



## It's All Spiritual - My Field

Last week we considered the fact that our money belongs to the Lord. Today we are reminded by God's Word concerning a related subject— namely that our gifts, skills and abilities that help us to earn money is also a gift from God. Whatever you "do" as a vocation, paid or unpaid, is a gift from God. Therefore, it is also His to direct, lead and guide. If that's true, if God has placed us in our vocations, how does that change how we look at the field of endeavor we are in? We'll answer that question this week!

### Visiting today?

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. There is a gift waiting for you at the Connection Center!

**Got children?** Awesome! We have a wonderful nursery for infant-4 years old. Please go through the "nursery" door in the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary. We also have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. for children ages 3-grade 5.

### We need you for two hours

The staff as well as the Christmas MAT are working on plans to create an environment where members and visitors can celebrate the birth of our Savior.

We need you for two hours. Simply sign up at the Connection Center or online to work for two hours from Nov. 16-Dec. 1 for Christmas decorating. No heavy lifting or ladder work, only simple decorating. Families are welcomed! And remember, expect Christmas music, cookies, great fellowship and lots of laughter.

### Advent by Candlelight Sign-ups

**Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

Advent by Candlelight is a time for women to gather and reflect on the birth of Jesus. Women can host a table and invite others to join them. Please stop at the display to sign up to host a table. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).



# WEEKLY WORD

Leading ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

## Thanksgiving Worship in the Sanctuary

**Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00 a.m.**

*Give thanks unto  
the Lord!*

### Urbandale Food Pantry Ingathering

As you might expect at this time of year, we will be gathering non-perishable food for the **Urbandale Food Pantry**...but there's a twist this year. We intend to gather the food (see list below) all of November and all of December, too. The twist is...we won't deliver the food until after the first of the year! Doing it that way should prove to be a huge blessing to their efforts as we will bring the food to them after the Holiday rush when most food pantries are hurting for stock. So, carefully check the list below and bring your items to the center of the Gathering Place off of the Sanctuary right away!

(Healthy and Unexpired Items Only)

- cereal
- beans
- rice
- pasta
- peanut butter
- canned fruit (in water or 100% juice)
- canned vegetables
- canned tomatoes
- canned soup
- tuna (in water)
- canned chicken (in water)
- diapers
- baby wipes

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## Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Rick Buhrke

Paul Buttenhoff

Shannon Smuck

Maddie Wright

Bob Christensen

Tim McClelland

Ken Lee

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Amy Luetje (Phillips)

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Paxton Bremer

Larry Kinsey

Sarah Smith

Julie Bowie

Safety and resolutions from the recent violence in our country

The grieving families of those in Texas

## November Challenge

Our "Going Further Challenge" for November is to read two books, or perhaps one of these two books: 1) *"Eternity In Their Hearts"* by Don Richardson or 2) *"Bruchko"* by Bruce Olson. Both will challenge your thinking about international mission work and both are available at [www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com).

## Facilities Manager Needed

With Pastor Bill Clark moving to full-time interim pastor at Christ Our Savior at the beginning of 2018, we are in need of a new Facilities Manager. This is a key full-time position that is responsible for the maintenance of church buildings, grounds and equipment. We are looking for someone who has strong organizational and maintenance skills combined with a passion for the ministry and mission of Gloria Dei. If you have an interest or want to learn more, please contact Chris Thomson and he can provide a job description and answer any questions you may have. Chris can be reached at [chris.thomson@gdlc.church](mailto:chris.thomson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3895.

## Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting

**Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon**

Please consider a mission trip to Honduras from June 9-16, 2018. Pastor Tim and Kim Phillips have led a team to help the impoverished in Honduras for more than 10 years. The team will help provide medical clinics, wash children's hair, and share the Gospel. Medical experience is not needed, only a desire to love those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).

## Monday's Women Bible Study

Here are a few studies to include in your fall and Advent lineup:

**Monday, Nov. 20 (time to be determined)** If you would like to watch "The War Room" with a small group of women, please contact Lisa Scherer at [scherer5127@gmail.com](mailto:scherer5127@gmail.com).

**Monday, Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.,**

Join a group of women for an hour discussion on "In the Shadow of Jezebel" by Mesu Andrews.

## Thank You for Your Generous Hearts!

We wanted to make sure you heard a huge "Thank You!" for your generosity towards our Houston Family. Because of your willingness to reach out to them, we were able to send an initial check for \$8,500! Rachel expresses her love and thankfulness on behalf of her family and cannot believe what you have done. God is good! (We will continue this fund until Thanksgiving.)

## Baptized Unto Jesus

**Jonathan Matthew Finley**, born July 11, 2017 to Michael and Megan (nee Helkenn) Finley will be baptized this Saturday. Jonathan's spiritual sponsors are Joe and Nicole Ferguson.

**Benjamin Nicholas Finley**, born March 31, 2016 to Michael and Megan (nee Helkenn) Finley will be baptized this Saturday. Benjamin's spiritual sponsors are Joe and Nicole Ferguson.

# Christmas 2017

## Advent Worship

We look forward to deepening our discipleship with our Advent midweek services on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our youth-led worship services will be the same days but held at 6:45 p.m. in the FLC

## Advent Worship Celebration on Dec. 10

On Sunday, December 10 at the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services in the Sanctuary, we will be blessed with Scripture, a message and special music anticipating and celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus! You don't want to miss experiencing the amazing musical talents that the Lord has given to our members as they sing and play and rejoice in God our Savior. We will maintain our normal weekend worship service times, but the 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary will be filled with special music. There will be Grace Place on Saturday but not on Sunday.

## Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior

**Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.**

We invite children and families to be involved in our Christmas program. It is a great chance to learn about the events leading up to the birth of



Jesus. It also helps children to become bolder in their faith while meeting new friends.

**Rehearsals start Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 5:45-6:30 p.m.** A meal will be served from 5:15-5:45 p.m. for \$2 per person.

Please e-mail DeAnn at [deann](mailto:deann).

[mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:mccue@gdlc.church) to let her know that you are coming.

## Senior Adult Ministry Party

All seniors are invited to the Senior Adult Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10, at 4:30 p.m. There will be carol singing and other Christmas activities. Barbecue sandwiches, salads and desserts will be provided. You are invited to bring a nativity scene for a display for the evening. Please RSVP to the church office at [office@gdlc.church](mailto:office@gdlc.church) by Wednesday, Dec. 6.

## "Until He Returns" Musical Concert

**Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

The entire church is invited to a special concert from Randy "Doc" McCaulley, a keyboardist and vocalist. The concert will consist of a blend of contemporary Christian music, including several of his originals and stories of personal faith from his life. This fast-paced program is one for the entire family. There is no cost for admission. A free-will offering will be collected.



## Surviving the Holidays

**Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m.**

Suffered a loss of a loved one? Don't travel alone; come for a dinner and a time of encouragement.

**Register at [GDLC.CHURCH](http://GDLC.CHURCH) or call 276-1700.**



## Gingerbread Tea

**Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10-noon**

Bring your family to decorate a Gingerbread House (all trimmings included) and enjoy a light lunch. We'll hear a Christmas devotion and take home a Christmas devotion to share in the days leading up to Christmas.

Tickets are \$40 per family. (Additional houses are \$10 each.)

**Registration is a must. Go to [GDLC.CHURCH](http://GDLC.CHURCH) & click on "Registration" on top right corner.**



# The next 9 days...

## Saturday, November 11

- 6:00 a.m. Youth Omaha City Plunge
- 8:00 a.m. Girl Scouts Service Unit
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Bogart/Aufdenkamp Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)\*
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, November 12

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)\*
- 9:45 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:15 p.m. Financial Peace University Celebration
- 1:00 p.m. Girlz and Boyz of Faith
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #763
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unit
- 4:00 p.m. Family ADVENTure

## Monday, November 13

- 9:30 a.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle
- 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study on Monday
- 4:00 p.m. Young Patriots Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 14

- 6:15 a.m. Rise and Shine Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 a.m. ICA Archery Practice
- 3:15 p.m. ICA Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Sisters in Song Rehearsal

## Wednesday, November 15

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. ReCharge Meal, Opening & Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Bell Choir

## Thursday, November 16

- 6:30 a.m. ICA Archery Practice
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church Time
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:15 p.m. ICA Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays
- 6:30 p.m. Flute Ensemble

## Friday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church Time
- 1:00 p.m. Home School Presentation
- 4:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Gathering (Off-site)

## Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church Time
- 10:00 a.m. Girl Scout Troop #236
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)\*
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)\*
- 9:30 a.m. First Communion for Youth in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 9:45 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)\*
- 11:15 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Honduras Informational Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Decorate the Church Time
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Glen Oaks Memory Loss Care Center
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806

Outpouring of Love (Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2017)	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,945
General Fund Offering Budget	\$28,400
2nd QTD Offering Total	\$177,760
2nd QTD Budget	\$174,800
YTD Offering Total	\$533,972
YTD Budget	\$533,700
Please note: Our fiscal year runs mid-year (July-June)	

\* Communion is in the Sanctuary the 1st and 3rd weekend and in the FLC the 2nd and 4th weekend.

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. We encourage families to worship together before children are invited to Grace Place on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:50 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

### Children:

(Infant to age 3):

**Nursery:** Located on the lower level, the nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent. The nursery can be accessed through the door on the southwest side of the Connection Center.

### Communion:

The Lord's Supper or Communion is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26). God's Word is very clear that when we receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper we also literally/physically receive the actual body and blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-30). If you are a baptized Christian who trusts in Christ's presence, recognizes your sinfulness, and desires not only to be forgiven of those sins, but also needs strength from Jesus to amend your daily life, then you are welcome to join us! If you do not believe Christ is present, or are unsure of what you believe and want further explanation, then please feel free to speak with one of our Pastors at a convenient time. (We provide both non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray and gluten-free wafers in containers.)