

Is IT ALL WORTH IT?
Revelation 14:12-13

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Pastor Bob Johnson



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.
A Christ-centered community for a changing world

MAY 4, 2025

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

Blessed are the dead?

WHY ARE THE DEAD BLESSED?

BECAUSE OF HOW THEY LIVED [12]

*This calls for **endurance** from the saints,
who keep God's commands and their **faith** in Jesus.*

- **T – U – L – I – Perseverance of the Saints.**
 - What is this and how do I know it's true?
- God's PROMISE establishes it.
- God's PURPOSE assures it.
- God's POWER guarantees it.
- Believers persevere because Salvation is by GRACE.
- Believers persevere by FAITH.
- Believers persevere because they keep the commands of God.

John 3:16
Romans 8:28-30
2 Corinthians 5:17
Ephesians 2:8-9
1 Peter 1:5
John 8:31

BECAUSE OF HOW THEY DIED [13]

*Then I heard a voice from heaven saying,
"Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," says the Spirit, "so they will rest from their labors,
since their works follow them."*

- Work hard. Rest is coming.
- Your deeds will follow you.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

THE SAINTS WILL BE ETERNALLY BLESSED, WONDERFULLY
RELIEVED AND ABUNDANTLY REWARDED.



FIRST KIDS

Sundays

0-3yrs: Nursery is available on the 2nd floor. **3yrs-5th Grade:** The kids begin their experience in 'big church' and then go to Kids Quest on the lower & upper level.

MOSAIC YOUTH

Wednesday Nights - Coffee House
Middle School Ministry (6th-8th): 6-7:30 PM
High School Ministry (9th-12th): 7:30-9 PM
Sundays
D-Groups (6th-12th) meet at 11 AM.

OUTREACH

Kadens Kloset is always accepting gently loved children's clothing in all sizes for foster/adopted children. **Volunteers are welcome to help in the closet.**
Food Shelf - We collect donations on the 1st Sunday of the month.

FIRST ADULTS



Iron Man Groups are small groups of men that meet weekly. If you are interested please contact **Ward Van Dyke**.

Women of the Word are small groups of women that meet weekly. If you are interested please contact **Hannah Melody**

Life Groups are small loving communities committed to loving each other, growing deeper in Christ, praying and caring for each other all in the warmth of a home and are open to anyone. *Contact the church office if interested.*

Morning Connect is on **Tuesdays, 6:30 AM** in the DeJong Coffee House. Helping men/women become disciples of Jesus Christ. *Led by Pastor Bob.*

Women Bible Study Groups meet once a month and are going through a study of the *Book of Acts*. *Contact the church office if interested.*



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First Church Worship Service is broadcast weekly on channel PellaTV 42 Thursdays at 7 PM & Sundays at 9:30 AM.

PRAYER CARE

If you are wanting to be prayed for after the worship service, there is someone at the front of the Sanctuary in the Prayer Cove that would love to pray for you.

People at First Church desire to hear from you when you are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized or with the death of a loved one. Please let us know so we can cover you in prayer and uphold you during the difficult times by **filling out the welcome card in the pews or emailing Shalene at frc.pce@frcpella.org.**

Pray for:

- Felipe & Janelle De Waard-Silva who are missionaries in Vulcan, Romania. Pray for energy, patience, perseverance, and wisdom while serving abroad with young children, far from family.
- College students and faculty as they finish out their school year.
- The farmers during planting season. Pray for safety and productive labor.
- God's nearness to Ron Rietveld who is at The Cottages for rehab.

Rejoice:

- Praise God that we were able to celebrate our Dutch heritage through Tulip Time.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Dorothy Vande Voort celebrating her 94th birthday on May 8.

SAVE
THE
DATE

July 14-18
(6-8 PM)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

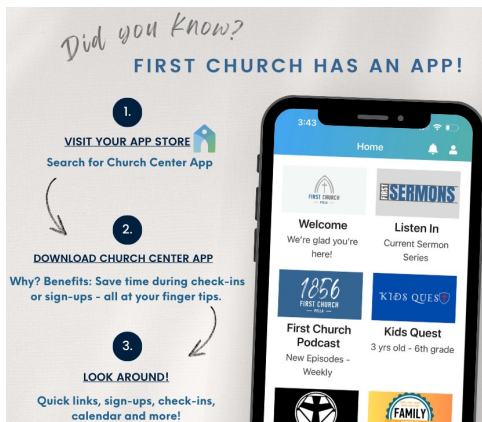
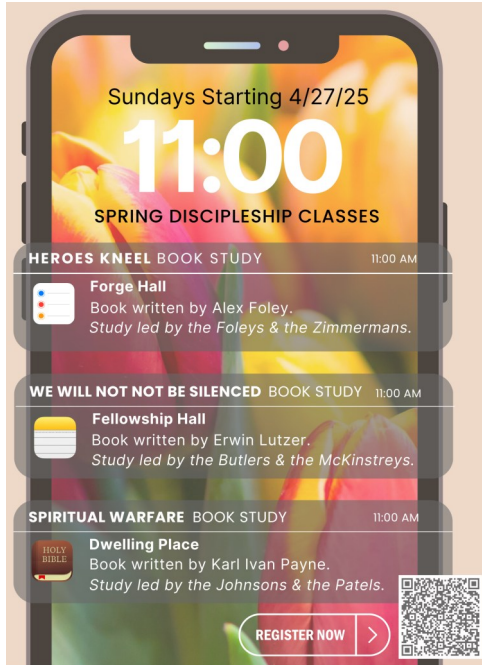
HAPPENINGS

EPICS Ministry

Join us on **May 12, 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Someone from Hospice will be our speaker. Snacks & beverages are provided.

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesdays, May 20 & 27, 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.



Operation Christmas Child



OCC continues to bring joy around the world! This year we have received 2 thank you notes from Zambia, Africa. What a blessing!

This month we are collecting 'stuffies' to pack in our shoeboxes in November. We strive to put a stuffie in every box, which means gathering over 200! If you crochet/knit, consider using your gift to craft a few small items to donate. Stop by the table in the lobby for ideas on what to shop for, or drop a dollar in the jar and we'll shop for you. Thanks for your generous support of our children in this service project.

Pella's Annual Tulip Time Worship Service
Join us **Today, May 4 at 11 AM** at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. Come hear the inspirational voices of both public & Christian school choirs, and preschool choir along with a time of vibrant praise. You will be blessed by our speaker, Pastor Dave Woodcook of The Well. Be a part of the community of churches here in Pella as we celebrate God's goodness together once again this year!



CURRENT SERMON SERIES



THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
Tuesday: 6:30 AM Morning Connect
Wednesday: 6 PM MSM Mosaic
 7:30 PM HSM Mosaic
Thursday: 6 PM Praise Team
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest



2025 Consistory (*Executive Team)

Elders

- Harry Ehrlich
 Alex Foley
 Stephen Patel
 Paul Steenhoek
 *Brad Uitermarkt (Vice President)
 *JD Welander (Clerk of Consistory)

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 *Verle Boot (Treasurer)
 Lucas Laverman
 *Gabe Zimmerman (Chair of Deacons/Assistant Treasurer)
 Kyle Zylstra