



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. For more information, please contact Chris Thomson at chris.thomson@gdlc.church.



Hong Kong Mission Trip

In February, a team of 20 Iowa missionaries will head to an LCMS sister congregation, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, in Hong Kong. The Schramm Family, Chris Bowman, DeAnn and Hannah McCue will represent Gloria Dei. The team will reach 400 children with the Gospel through an energetic and Jesus-filled week of Vacation Bible School. While most of the Hong Kong parents will send their children to be immersed in the English language, the kids will be sent home with a lot more than better fluency. The VBS ministry is an important part of community outreach in an geographic area where only 11 percent of the population is Christian.

For the VBS projects, the team needs the following items:

- (30) Cedar 6-foot picket fence boards -5/8 inch
- (500) paper dinner plates (medium heavy, not thin white ones)
- (6) rolls aluminum foil
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers red acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers orange acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers yellow acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers green acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers blue acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers purple acrylic paint
- (200) one-inch sponge paintbrushes
- Plastic disposable rectangle table cloths (any color)
- Large roll duct tape
- (4) 1.5 lb containers colored craft sand (bright colors)
- (12) 12-inch mixing bowls

Please drop off these items in the "Hong Kong" bins outside the Gathering Area and in the FLC before Jan. 25. If you would like to make a financial donation to the team, please contact Alena Naberhaus at alena.naberhaus@gdlc.church.

Message: "What About People Who Have Never Heard?"

Scriptures: Romans 1:18-25; Matthew 24:3-14

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:



CARE | 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.

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	Maxine Petersen,
Tim McClelland	Cooper Driscoll	mother of Peg Riddle
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	The Hong Kong team
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson	as they prepare for
Jessica Kramer	Paula Spark	their trip
Heather Kusel	Linda Trobaugh	

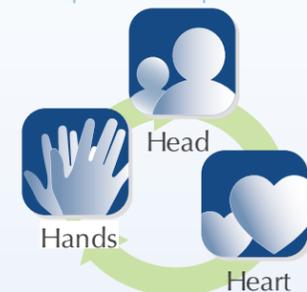
Outpouring of Love Dec. 30 - Jan. 5 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$37,794
General Fund Offering Budget	\$51,500
1st QTD Offering Total	\$514,514
1st QTD Budget	\$520,200
YTD Offering Total	\$951,929
YTD Budget	\$935,400

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For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
Romans 1:18-19 (ESV)



Visiting Today?

Welcome to worship! We are glad you're here.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or feel free contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or ben.johnson@gdlc.church.

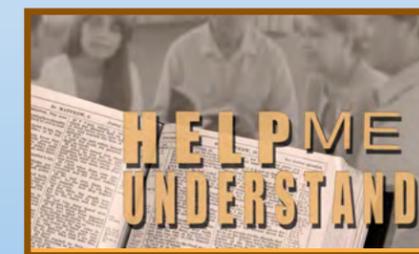
Infants-4 years old: Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

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: What About People Who Have Never Heard?"

This question is often on the hearts and minds of those outside the Christian faith, but also weighs heavily on the hearts



of those who know Jesus as their Savior. Is God seeking out those who are in remote places? Is God bringing the Gospel of Jesus to people who don't have the freedoms

and the access that we do? What about them? We'll seek understanding to this difficult question today all the while remembering God's goodness, grace, mercy and desire, that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth!

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



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

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

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.

Can't attend on Wednesday?

No problem, you can livestream the study at 6:30 p.m. or watch it on our Web site (www.GDLC.CHURCH) or on our App.



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.



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. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in a class. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Thank You from Operation Barnabas

Operation Barnabas of Des Moines (OBDM) would like to thank the members of Gloria Dei who contributed to the Freedom Alliance's Presents for Patriots Program (<https://freedomalliance.org/programs/presents-for-patriots/>). Thanks to the generosity of individuals and groups from Metro-area and Iowa District West churches, a total of \$2700 in monetary donations and \$690 in gift cards was collected for military families struggling with combat wounds and service-related injuries. OBDM would also like to thank the Gloria Dei quilters who made quilts for the children of all the families. Your beautiful handiwork was much appreciated.



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, and 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.

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.

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

Wednesdays from 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 for 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 a week before the event.



Registration Opens for Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures' registration for children ages 2-5 for the 2019/20 school year is open to current and Gloria Dei families now. Starting Monday, Jan. 14, the public is invited to enroll. For specific information, please go to www.GDLC.CHURCH.



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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