

SERMON NOTES

COMMUNICATION TO OPEN DOORS!

IN THE CHAIRS BACK POCKET (IN FRONT OF YOU)

- ① 'OFFERING' ENVELOPES – Your giving enables the church to do its work. Please use these when you want to give cash money, and you want to include your name or offering number for income tax purposes. If you are giving by cheque, your name is already on the cheque. Thank you for giving! Every person matters; every gift counts!
- ② 'LETS CONNECT' CARDS – If we can help you in some way, please fill out the card. The ushers will give the cards to the Church Board.
- ③ 'VOLUNTEER' CARDS – Volunteers are the power of the church! If you wish to help in some way, please fill in the card and place it in the offering bags, or on the back table. The ushers will give it to the Church Board.

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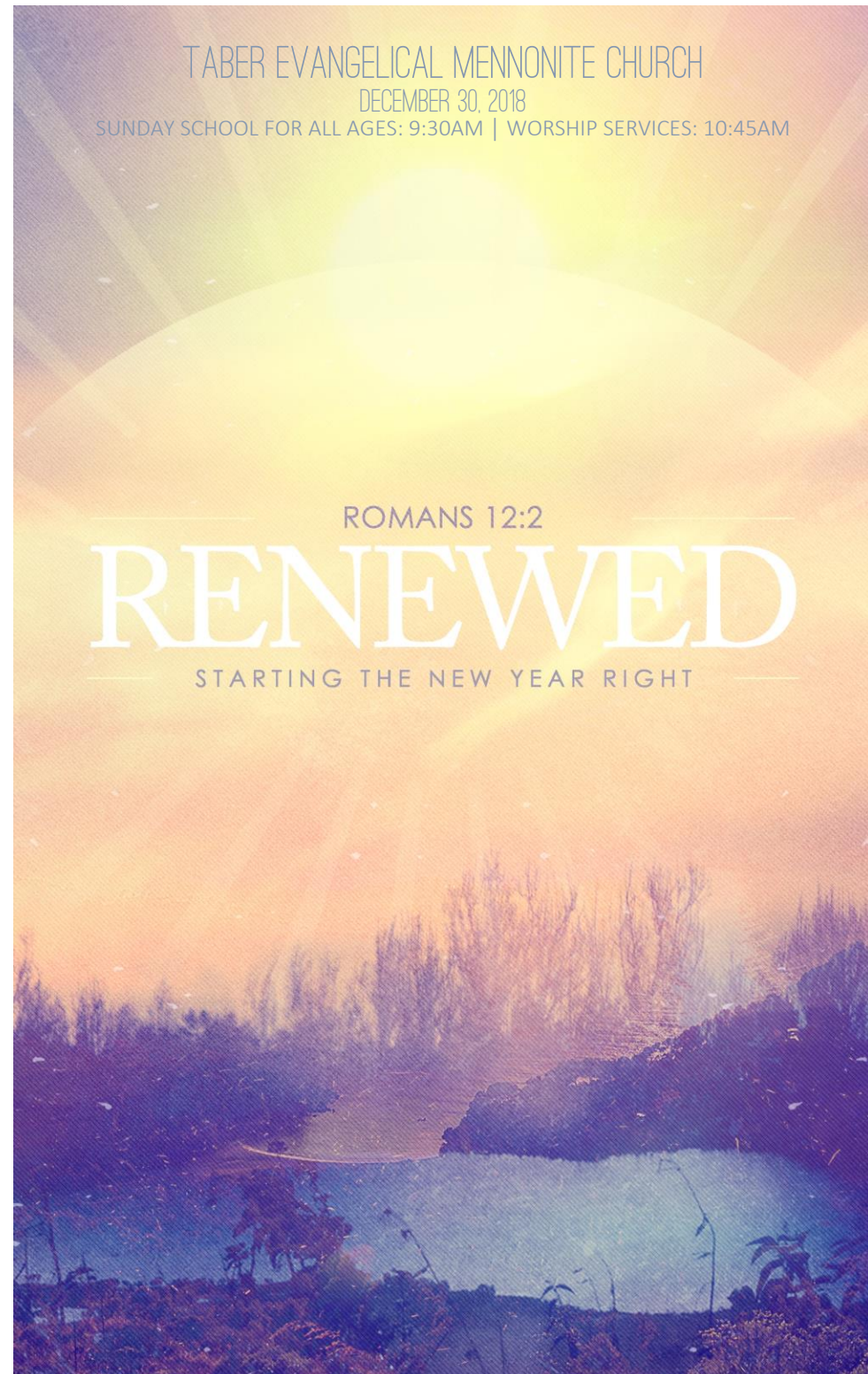
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VISION/MISSIONS STATEMENTS FROM THE BIBLE

Church Vision - "A Christian People of Truth, Grace, and Life." (from John 1:7; 14:6)
Church Mission - "To excel in Christian Worship, Gospel Ministries, Discipleship, and Leadership!" (from 1 Timothy 4:11-16)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Prayer -----Ike Wiebe
Worship Singing -----Dave & Audrey & Group
Announcements & Offertory -----Rebekah Peters
Message "As He Said" -----Jim Crawford
Closing Worship Song -----Dave & Audrey & Group

SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 28 NIV.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Guards' Report

¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" ¹⁴If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

SENIOR YOUTH NEWS

Please find us on Instagram "taberemcyouth" and Facebook "Taber EMC Youth" for up to the minute updates on what we're doing!

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 4 | CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO YOUTH
Youth will resume again on January 11.

THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 | SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES | 9:30-10:30AM

We hope you are all refreshed after your Christmas break and excited to join us again for Sunday School as we dive deeper into the word of God together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH POTLUCK & LEADERSHIP CONFIRMATION | JANUARY 20

Our Church Leadership has put together a Leadership proposal and we need your vote and support to continue the work of the church. We encourage everyone to keep this date free and plan to attend. There will be a potluck lunch followed by Leadership Confirmation elections. You do not have to be a member to attend this meeting or vote, if you are at home in our church you have a vote!

PROPOSED LEADERSHIP:

First Vote Details:

- **Lead Pastor couple – Jim & Janice Crawford**
-80% is needed to move forward
-Proxy voting available, if you are not able to attend the meeting you may place your vote by phone with George Sawatzky or Ike Wiebe, or stop in at the office Monday (Jan. 14) or Friday (Jan. 18) to place your vote by ballot.

Second Vote Details: By Majority Vote

- **Associate Minister couple – Abe & Eva Klassen** (2019) change to an open term.
- **Associate Minister couple – Dave & Audrey Wiebe** (open term)
- **Deacon Couple George & Margaret Sawatzky** (2019) a second term to 2023
- **Deacon Couple Dave & Agatha Reimer** (Currently serving until 2022)

2019 BUDGET PLANNING | Please note the Board will starting planning for the 2019 budget in the new year. Please contact a Board Member if your committee has any items for them to consider when they create the 2019 budget.

MORTGAGE ELIMINATOR | Beginning in 2019 the church will start the Mortgage Eliminator Fund to pay off our mortgage sooner so that we can begin the process of possibly adding on a gym and new kitchen. If you want to contribute to this fund, simply mark your donation with "Mortgage Eliminator".

BEREAN SCHOOL | JANUARY 11-13

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the Berean School taught by Dr. Dave Reimer. This will be a study of Romans with a particular discussion on God's sovereignty and our responsibility and how this needs to translate into godly living. Cost is \$100 for the weekend plus an optional \$25 for the textbook. **Sign-up sheets will be out today and January 6. Please talk to Abe A Klassen if you have any questions.** Classes will be held: Friday 7-10pm | Saturday 2-5pm and 7-10pm | Sunday 2-5pm

CONGRATULATIONS Go out to Rudy & Sandra Friesen on the birth of their baby boy; Zander Bentley, born December 12. May the Lord bless you and guide you as you raise your family.