

Wise Up!

FRIENDS

Proverbs (Various) 05.17.26 LD 20 Pastor Bob Johnson

Introduction

Platforms for the Superficial

Cultivating Quality Friendships

Choose friends _____. **Proverbs 12:26**

A righteous person is careful in dealing with his neighbor.

Finding good friends is not _____. **Proverbs 20:6**

Many a person proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy person?

Seek _____ friends and watch out for the “kissers!” **Proverbs 27:6**

The wounds of a friend are trustworthy, but the kisses of an enemy are excessive.

Walk with _____ friends. **Proverbs 13:20**

The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.

A good friend is closer than a _____ or _____. **Proverbs 18:24**

One with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.

Watch out! Bad friends are like a rotten _____. **Proverbs 25:19**

Trusting an unreliable person in a difficult time is like a rotten tooth or a faltering foot.

Helpful hint: Even friends are like _____ if they stay too long. **Proverbs 25:17**

Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house; otherwise, he'll get sick of you and hate you.

Jesus Raises the Bar on Friendship

John 15:13

No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.

The Final Word

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

MAY 17, 2026

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 level.

MOSAIC YOUTH

Sundays

D-Groups (6th-12th) meet at 11 AM. **Mosaic Youth** meets at various times during the spring & summer. Please check the calendar on the church website or app.

YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesdays 6:05-7:30 PM

605 Ministry is for young adults post college, young couples, and newly growing families with youngsters ages 0-5. *If interested, please contact Haley Bjustrom.*

OUTREACH

Kadens Kloset is always accepting gently loved children's clothing in all sizes for foster/adopted children.

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 Patti Johnson.*

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.*

Spring Book Studies are on **Sundays, 11 AM**. Join one of the three book studies. *Contact the church office if interested.*

Women Bible Study Groups meet once a month. *Contact the church office if interested.*

Join One Today!

Life
Groups

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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:

- Bob & Amy who are in Texas. Pray for the Lord to open new doors to keep more children safe from the sex trade through prevention.
- We express our Christian Sympathy to Elizabeth & Brian Morrissey with the passing of Elizabeth's son, Jacob Dehl.
- All the teachers and students as the school year is coming to an end. May they finish strong and glorify God in all they do.

Rejoice:

- Congratulations & God's Blessings to all the students that are graduating this month.
- God's Blessings to Brett & Amber Beyer as Jeremiah is being baptized today.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Ruth Rietveld celebrating her 86th birthday on May 18.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 21-24
(6-8:30 PM)
SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 27

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



HAPPENINGS

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesdays, May 19 & 26, 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

EPICS Ministry

Join us on **June 8, 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy wonderful Accordion & Piano music from Marlena Wichhart & her friend, Nora.



MONDAY, MAY 25 * 9:00 - 11:00AM

FAMILY BIKE OUTING!

Begin and end at Roberts Creek Trailhead
1562 Highway G28, Otley
Treats for all after the bike ride.

Sundays Starting 5/17/26

11:00

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM

Fellowship Hall
Book written by Justin Whitmel Earley
Study led by Pastors Mike Melody and Ward Van Dyke

THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM

Forge Hall
Book written by E. Stanley
Study led by Alex Foley

ANOTHER GOSPEL BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM

The Lodge
Book written by Alisa Childers
Study led by Pastor Bob



FIRST CHURCH PELLA

JUNE 17 AT 6:30 PM

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

HYMNS & HANDSHAKES

FIRST CHURCH

EPICS + 605 THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



MAY 19TH
6:05 - 7:30

Gather in the basement of First Church in the Large Social Hall for a fun-filled evening of singing a few hymns and connecting across generations! No need to bring anything but yourself. We look forward to a night of intergenerational fellowship! All are welcome!

PODCAST

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FIRST CHURCH
— PELLA —

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

LIFE LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

WISE

THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Habits of the Household Book Study
11 AM The Christ of the Indian Road Book Study
11 AM Another Gospel Book Study
- Monday:** 1:30 PM Deborah Bible Study
6:30 PM Consistory Mtg.
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
9 AM Piecemakers
6:05 PM 605 Ministry
6:30 PM Care Night
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest

FIRST CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, June 27

4-6 PM Caldwell Shelter
Eat at 4:30 PM

6-8 PM Pella Aquatic Center

Please bring a dish to share. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Tableware & Drinks Provided.



COME FOR FELLOWSHIP, GAMES & FUN!