

Prayers that Change the World: Confession

Daniel 9



Faith Reformed

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

Main Point: *God uses our prayers of confession to change the world.*

August 6, 2023

1. The Response of Confession (Dan. 9:1-4a)

A. Confession as a Response to our Man-Made Mess

B. Confession as a Response to God-Given Grace

2. The Nature of Confession (Dan. 9:4b-19)

A. Fervent

B. Corporate

C. Scripture-Saturated

D. God-Centered

3. The Result of Confession (Dan. 9:20-27)

A. Confession Changes the Conflict in Heaven

B. Confession Changes the Course of History

457/444 B.C.: “A decree to restore and build Jerusalem” (9:25) – *beginning* of 70 weeks

33 A.D.: “An anointed one...shall be cut off and have nothing” (9:26a) – *after* 69 weeks

70 A.D.: “The people...shall destroy the city and the sanctuary” (9:26b) – *after* 69 weeks

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Jamie Brill

APPROACH TO GOD

From Daniel 4:34-35

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise

Rejoice

*Prayer of Praise

*Song of Praise

Living Hope

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
Song of Assurance
Behold the Lamb

1 Peter 2:24-25

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message
(Children's Church)

Scripture Reading

Sermon

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
*Affirmation of Faith
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

On Christ the Solid Rock
WSC #102

Hymn # 340

Jamie Brill

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED

CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to life. How a man can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a man can believe and not pray is past my comprehension too” (*A Call to Prayer*, JC Ryle).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for August is Rob Danforth (920-467-1446)

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Liz Eberspacher – had hip surgery - all went well, pray for a good recovery
Sam Rauwerdink – is at home and being monitored. He has another appt. on Aug. 24.
Gail Meerdink – all spots in remission except one. She will have maintenance done on that one every 3 weeks for 3 months
Wayne Navis - is home and continues to get therapy
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – still having back pain but doing a little better.
Donna Caljouw –continuing with treatments every 3 weeks along with oral medication for her kidney cancer.
Don Schreurs – cancer has returned, pray for healing, peace, and comfort

Shut-ins

Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach

Pioneers – Bill & Liz Ferguson- Croatia
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am
6:00pm – Young Adult Bible Study
6:00PM – HS Summer Bible Study

Monday – 7:15pm Men’s softball in Belgium

Tuesday – 12:30- 5:30pm Blood Drive
- 1-3pm MS Summer Fellowship
- 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting

Thursday – 4:30-6:00pm Food Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

August 13 – Communion
August 20 - HS Kick-Off Cookout
August 22 – MS Kick-Off Bonfire

Ushers for August: Jim Obbink, Al Holle, Nate Wieberdink

Nursery for August 6: Ashlee Krizek & Carissa Konzak

Nursery for August 13: Emily Van Allen & Nolan Brill

Refreshments for August: Care Group #3 (Mary & Linda)

Greeters August 6 - **Narthex:** Craig & Barb Otte
 - **Great Room:** David & Julie Reichle Family
Greeters August 13 - **Narthex:** Tom & Margie Schultz
 - **Great Room:** Jeff & Paula Risseeuw

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter
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Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 35 families at the July Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, August 10th. **Right now we have NO CEREAL and NO PASTA SAUCE and are short on pasta.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Reformed Church will be supplying a meal once a month for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. We are responsible for the last Wednesday of each month. We need to provide enough food for 35 people. The meal will include Tater-tot Casserole, applesauce, dinner rolls and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please prayerfully think about how you can help out with this mission. If you have any questions you can talk to Wendy Wonsler.

Love Inc. –In July we are collecting Love Buckets – mop/brooms, buckets, dust pans, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brush & caddie, dish detergent, sponges, and paper towels. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

School Supply Collection - Once again, we will be collecting *school supplies* for students in need. They are always in need of pencils, markers, notebooks, scissors, glue, glue sticks, and crayons. You can place items in the yellow cardboard school buses in the great room.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be disposing of all the old music in church. If you have any interest in any of the music, song books and/or cantata books, please contact Carol DeRuyter.

Mission Team

The Mission Team is seeking additional team members to join our group. The commitment is low, the meetings are infrequent, but the reward is high. This is a way for you to play your role in the story of the Great Commission. We all can't go to the mission field, but we can be advocates for those that do. Please consider stepping outside your comfort zone and give us a try. We could use some new faces, new energy, and new ideas to support our missionaries. See Dan Weiss if interested.

Family Life at Faith

Men's Softball - The double-elimination playoffs continue Monday night with a game in Belgium at 7:15 PM against Grace Lutheran. The entire playoff bracket can be found on odbcport.org/softball

Special Birthdays in August: Mary Holle will be 80 on August 7

Dolores Waech will be 80 on August 15

Gail Meerdink will be 89 on August 19

Muriel Meinen will be 89 on August 19

Wayne Bloemers will be 85 on August 21

Delores Droppers will be 87 on August 25

College students, we would like to offer you a prayer sponsor from your Faith Church Family. What happens is someone from our church will get your name and they will become your sponsor. All you must do is sign up and complete the information sheet. You can find those sheets in the information center.

The deadline to get those in is August 13th. You can put them in Bonnie Depies's mailbox or hand them into the office. Any questions, please ask Bonnie Depies or Wendy Wonser.

Also:

Looking for sponsors to match up with our young adults that will be in college this fall. Staying connected with our young people is so important. We want them to know their church family is thinking and praying for them. If you are interested but have questions, please ask Bonnie Depies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center.

Pine Haven Christian Communities has an exciting, new employment opportunity for a full-time Sales Representative! If you would like to use your professional skills and experience in service to our Christian mission, please visit our website at pinehaven.org for details.

Youth News

HS Hangout - *Tonight, August 6th*, students exiting grades 9-12 will gather at **Posthuma's Pool** at **6:00PM!** We'll jump in the pool and also take a break to discuss **2 Timothy 3:1-17**.

MS Summer Fellowship - Tuesday, August 8th students exiting grades 6-8 will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **1:00-3:00PM** for an around-town scavenger hunt. We'll go through Psalm 100 together and have more ice cream!

Young Adult Summer Bible Study - *Tonight, August 6th* all young adults are invited to the Tarter's backyard at **6:00PM** for a Bible study and fellowship. We'll be covering 1 Peter 4:12-19. (In case of bad weather we will meet in church.)

Volunteer Help - We're looking for volunteers to help with our children's & youth ministries for the school year! We have spots available for 3-year-olds up through 8th grade. If you have interest, please text Jon at 920-447-2335 and we can discuss which opportunity would be a good fit for you!

Missionary Biographies - The missionary biographies are once again available for check-out near Pastor Zach's office. Students' grades K-8 can fill out a summary sheet during the summer to win up to 3 prizes!

Fellowship Committee – We will be having a meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 8th to discuss this year's Fall Fest. Anyone who is interested in being part of the Fellowship Committee is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please see Dave Obbink.

Our Home Christian Ministries: Recently we have had an unexpected resignation from one of our managers. As we need to now focus on hiring a new resident manager at Eastside, we ask for your help in sharing with family and friends about this opportunity to serve in God's Kingdom as a caregiver. For more details about this live-in, salaried, full-time position, please contact Kristin Rozeboom at office@ourhomecm.com or by calling (920) 564.6933.