



The Big Idea: The Tools of the Plan

If you have an idea...if you have a plan...you have to have tools to accomplish the plan. If you're God, you need absolutely nothing to bring your idea to fruition and to fulfill your plan. God doesn't need help or tools because God doesn't need anything. But God chooses to seek help and use tools...but the crazy truth is...we are His help and we are His tools. God uses us every day in His work in this world because we are "The Tools of the Plan."

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-3 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.



Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue

Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. The first stop will be Caesarea, Megiddo, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana and Galilee in room 130-32. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Life Groups Informational Meetings

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. & Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.

Pastor Ben invites you to hear, learn, and give valuable input to the formation and upstart of a small group initiative called Life Groups. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ben at 777-3900 or at ben.johnson@gdlc.church.

Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 9 from 7-9:30 p.m.

& Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9-11:30 a.m.

(Optional: Friday, Feb. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4 p.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. No matter where you are on your journey of marriage, come and encounter God's dream for your future. The cost is \$25 per couple. Register is required.



Register at WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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 Buppenhoff

Shannon Smuck

Maddie Wright

Bob Christensen

Tim McClelland

Ken Lee

Dan DeVries

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Larry Kinsey

Sarah Smith

Julie Bowie

Cooper Driscoll

Taylor Peterson

*Therefore,
we are ambassadors
for Christ,
God making his appeal
through us.
We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)*

Ash Wednesday: February 14

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Blended Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The celebration of Lent begins with what we call "Ash Wednesday" on February 14. The old saying that accompanied this day, "Ashes you are and to ashes you shall return," is a reminder not only of the limitations of our humanity but also what brings the limitation, our sin. The Bible says it this way, "The wages of sin is...death." This year on Ash Wednesday, we will remember both our finite nature and our infinite nature all in one evening. Through the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, we will remember that we are ashes and to ashes we shall return, but that in Christ and through Christ, we will be in the heavenly realm forever. In fact, we often say it this way at funerals, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust...in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of all flesh!" Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith in Jesus as you not only begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, but commit to growing in your faith week after week, all season long!

Please note: Faith Alive and ReCharge will not meet on Ash Wednesday, we encourage everyone to worship together.

Midweek Lenten Worship

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 in the Sanctuary

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. and Blended Worship at 6:30 p.m.

February 21, 28, March 7 and 21 in the Family Life Center.

Youth-led worship at 6:45 p.m.

(Please note: ReCharge and Faith Alive will not meet on Feb. 14, March, 14 and Holy Week.)

Holy Week

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

Easter

Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC- Contemporary)

Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)

Please note:

Faith Alive will be held on Feb. 21, 28, March 7 and 21 at 6:30 p.m. We will begin worship with our families in the Sanctuary, and then our children will be invited to Faith Alive.

Baptized Unto Jesus

Alice Jane Boese born October 6, 2017 to Joshua and Hannah (nee: Quandt) Boese will be baptized this Sunday at 11 a.m. Alice's spiritual sponsors are Elizabeth Carstensen and John Quandt.

Urbandale/Iowa State Singers Concert

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary



You are invited to a shared concert with Iowa's top high school and college choirs. It is a wonderful way to enjoy great music and encourage these talented young men and women. For more information, contact Nick Prenger at nick.prenger@gdlc.church.

E-mail Newsletters

On Friday mornings, we send out an e-mail newsletter that highlights the weekly activities at Gloria Dei. From that digital newsletter, there are lots of links that will make it easier to register or to catch a message online. We also send out a mid-week boost that contains Pastor Joe's 10.27 podcast along with a few other reminders.

If you do not receive these e-mails and would like to, please contact Jenny Lappin at jenny.lappin@gdlc.church.

Spring Break VBS

March 12-15 from 9-11:30 a.m.

VBS is right around the corner! Registration is open!

Leaders and helpers are needed! Sign up today by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Help for a day or all four days, or help set up or tear down. Leader and helper training will be Monday, March 5 from 6-7 p.m.

Kids' worship team members are needed! Talk to DeAnn! All ages welcome to help lead opening and closing during VBS. Rehearsals will be Sunday, March 4 from noon-1 p.m. and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - noon in the FLC.

VBS registration for children is opened. Simply go to www.GDLC.CHURCH/VBS and click on the VBS link in the menu bar.

Paint and Praise Women's Event

Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Women of all ages and stages are invited to join us for an evening of painting with a lot of praise mixed in! We'll work on a wood and string project together and, if time, work on string art or paint on wood independently. We'll fellowship, snack, paint and praise! Cost is \$12 per person, and registration is a must! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church or at 276-1700.

Charlie's Book Drive



On February 25, 2017, the Corkrean family, suffered the loss of their son and brother, Charles Joseph Corkrean, as a still born baby. In honor of Charlie's first birthday in heaven, Alex and Allie plan to collect books for the children at Blank Children's Hospital. Please consider helping them and bring new or gently used books to the Gathering Place now through February 18.

Girls and Boys Of Faith

Sunday, February 4 from 1-2:30 p.m

All kids in grades 3-5 are invited to an afternoon of fun, laughter, games, crafts, Bible Study, food and fellowship. Use the east entrance. Friends are welcome!

Baptism Napkins

We are in need of individuals who like to embroider by hand. We will provide the material and instructions on how to embroider the small baptismal symbol. If interested, please contact Lisa Gibson at lisa.gibson@gdlc.church.



Handbells

Would you like to ring with us? We'd love to have you join us! We're working on music for Easter! Questions? Contact DeAnn in the church office at 276-1700 or by at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.

Consider the possibilities of helping in Honduras

We are looking for individuals who would like to extend God's hand of love and mercy to those in Honduras from June 9-16, 2018. No medical experience is needed, just a willing heart. If God is tugging on your heart, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.



We will be helping in these areas:

- **Optical**—helping Hondurans receive glasses
- **Dental**—assisting Honduran dentists in treating patients
- **Concrete**—putting concrete floors in houses
- **Painting**—painting houses
- **Pharmacy**—helping the pharmacy distribute medicine
- **Medical**—seeing patients and giving a basic diagnosis
- **Children**—teaching the message of Jesus to children and washing their heads for lice
- **Evangelism**—sharing the Gospel with Hondurans.
- **Spiritual Growth**—many people come away from the trip with a deepened faith and understanding of God's love.

If interested, contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

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Hong Kong VBS supplies needed

The team going to Hong Kong from Gloria Dei is bringing supplies for the week of VBS with them. Please donate items in the bin by the coat racks or by DeAnn's office before Wednesday, Feb. 14.

- ➔ Old-fence boards or barn wood (at least 6-inches wide)
- ➔ Wash cloths
- ➔ Dimes
- ➔ Rubber bands
- ➔ Wooden rulers
- ➔ Disposable straws (non-bendable)

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 14-Jan. 20, 2017)	
General Fund Offerings	\$40,405
General Fund Offering Budget	\$39,400
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$109,859
3rd QTD Budget	\$132,200
YTD Offering Total	\$1,009,173
YTD Budget	\$1,004,500
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 4):

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.)