



WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:14-21

"RESPOND: Live What You Believe"

Find full series synopsis [HERE](#).



WORSHIP

"BECOMING ISRAEL" SERMON SERIES BEGINS SEPT. 21 If your life story were a TV series, what would it be about? In this eight-episode series, we will follow the unfolding life story of Jacob, one of the fathers of Judaism and ultimately Christianity, as he grows out of a life of deceit and into a life of integrity and closeness with God. Along

the way, our understanding of what makes a person useful to God will change, and we may just get more in touch with what God is calling each of us to do to add to the plot of our life story.



CONNECT

SMALL GROUPS GO BIG! As we begin a churchwide study of one of the most well-known biblical figures, you are invited to join us for a small group experience in a large group setting. Small Groups GO BIG will happen on Monday nights at the CLC, September 22 - November 10, at 6:30. These nights will function much like a sermon

series small group where you'll have a chance to talk through questions around a table. We'll dive into the scriptures and themes that correspond with the upcoming series, "Becoming Israel," which not only takes us through the historical events that led Jacob to be named Israel but will encourage each of us to discover some of the best attributes of Jacob: vision, desire, and a drive to make dreams come true. Jacob sets the foundation for us as imperfect people who don't give up on God. So if you're ready to explore all God has in store for your life, join us at Small Groups GO BIG! Make sure to register [HERE](#) and we'll save you a seat!



RESPOND

BIDWELL PANTRY WORKDAY AT FAMILIES FORWARD ON SEPT. 20 United Women in Faith (UWIF) has their regularly scheduled workday on Sat., Sept. 20, from 9:00am-noon. Projects are available for all ages and abilities. Please join our Ankeny First group and see how the Bidwell Pantry functions as the largest distribution center in

Iowa. We carpool from the north Uptown parking lot, leaving promptly at 8:30am, or come and go as it fits your schedule. Your support and assistance are needed! 1203 Hartford Ave, Des Moines. Questions? Mary Johnson 515-771-5591.

INGATHERING MISSION PROJECT Each year, we have the opportunity to help with Ingathering Mission Project by making those in need care kits. There are information flyers explaining what each kit contains at each site, or view them [here](#). Our church typically collects student kits or personal dignity kits, but quilts, baby sweaters, and more are welcome. We also need paper boxes for transporting kits, if you have any of those. Please have your donations to the church by *October 24*. Please call Mary Johnson (515-771-5591) or [email](#) her with any questions.

MALAWI PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE Are you interested in traveling to Malawi in 2026, or would you like to learn more about our annual trip? Please join us on Zoom this Sunday, September 14, at 3:00pm. The meeting will provide a brief overview of our work in Malawi and a timeline for planning the 2026 trip. Please email [Joel Fox](#) if you can't make it and would like more information: [ZOOM LINK HERE](#).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Children (3 years - 5th grade) are invited to Sunday School Uptown at 9:00am & at the CLC at 9:00 & 10:30am.

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available at the CLC and Uptown during worship.

YOUTH Our youth group meets at the CLC every Wednesday through the school year. 6-12th Grades: 6:30-7:30pm.

SPORTS & FITNESS Visit our [registration page](#) for the latest sports & fitness opportunities that you can register to participate in!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP TIMES

Uptown: 9:00 & 10:30am (Traditional)
CLC: 9:00 & 10:30am (Contemporary)

ONLINE BROADCAST TIMES

CLC (9:00 & 10:30am) & Uptown (9:00am)

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