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"...what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2)

When Paul wrote this passage, he was near the end of his life. He was imprisoned, very aware that his ministry was drawing to a close, yet his concern was not for his own comfort or legacy. He understood the mission—the gospel must continue to move forward, and it will not happen through buildings, programs, or titles. Instead, it can only happen when faithful men pass on what they have received.

A helpful illustration comes from the world of skilled trades today. As experienced electricians, plumbers, or carpenters near retirement, many industries are facing a crisis: there are fewer apprentices being trained to replace them. Skills once learned through years of hands-on guidance are being lost because knowledge was assumed rather than transferred.

In this single verse, Paul outlines for us what Christian mentorship looks like. Since Timothy was like a son to Paul, this is where he begins: by leaving a charge to Timothy to pass on what he has learned. This way, more people will carry forward the message of good news that desperately needs to be heard. They can learn from Timothy's example to faithfully follow Paul and to see what it looks like to follow the Lord even when it wasn't easy.

The Christian faith works in much the same way. While books, sermons, and online resources are valuable, they cannot replace the formative power of a trusted relationship. Timothy did not merely hear Paul preach; he watched Paul suffer, pray, correct, encourage, and persevere. Paul's life was the curriculum. Mentorship happens when truth is lived out in front of another person, close enough for them to see both obedience and grace.

Now this is where it becomes very relevant for us here in the year 2026. Notice Paul does not say to entrust the message to the most impressive, most educated, or most popular people. Instead, he simply says it is to be passed on to "faithful people." This is because faith always precedes fruitfulness. Christian mentorship is less about producing professional evangelists and more about producing disciples.

I believe there are many people here at American Reformed Church who are like Timothy. I hear stories about those who have passed before us and the legacy they have left for the current generation. There are certainly "faithful people" here who have much to give to others from their own personal faith journey. People who are well-equipped in teaching, hospitality, faithfulness, and other spiritual gifts can pass them on to others.

In 2026, my hope and prayer is that we will begin entrusting what we have learned to others. We already have a mentorship plan in place within the Christian Education Committee that will be rolled out in January, where faithful adults will mentor students in our youth program here at ARC.

But I believe this is only the beginning, because we can expand it to other areas of the church, including our leadership, service, and care ministries. I am not sure where this "discipleship" and "mentorship" focus will lead us, but I believe this is what we are called to do in the coming year.

I want to encourage you to start by asking the question—Who am I currently entrusting what I have learned to someone else? And if you need any help in determining what this looks like, please reach out to me, and I will do my best to guide you in answering this question. This is because I believe all of us have a role in the opportunity before us.

Jesus, from the very beginning, said he would teach his disciples how to be "fishers of men." We are commanded "to go make disciples of all nations." Therefore, I believe this is what the Lord is asking of us. *~Pastor Mark*



Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)



C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)



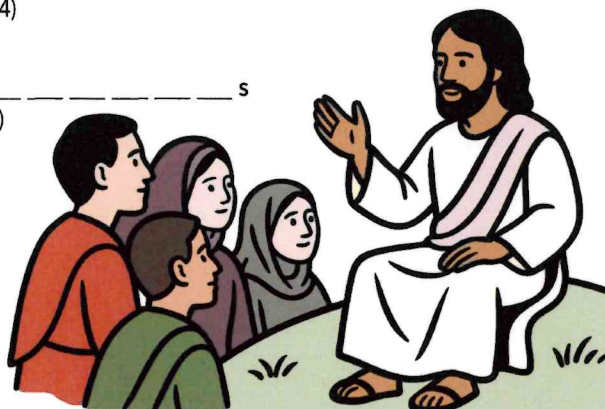
S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

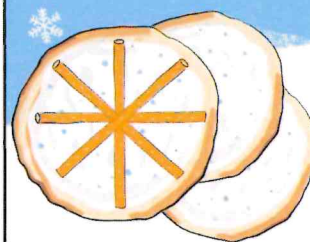
B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses

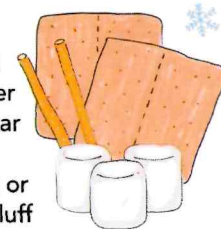
Snowflake SNACK CAKES



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls



What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:

Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike! (Psalm 139:14, KJV)

PROJECTION

JANUARY 4	Heather Mesman
JANUARY 11	Kaileen Roelofs
JANUARY 18	Mel Reuvers
JANUARY 25	Loree Walton

VIDEO

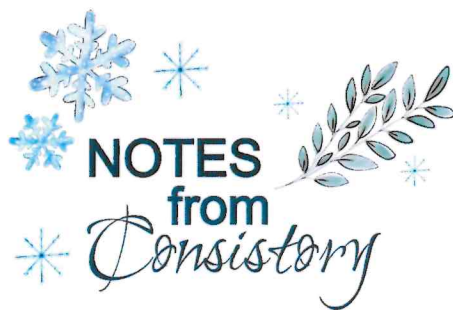
JANUARY 4	Brian Sipma
JANUARY 11	Laura Woelber
JANUARY 18	Aisayah Moss
JANUARY 25	Kaileen Roelofs

USHERS

JANUARY 4	Josh Wissink, Jesse Mesman
JANUARY 11	Kevin Roozing, Lyndon Moss
JANUARY 18	Kevin Roozing, Lyndon Moss
JANUARY 25	YOUTH SUNDAY

NURSERY

JANUARY 4	Andrea Kelderman, Shalyn Soodsma, Alex Gaul
JANUARY 11	Hayley Moss, Vanessa Wissink, McCoy Moss
JANUARY 18	Kaileen Roelofs, Carston Tiedeman, Adleigh Tiedeman
JANUARY 25	Joe & Karly Vander Waal



DECEMBER 2025

by Rob Van't Land

- ★ Consistory met with several individuals who asked to not have their names on the ballot for the upcoming Congregational Meeting.
- ★ Two more security cameras will be installed in the church. Their placement is yet to be determined.
- ★ Pastor Mark will begin a sermon series on Discipleship/Mentoring in January. This ties in with upcoming Mentoring Program which is being planned to begin in late winter/early spring.

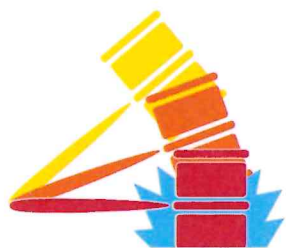


The DINNER & AUCTION

is coming up soon!!

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4
is the BIG DAY!

Make plans to join us for a night of FUN,
FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP!!



A delicious DINNER will be served
from 5-7pm.

Free will Donations will be taken going
towards the Missions Fund!!!

The MISSION FUND AUCTION to follow.



Chili
Potato-Bacon Soup
Tavern
Ice Cream Bars

Help
Support
our
Missions

Valentine's SUPPER

Monday, February 9th at 6:00pm
American Reformed Church

Appetizer

Hors d'oeuvres
Sparkling Grape Juice

Main Course:

Salad
Prime Rib
Au jus
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Bread
Coffee or Water

Catered by: Lorraine Nieuwsma

Dessert:

Provided by the
Fellowship Committee

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

TICKETS INCLUDE:

- CHILDCARE
- APPETIZER
- MAIN COURSE MEAL
- DESSERT
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased at American Reformed Church and from the Fellowship Squad:

- Andrea Kelderman: 605-310-0516
- Aleisha Wissink: 712-539-3181
- Sara Vink: 712-470-0457
- Jeanne Breuer: 712-460-2336

Deadline for tickets is January 15

Please inform us of food allergies.
Alternatives are available.

ARC Mission: Youth Mentorship Program

We are thrilled to announce the launch of an intergenerational ministry: a dedicated Youth Mentorship Program. This initiative moves beyond traditional programming to focus on the relational discipleship modeled by Jesus, strengthening both our youth and our entire church community. This program is specifically for our Jr. High and High School students, who will have the opportunity to select a mentor. Our Youth Mentorship Program will run for eight weeks between February and March of next year. Mentors and mentees will be asked to meet 4 to 6 times during this period in a public location. All selected mentors will be asked to attend a quick training session, with more detailed information coming out in January. If parents prefer their student not participate, please contact the Christian Education Committee.



Youth Benefits

1. **Spiritual Growth:** Mentors model committed adult faith.
2. **Strong Belonging:** Consistent support provides a stable presence, meeting the need to feel known, valued, and anchored to the church community.
3. **Life Skills and Wisdom:** Mentors share practical guidance on key areas in life.



Church Benefits

1. **Intergenerational Unity:** Mentorship bridges age gaps, fostering mutual respect, understanding, and a stronger, more unified church fellowship.
2. **Leadership and Continuity:** Programs intentionally develop the next generation of church leaders.
3. **Transformational Discipleship & Outreach:** It shifts the focus to deep, relational discipleship, making the church more vibrant and better motivated to extend Christ's love to the wider community.



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December 2025



Sharing the Joy!

“O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!”

(Isaiah 40:9 *NLT*)

We are excited about our partnership with you and the unique ways we have celebrated this festive season in our community! Our Small Business Saturday was a great success, featuring an artisan fair with 16 talented artists showcasing their work. On December 7, we held our sixth annual community Christmas tree lighting event on our campus. Then, on December 13, our gym was filled with joy as we hosted a Christmas concert featuring several local singing groups and pastors who shared the Christmas story.

On December 22, our youth ministry team is organizing an all-day camp for young students. Campers will enjoy breakfast, watch a Christmas movie, hear the Christmas story, bake cookies, create crafts, and participate in fun games.

We hope these events effectively convey the message of the most incredible love story ever told. Thank you for supporting us in spreading the love of our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

Artisan Fair



Community Tree Lighting



Concert in the Gym



Camp during school-break



HEGG HEALTH CENTER *support groups*



Hegg Health Center offers free, professionally led, bi-monthly groups for caregivers, family members, or others struggling with Dementia or Parkinson's Disease.

Memory Loss Support Group

January 7

March 4

May 6

July 1

September 2

November 4

Contact Hegg Social Services
at 712-476-8068 to sign up or
learn more.

Parkinson's Support Group

February 4

April 1

June 3

August 5

October 7

December 2

Contact Erin Kooi at
712-476-8080 to sign up or
learn more.

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January Bethesda Midwest
February Sr. ARCYF
March The Bible League
April Sunday School Anniversary Fund
May Living Stone Prison Church
June Amistad Cristiana
July Hope Haven
August Jr High RCYF
September..... Grace Covenant Ministries
October Inspiration Hills
November Bruce & Tamar DJ
December Center of Hope

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