are all called to take the gospel to the nations. Then we can inform them of the different ways they can be involved. We need to be globally aware and globally involved, even if we never leave our hometown.



## COMPTON

October 10 - 16, 2023





# CAMBODIA

*Article written by Director of Missional Engagement, Sara Van Zee*

I was able to travel with Multiplication Network (John Wagenveld and Ken Neevel) to Cambodia to see the work they are doing there to plant churches with indigenous people. Cambodia is made up of 95-98% Buddhist and Hindu. In the 70's, they experienced years of what is known as the "Killing Fields," where many of the educated were killed. During that time, a few thousand Christians were meeting in underground churches. Many did not survive the Genocide.

Thankfully the church has seen a resurgence in recent years. While I was in Cambodia, we were able to meet with a few survivors from the "Killing Fields." Paulet is one such survivor working alongside Multiplication Network to begin training and raising leaders in church plants across the country.

First Reformed Church is exploring how Multiplication Network fits our vision of going to the "ends of the earth" to unreached people groups across the globe.



# HAITI

*Article written by Direct of Missional Engagement, Sara Van Zee*

As we look at the news, what is happening in Haiti, and how volatile the country has remained without healthy governmental leadership, we also can look at the people whom we have shared long-term relationships with and see that God is still planting seeds of vision and hope. In my time there, I was able to see the devastation of what is happening. I stood before those leading and said, "Nap tande" - "We are listening." In the months ahead, we will continue to share what that partnership looks like.





# Children

We have so much fun in Kids' Ministries! This year, 164 kids from birth to 5th grade are registered. We've been learning to follow Jesus through all of our programming. A huge favorite this year is our prayer partner nights, where our kids connect with adults in our church. And our kids LOVE mission nights, where we focus on our sponsored child, Jerry.









# Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
Wednesday, Nov. 22 | 6:30 PM

**The Best Night Ever Kids' Christmas Program**  
Sunday, Dec. 3 | 5:30 PM

**Blue Christmas**  
Sunday, Dec. 17 | 5:30 PM

**Bountiful Table Distribution**  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**Christmas Eve Morning Service**  
Sunday, Dec. 24 | 10:00 AM

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Sunday, Dec. 24 | 4:00 & 6:00 PM

**New Year's Eve Service**  
Sunday, Dec. 31 | 10:00 AM

