



Thank You for Christmas Eve/Day

We are always thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers who work so hard to make every event and worship an amazing experience here at Gloria Dei. We are especially thankful however, when our volunteers give of their time on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! We know you are sacrificing time with family to serve others in Jesus' name. We know that you are putting the needs of others ahead of your own. Therefore we want to say an especially big thank you to all who gave of their time during this Holy Season! You are a blessing to our Family of Faith and we pray the Lord would bless you in return!

~ Much love to you and yours, Pastor Joe



Financial Peace University

Sunday, Jan. 13-March 10 | 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Live financially sound! Financial Peace University will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Each class will be made up of small groups of people and is a great way to share ideas, be encouraged, and stay motivated. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in a class. Childcare is provided if registered a week before the event at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Marriage on the Rock Class

Thursday, Jan. 10-Feb 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Whether you've been married for years or just preparing for the journey, Marriage on the Rock will transform your relationship. From communication to money to sex, the "Marriage on the Rock" small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans discusses practical real-life challenges and offers easy to understand solutions for major issues a couple will encounter. Childcare is provided if registered a week before the class at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 8 | 7-9:30 p.m.
& Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Gloria Dei will be joining with over 500 churches from around the world in hosting the simulcast XO Conference. The XO Conference is the largest marriage conference of its kind, designed to enhance intimacy, renew passion, and refresh your relationship. The cost is \$25 per couple. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Message: "Help Me Understand: How Much Sin Can I Get Away With?"

Scriptures: Hebrews 10:23-31; Matthew 15:10-20

As a result of what you have received from God's Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

Additional Notes:

Let's pray!

Prayer Wall: Post your prayer requests (anonymously, if you choose) to a pastor or the online community. (Go to: www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/)

Connection Cards: Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews.

Phone Calls: Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Please Pray for:

Shirley Voshell	Shari Smith	College students
Tim McClelland	Cooper Driscoll	For the grieving family of Milton Maurer
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson	For the grieving family of Bob Carlson
Jessica Kramer	Paula Spark	
Heather Kusel	Linda Trobaugh	



William Robert Runyon born November 8, 2018 to Johnny and Rachel (nee: Timmons) Runyon, will be baptized on Sunday, Jan. 6 at the 8:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. William's spiritual sponsors are Erica Wolfe and Austin Wolfe.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Bob and Marilyn Kollmorgen.

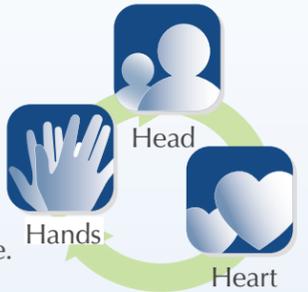
Outpouring of Love Dec. 23-29, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$44,123
General Fund Offering Budget	\$58,700
1st QTD Offering Total	\$476,719
1st QTD Budget	\$468,700
YTD Offering Total	\$914,135
YTD Budget	\$883,900

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GDLC CONNECTIONS

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Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.
Hebrews 10:23-24a



Visiting Today?

Welcome to worship! We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or ben.johnson@gdlc.church.

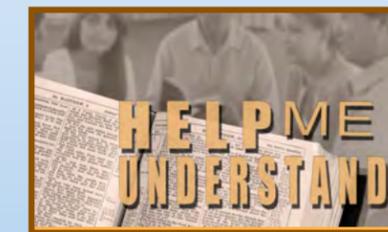
Infants-4 years old: Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Elementary Children: We would love for your children to join us during our educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.



"Help Me Understand: How Much Sin Can I Get Away With?"

While we'd hope no one would actually ask this question, some times we do live this way. We live on the edge. We live for ourselves. We live as if God isn't even watching and watching every single move we make. So...how much sin can I get away with and still go to heaven?



We'll seek understanding for that difficult question today while we remember that Jesus came to rescue us from the guilt of sin but that Jesus came to rescue us from sin...period!



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, Jan. 12 | 6 a.m-6 p.m.

Since we live in a broken world, God commands and encourages us to do is to pray without ceasing.

Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "Walking as Children of the Light"

Wednesday, Jan. 9-Feb. 27 | 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Pick up the Bible Study guide this weekend! Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will look at the book of 1 John. John reminds us that we are God's children by faith in Jesus! John reminds us that we are forgiven and free through Christ's blood shed for us. But John also reminds us that because of that truth, we live and move and have our being in Jesus every day. John reminds us that we are "Children of the Light" and as such we should live and act and speak as if that were true. Join us each Wednesday in January and February at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a time of fellowship and friendship as well as the study of God's Word!



Work as Worship Conference

Friday, Feb. 22 | 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at GDLC

Join thousands of Christian business professionals across the country for a one-day livestream event to hear from experts on connecting your faith and work. For Christians who also happen to be business professionals, faith and work don't often intersect. The connection between faith and work is not always obvious, but it is a God-given calling to make them connect. Register by Feb. 18 at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

The cost is \$30; lunch is included. Please note: childcare is not available for this event.



XYZ Group

Tuesday, Jan. 8 | 9 a.m. at Cozy Cafe

Join a bunch of senior adults as they gather once a month on Tuesday. Please note that they will meet on Jan. 8 and not Jan. 1. If you have any questions, contact Carol Dickey at 707-3975.

C A R E | Contact: Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church



Grief Share

Starts Thursday, January 17 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Grief Share is a 9-week program, designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.



Loss of a Spouse

Thursday, January 10 | 6:30-8 p.m.

This evening session helps those who have experienced the loss of a spouse.



W O M E N | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church



Bible Journaling Women's Event

Thursday, January 17 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a time for women to dig into God's Word as we write, highlight, draw in our Bibles or journals. Participants will receive 2 pens that will not bleed through Bible pages and a Bible highlighter. Journaling Bibles can be purchased at the event. Supplies are limited. If you prefer to write in a journal, please bring your favorite one.



Women's Bible Studies

Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study

Mondays | 9:30 a.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 14)

Mondays | 6:30 p.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 14)

Join us for Jen Wilkin's study of "God of Creation." This 10-week study will teach us fundamental truths about God from the opening lines and chapters of Genesis. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Childcare is available if registration is received a week before the study. Books will be available for purchase the first day of the study.



Rise and Shine Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:15 a.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 8)

Start your Tuesdays off with a group of women contemplating on "Jesus, Light of the Nations," a study on the book of Acts. Each week is a stand alone, so there is no need to register, just show up! For information contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 7-8 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 8)

This study is based on a book from the Bible, taking women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. To register or for information, contact Jane Lamfers at janelamfers@hotmail.com.

"Seamless" Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 9 - February 20 | 6:35 - 7:25 p.m.

All women are invited to join us Wednesday evenings in the Gathering Place for a Bible Study that will help us understand the Bible as a whole, connect the promises of God, and discover a Biblical context that reshapes and brings to life stories from the Old and New Testaments.



Parents! Childcare is Available!

We strive to offer age appropriate childcare for worship and events at Gloria Dei from infants to grade 5.

Weekends during worship: Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under in the nursery. In addition, Grace Place and Faith Alive serves children ages 2 and up.

Childcare for events: Childcare is available for infants and children up to grade 5. Please note: that in order for us to be prepared, we need your child to be registered. This can be easily accomplished when registering for a specific event at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Registration Opens for Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures opens up their registration for the 2019/20 school year for children ages 2-5. For specific registration information, please go to www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Current families: Monday, Jan. 7 | 8 a.m.
Gloria Dei families: Friday, Jan. 11 | 8 a.m.
Public: Monday, Jan. 14 | 8 a.m.



January's Book Recommendation

January's book recommendation from Pastor Ben Johnson is "The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in its Proper Place" by Andy Crouch

Making conscientious choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen time limits for our children. It's about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media rather than accepting technology's promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world's knowledge at our fingertips. And it's definitely not just about the kids.

Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, Who do we want to be as a family? and How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal? Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology's distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

~ Amazon Review



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