Welcome to Visalia CRC!
We're glad you have joined us! If you are a guest please stop by our Information Center in the foyer for information on our church and ministries. This morning Pastor Tom will be continuing The STORY series with the book of Lamentations. We welcome you to join us this evening. Pastor Joel will be preaching from Matthew 18.

**Nursery** is available during the services for children up to 2 years old. The nursery is located off the northeast corner of the courtyard.

**Children's Worship** is available for children ages 3-5 (not in K). They will be dismissed during the morning services for their own time of singing, praying and Bible stories. Parents can pick up their children immediately after the service in rooms 4B/5B of the Classroom Building.

**Sunday School** is available in between services from 9:15-10:15am. PreK-1st grade—Children’s Worship Room (Rooms 4B/5B), 2-6th grade—Fellowship Hall, 7th-10th grades—Youth Rooms upstairs. Adult Sunday School is also available.

Large print bulletins and lyrics are available at the Information Booth for all songs not in the provided hymnals.
Morning Worship         February 1, 2015 - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m

Gathering in Worship     *=Please stand if able
  Prelude: A Time of Preparation
  Welcome & Announcements
  * God’s Greeting & We Welcome Each Other

Lamenting Injustice, Loss & Pain
  * Prayer
  * “O, When Will We See Justice Done”

Lamenting Our Brokenness
  Psalm 13:1-3a
  “Lord, Have Mercy”

Acknowledging Our Fears
  Prayer of Dependence

Ministry of Music-
* “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

Remembering God’s Faithfulness
  2 Corinthians 1:3-5 & Psalm 27:13-14
  * “Everlasting God”

Growing by Grace
  Scripture: Lamentations 3:19–33 p. 862  (Series: “The STORY”)
  Sermon: Lamentations: Comfort in Cataclysm

Responding in Gratefulness  (Pastor Tom Dykstra)
  * “Blessed Be Your Name”
  Offering - Church House
  “Under the Fig Tree” - Video
  * “Trading My Sorrows”
  * Sending & Parting Blessing
  Postlude

Evening Worship                  February 1, 2015 - 6:00 p.m

Gathering In Worship          *=Please stand if able
  Prelude: A Time of Preparation
  "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Whitsett
  "O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Callahan
  "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Southbridge

Song Service Led by Judy Bothof
  * God’s Greeting & We Welcome Each Other
  Prayer Requests & Praises
  * “How Firm a Foundation” PH 500

Growing by Grace
  Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35
  Sermon: Measure for Measure  (Pastor Joel Renkema)

Responding in Gratefulness
  * “Christian Heart in Love United” PH 513
  Offering
    Offertory - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Schroeder
  * “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” PH 320
  * Sending & Parting Blessing
  Postlude - "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

Postlude
Please continue to pray for: John Jansen, Arlene Tiersma, Elizabeth De Groot, Jordan Van Grouw, Carly (Sid & Virginia Bouma’s granddaughter), Thewis & Grace Atsma, John Sr. & Corrie Jacobi and family, Eddy Boertje, Tamera Grabow, Ruth Griffioen, Marge Jansen, Ed Van Grouw, & Margaret Zwaagstra.

Darlene Wigboldy will be undergoing hip replacement surgery tomorrow, February 2, at Kaweah Delta Hospital.

Congratulations to Jason & Ashley Pausma on the birth of Ava Joy Pausma on January 27, 2015 at 12:09pm.

Henry and Tootie Van Dyk’s new address is 146 Huckleberry Lane, Buhl, ID 83316.

Lisa Schnitzler will have surgery to replace her pain medication pump this Friday, February 6. Please pray that the surgery goes as planned, her recovery is quick and that a new pump will alleviate the increased pain she has been experiencing.

Our condolences go out to Griffin and Michelle Forsyth and family on the death of her father William Billman, January 24.

1st bag (green) - General Fund: Funds the ministries of our congregation.

2nd bag (red) - Church House: Serves the local community in or near the Washington School area, providing a safe place for children to go, while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Next week: CVC Tuition Assistance
Announcements

*Website Update!* If you have looked at the church website recently you will see that there have been a few updates. There is a new “members” tab where you can find the voice and other member related links. This tab is password protected with the password **faith**.

The **2015 Church Directory** is in the works! Please take a moment to check that all information related to you and your household is correct. A table has been placed in the lobby for your convenience.

**College Students Game Night** is at Tim’s house on **February 8, at 7:30pm**. Come on over for fun and fellowship. Contact Tim Keep for more info.

**Prayer Buddies** The preschool-6th grade children of our church are in need of a prayer buddy. If you are willing to remember a child or two in prayer throughout the 2015 year, please take their picture from the bulletin board outside the sanctuary and let them know you are praying for them. This is just one way we can fulfill our baptismal vow.

**50th Anniversary RSVP** We are in need of RSVPs for the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration on March 22. The sign up sheets are at the Information Center...please let us know how many of your family will attend.

**Picture Directory** If you were unable to get your picture taken last fall, but would still like to submit a picture for the directory, you can email it to jlemstra@aol.com

**Egypt/Jordan/Israel Trip:** Walk the footsteps of Moses and Jesus this summer. Pastor Joel is taking a group on this trip June 21 - July 5. Interested? Contact Pastor Joel for more information.

**Attention** all girls 8-12 years old and moms, the **Secret Keeper Girl Crazy Hair Tour** is coming to VCRC **March 6**! Save the date and watch for more information about the event. Tickets are available now at www.secretkeepergirl.com.

**We want YOU on the Memories Wall!** You are enjoying looking at pictures of others – they want to see you! Suggestions: a group singing during a service; a baptism or profession of faith; GEMS dinner; Church campout; other church related events. Send digitalis to Darlene te Velde at dartv@live.com, or put prints in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to identify everything! All pictures will be included in a DVD that will be shown at our Celebration on March 22, and that will be available for purchase afterward.

Classes & Studies

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:15-10:15am. Please contact Pastor Tom at 267-3234 with any questions.

**Women of Grace:** We are reading “Gospel in Life” by Tim Keller. All women are welcome to join us for this topical study on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life. We meet Wednesdays at 9:15am. Contact Anneke de Jong 647-5343 or Anita Verduyn 731-7590 for more information.

**Men’s Life** meets every Tuesday in Room 15A at 6:00am. **Sid Kornelis** is bringing goodies this week.

**Young Ladies Bible Study** We welcome all post-high school ladies to join us as we begin reading Bob Goff’s **LOVE DOES**. For more information and location, please contact Nicole Mulder at (219)869-2992

Discipleship Opportunities

**High School Youth Group** is in need of only 2 more dinners for some of its meeting times! If you’re interested in serving in this way, please contact Tim Keep at timk@visaliacrc.com or 623-5886.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 8-12 this summer and is in need of a co-coordinator. If you are interested or know of someone who would be able to serve in this way, please contact Kelli Hofstra at kellih@visaliacrc.com or (616)821-5114

Pastor Larry is looking for volunteers who would be willing to visit with persons who are under hospice care but are still in need of someone when hospice care is not present. Contact Pastor Larry Van Essen for more information.

This week

- **Tuesday:** Men’s Life - 6:00am
- **Wednesday:** Women of Grace - 9:15am
  HS Youth/GEMS/Cadets - 6:45pm