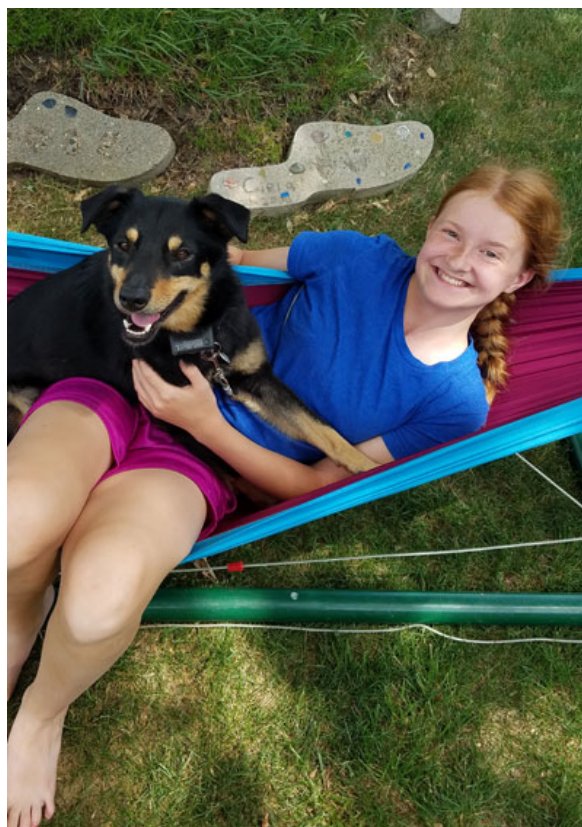


“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

We give thanks when God gives the gift of children and teaching them in the way they should go. This issue recognizes our graduates as they grow and move on to the next stage of life.

Ciera Roose

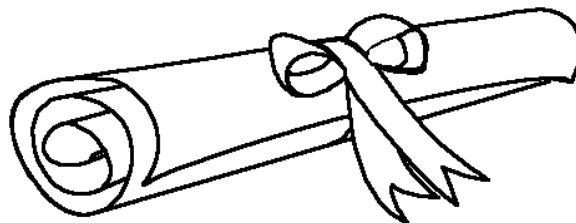


Ciera currently goes to Pella Christian Grade School and will be attending Pella Christian High next school year. Her favorite Bible verse is Deuteronomy 31:6, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” She looks forward to joining the girl’s tennis team and playing saxophone for the band program.

Carmen Walker



Carmen is graduating from Pella Middle School this spring and will be attending Pella High School in the fall. She currently enjoys art and will continue to focus her interest by dedicating time to drawing. She will also be joining the bowling team. Her favorite verse from scripture is Ephesians 5:1, which reads, “so be imitators of God, as beloved children.”



Nia Hoekstra**Carter Vos**

Nia is a senior graduating from Pella Christian High School. She will be majoring in Nursing at Dordt University. She will continue her involvement in instrumental ensembles on the contra bass clarinet. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 31:25, “She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future.” She loves this verse because “I don’t need to worry about the future, because God has my back.” She is most looking forward to being able to branch out, make new friends, and delve deeper into her specific interests. Her high school activities will be missed, specifically theater and cheerleading, as these have shaped her high school experiences in a positive manner.



A member of the Pella Christian High School graduating class, Carter Vos intends to major in Mechanical Engineering. He will be attending DMACC in the fall and continuing his education at ISU in the coming years. He looks forward to living independently and enjoying his free time with friends. He will specifically miss Bonnie’s cinnamon rolls. Jeremiah 29:11 is his favorite verse, saying, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’”



Riley Zylstra

Riley is graduating from Pella Community High School and plans to go straight into work post-graduation. He will miss “being a kid” as he enters this next stage of his life. His favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’”

**Grace Bokhoven**

Grace attended Dordt University for nursing. She has accepted a position at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on their Medical/Oncology floor. She will be starting in late June or early July. She is looking forward to “start working as a nurse and put all that I have learned into practice to help people!” She will miss the friends she has made, but is hopeful for continued communication. Her favorite verse comes from Romans 8:38-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Caps Off To The Graduates!!
Brent Pierson**

Well, you’ve done it! Graduation marks not only a great accomplishment, but the end of one era and the beginning of the next. So, what’s next for you? Maybe you are off to

college or high school, or possibly you're taking a gap year to just figure things out, or maybe you're considered a grown up now, done with college and entering the workforce. No matter what's next, it isn't the end of a journey, it's the beginning of a new one, one full of riches, joys, blessings and probably some hardships.

Today it's an uncertain world, but it has been since the fall into sin. The question is how are you going to face this world with your Christian values and your faith in God, which will keep you strong and on the right path? Well, you aren't going to do it alone. Whether in school or the workplace you need to surround yourself with good Christian friends that will keep you accountable. You can't stray from how you have been raised. You know right from wrong and now you get to make choices that will either be rewarding or troublesome. Choose right and rewarding. It isn't always fun, or easy, but it's always the path that Jesus would choose. You will need to be strong in your faith because the world today is going to pull at you harder than ever.

I came across Galatians 1:10. I challenge you to remember these questions. Copy and paste them into your phone and when you find yourself struggling with a decision the world is pushing at you, answer them.

Galatians 1:10

Am I now seeking the approval of men, or of God?

Or am I striving to please men?

If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

You are all servants of Christ. I truly believe that, and I am super proud of all of you. Don't let the world tell you you are too small or insignificant, with the help of the

Holy Spirit you can do anything you set your mind to.

Blessings, Brent

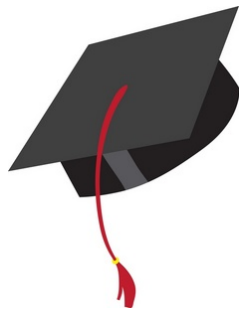
The Support We Give Dustin De Boef

The day had finally come. Many years of hard work and study for this one day. I would finally wear that cap and gown.

There were some that probably wondered whether it would actually happen, me being one of them. But the day had come. I sat in that hot little auditorium sweating and waiting for the call. Finally, I heard "Dustin Ray DeBoef," and I jumped to my feet to walk across that platform and receive that little piece of paper that states that I had accomplished something important. I

had finally graduated!! While this feeling was something special, it held nothing to the feeling of accomplishment that I felt when I looked at the faces of my mother and father. When I saw the pride in their eyes for me, I began to weep. This feeling continued to grow in me with each and every handshake, praise, and prayer that I received from family and church. It wasn't the paper that told me the importance of my accomplishment, it was those closest to me. I couldn't honestly tell you today even where my diploma is. But I consider daily those who have believed in me and encouraged me to achieve this important thing in this life.

Family of God, we have a responsibility to the youth of our church body. They are working hard and trying their best to define who they will be in this world. They wrestle every day with uncertainty and doubt as they are working to make the foundation for their future. They count on our support. They depend on those words of wisdom. They



need our prayers and accolades. They need to see that we are on their side. Sometimes we don't get involved with our young people because we feel insecure. We don't think that they would be interested in what we have to add or offer. The truth is, below that confident exterior is a person fighting against the world and identity. We need to sow those seeds into them, even though there are times it may feel awkward and uncomfortable. They need to see the pride in your eyes, the confidence in your face. We need to go that extra mile to show them that we are not only proud, but that we stand behind them. Showing them your encouragement and support does more for them than you will ever know. It builds them into the men and women we need them to be for the church's future.

At Cornerstone, we have graduates for 8th grade, High School, and College. I challenge you to let them know what they mean to you. Pray for them, Bless them, give into them. This is the way that we build the church for tomorrow.



Growing in Faith Rob Rus

This article will look at the Biblical truths discussed in the Junior High Sunday School class. The focus has been on who God is and what His covenant is about. We started out looking at the Old and New Testaments. Following lessons included the establishment and renewal of God's covenant, concluding with the question, "How does this salvation become your own?"

Our material is based on the Heidelberg Catechism. The goal is to have Question and Answer 1 memorized after 3 years. We also went over the Apostles' Creed.

We begin our sessions with a time of sharing and prayer. We try to have fun with a couple contests during the season. In closing, let me express congratulations to the graduates and best wishes!

Junior High Sunday School

⁴ Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it." Ezra 10:4

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Review Test

The Junior High Sunday school class had a review test this year, and you are invited to take it along with them. Answers to the questions are included!

1. What is your only comfort?
2. Who was the first murderer?
3. What is the summary of the Law?
4. What are the 3 things you need to know to have comfort?
5. _____ sin: the evil or sin we inherited from Adam and Eve
6. _____ of _____: the way people resemble God, their Maker

7. What is total depravity?
8. What is God's love and kindness to us called?
9. What was the message of John the Baptist?
10. What are the 2 traits of Jesus, as seen in his baptism?
11. How many books are in the Old Testament?
12. How many books are in the New Testament?
13. What is the term that describes the way God's Spirit guided the Bible writers?
14. What is the term used to describe how God's Word is true and cannot fail?
15. Who were the first people God made a covenant with?
16. What was the sign of God's covenant with Noah?
17. What is the sign of God's covenant today?
18. What happened at Sinai?
19. What are the 2 signs of the Spirit at Pentecost?
20. What is regeneration?

Answers:

1. Belonging to Jesus
2. Cain
3. Love God, love others
4. That I am a sinner, that Jesus saves me, and that I thank Jesus by serving God and others
5. Original
6. Image of God
7. No part of our lives is free from sin
8. God's mercy
9. "Repent"
10. Human and divine
11. 39
12. 27
13. Inspiration
14. Infallible
15. Adam and Eve
16. Rainbow
17. Baptism
18. God's covenant promises were renewed
19. Wind and fire
20. Work of the Spirit that opens our hearts to Jesus

Welcome!

Annabelle Louise, born December 15, 2021 to Scott and Chelsea Nunnikhoven.

Henry "Hank" Wayne, born April 7, 2022 to Reid and Laura Sorensen.

Wyatt Dale, born April 22, 2022 to Steve and Tala Talsma.

We give thanks to God for the precious gifts of children!

In Memory

Dena Bokhoven



June 15, 1930 – December 31, 2021