

**This Morning**, we will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism.

**Tonight**, we welcome Daniel Kang to our pulpit. Daniel was ordained as a CRC pastor back in October and is serving as the Associate Pastor of the Korean United Church of Modesto.

**Next Sunday**, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion. Please take this week to prepare your hearts for that celebration. Additionally, if you are unable to attend, but would like to receive prepared communion elements, please contact the office by Thursday. Gluten-free bread will be available in baskets in the foyer for pick-up before the service.

### Church Family

Be in prayer for church family members who are fighting **colds and flus** to various degrees, that they will soon be returned to full health.

We praise God for the **rain**, and also pray for the safety of those affected by flooding and other issues caused by these storms.



### Offering Schedule

#### Today, January 8

##### **AM: ThereforeGO Ministries -**

Formerly Youth Unlimited, ThereforeGO Ministries helps churches challenge youth and emerging adults to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and transform this world for him.

##### **PM: Escalon Youth Center -**

A welcoming place for those 12-17 years old where they can hang out, play games, and hear God's Word.

#### Next Week, January 15

##### **AM: Modesto Pregnancy Center**

##### **PM: Focus on the Family**

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Sunday, January 8**

8:45am - Sunday School  
10:00am - Morning Service  
6:00pm - Evening Service  
7:15pm - Men's Bible Study

#### **Monday January 9**

7:00pm - Council Meeting  
7:00pm - Cadets  
7:00pm - GEMS

#### **Tuesday, January 10**

6:00pm - AA Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, January 11**

9:30am - Senior Games  
7:00pm - Praise Team & Band  
7:00pm - The Upper Room

#### **Thursday, January 12**

6:00pm - AA Meeting  
7:00pm - Young Adult's Bible Study

#### **Saturday, January 14**

6:00am - Men's Bible Study  
8:00am - Cadets Snow Trip

#### **Sunday, January 15**

8:45am - Sunday School  
10:00am - Communion Service  
6:00pm - Evening Service

### Church Announcements

**Senior Games** will be held this Wednesday from 9:30-11am in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and snacks.

For all **widows and widowers**: Please remember to mark Tuesday, January 17, as the new date for the Open House at the Pennings'. You are welcome to come between 2- 4pm for refreshments and fellowship. Let's celebrate the New Year together, giving thanks to God for His abundant provision!

On Thursday, January 19 at 5pm, a **trained security advisor** will be here to assist us with further developing our plan of action in the event of an emergency happening at church. All are welcome to attend this 1-2 hour session, but we especially would like to **encourage ushers and parking lot attendant volunteers** to attend.

**Family Visitations** will begin next week. This year, members with the last name *Harmelink - Struiksma* will be visited. Expect an email or phone call from the church office to get your family scheduled in the upcoming weeks and months.

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### Helping Hands Ministry

Please contact one of the Pastors, Deacons or coordinator with requests.

### Community Announcements

You are invited to the 2023 **Calvin University January Series** beginning tomorrow, January 9, and continuing weekdays through January 27 at Immanuel CRC (517 Orange Ave, Ripon). Each lecture will be shown through live feed from Calvin University from 9:30- 10:30am in the Immanuel Sanctuary. You can also watch digitally on demand each day until midnight PST on your own device. To watch or for more information, visit the January Series website at [calvin.edu/january](http://calvin.edu/january).

The **Liberty Quartet**, a traditional Southern Gospel quartet based in Boise Idaho, will be in concert at Ripon Grace (734 W Main St, Ripon) on Friday, January 20, at 7pm. Come and enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing for the Lord!

**RC Trivia Night** - Ripon Christian Close Up Club invites you to a night of competitive fun for all trivia lovers! Participants and spectators are welcome for a game night hosted by Jerry Terpsma and Sherwin Heyboer, served by RC Close Up Students, and desserts made by Close Up families. The event will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 7pm, at Almond Valley CRC. Please contact the high school office for a registration form or use the online form to sign up by January 18: <https://forms.gle/jWaAaKqm9tKT4sLM6>

Save the date! The Golden Bear **Cadets Pinewood Derby & Spaghetti Dinner** will be Saturday, February 4, from 5-9pm at Ripon Christian. Audience Choice Judging begins at 5:30pm with the race starting at 7pm.

### Prayer Chain

Please Email: [prayerchain@escaloncrc.org](mailto:prayerchain@escaloncrc.org)