

Wise Up!

A LOVE DRIVEN WALLET

Proverbs (Various) 05.24.26 LD 21 Pastor Bob Johnson

Introduction *How much is enough?*

The Side-Effects of Being Rich

Being STINGY

A greedy one is in a hurry for wealth; he doesn't know that poverty will come to him.

Proverbs 28:22

The migration of HOPE

The house of the righteous has great wealth, but trouble accompanies the income of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:6

Being CROOKED

Better the poor person who lives with integrity than the rich one who distorts right and wrong.

Proverbs 28:6

Wait! What was the Challenge of Jesus?

Mark 10:21-23 *Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"*

The Cure for Greed: **Generosity!**

Everything you have is on _____ from God.

Acknowledge – "I am on a mission from _____!"

Being Generous promotes _____.

The crazy joy of having a LOVE-LED _____!

A Word About COMPASSION

Proverbs 31:9 *Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy.*

Proverbs 29:7 *The righteous person knows the rights of the poor, but the wicked one does not understand these concerns.*

Proverbs 14:31 *The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors him.*

The Final Word



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

MAY 24, 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.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

RAINFOREST FALLS

June 21-24 (6-8:30 PM)

SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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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 that indigenous Remember Nhu staff would be protected from political unrest and religious persecution.
- As we remember the dear Saints of First Church that have passed on to Life Eternal from May 2025 to April 2026, let us also remember their families in prayer.
- On this Memorial weekend, pray for those that have served in the military and have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Rejoice:

- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Charlene Stevens celebrating her 100th birthday on May 26.

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!

HAPPENINGS

Piecemakers

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

Outside Clean-up

Due to the storms and windy weather we had last week, there are a lot of branches and sticks around the church grounds. Join us on **Tuesday, May 26, 4 PM** as we pick up the sticks and branches.

Operation Christmas Child

Our monthly gathering of items for OCC continues this month with a most essential gift - stuffed animals. Stuffedies are a tangible object providing instant comfort in every language, needing no instructions or batteries. Stuffedies often become lifelong treasures for children facing poverty, hardship or trauma. Thank you for donating to help children feel valued and cared for. Stop by the Samaritan's Purse table in the lobby for ideas on what you might shop for or to donate. To God be the glory.

TIMOTHY & HOSANNA NOBLE
CONCERT
JUNE 14 SUN 6PM SINGING PIANIST & VIOLINIST
 GOSPEL MUSIC
 FIRST CHURCH 605 BROADWAY ST. PELLA
 FREE WILL DONATION

FIRST CHURCH PELLA
 JUNE 17 AT 6:30 PM
FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 25 • 9:00 - 11:00 AM
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 Aisa Childers
 Study led by Pastor Bob

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

LIFE LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

WISE

THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
- Monday:** **Memorial Day - Office Closed**
 9 AM Family Bike Outing
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
 9 AM Piecemakers
 6:05 PM 605 Ministry
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Sunday:** 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

FIRST CHURCH PELLA
SUMMER EVENTS

MAY
 25 Family Bike Ride
 Robert's Creek Trailhead

JUN
 3 Family Movie Night
 17 Family Prayer Night
 21 VBS Week
 27 Picnic & Pool Party

JUL
 3 Yankee Doodle Pops Concert
 4 Fireworks Root Beer Floats
 22 Family Movie Night
 25 Men's Field Day
 29 Cadets/Dads Nerf Night

AUG
 14 I-Cubs Game
 26 MidWeek Kick-Off Night

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!