



Blessed

When we think about our blessings, typically we go to things like family, house, career and other tangible, physical, earthly blessings. And to be sure, those are blessings from the hand of God. And yet, the greatest blessing we have is the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. We know that's true and yet, as we count our blessings every day, we sometimes forget just how blessed we are in Jesus and His saving love! Today, we remember from Psalm 32 that "blessed" means being forgiven, and is centered in the fact that the Lord does not count our iniquities against us.

Visiting today?

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

If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center where a friendly person will assist you.

We have a wonderful nursery for infants-3 years olds. 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.

Want to Go Deeper into Psalms?

Now online!

We are expanding "Sitting with the Psalms" study by offering a five-part online study. Pastor Ben will look at Psalm 4, Psalm 16, Psalm 25, Psalm 46 and Psalm 63 during this online study. Study guides can be downloaded from the Web.

Enjoy sitting with the Psalms!

Check it out at www.GDLC.Church/bible-studies/

Wandering Trip 2018

The 27 youth and 8 adults will soon be coming home from their Wandering Trip. Here are a few photos. More photos and stories will be shared in the upcoming weeks.



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

Shirley Voshell

Shannon Smuck

Tim McClelland

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Larry Kinsey

Sarah Smith

Cooper Driscoll

Taylor Peterson

Doug Jackson

Julie Bowie

Paula Spark

Our country

Our military

Summer outreach at Laurel Village

Our youth



Sweet Lemonade & Iced Tea

Join us for a fun summertime night out!

Monday, July 30 from 6:30- 8 p.m.

Purse and Accessory Swap

Purses and accessories are needed for the swap! Donations will be accepted through the end of July. Extra purses and accessories will be donated to Dress for Success and Hope Ministries. **Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.**

Playdate @ the Park

Summer is here, so you know what that means? Time to bring your family to the park. Join us throughout the summer as we gather together for fun, fellowship, and food.

We will provide the food, coffee, and treats.

In order to make sure we have enough food, please register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Saturday, July 28 9:00-10:30	Lions Park 72nd & Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322
Saturday, Aug 11 9:00-10:30	Dewey Park 5225 NW 64th Pl., Johnston, IA 50131
Saturday, Aug 25 9:00-10:30	Pointe Vista Park 9612 Enfield Dr., Johnston, IA 50131

Military Tribute Concert Rehearsals

Monday, August 13, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please join us on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage at the Iowa State Fair for the "Military Tribute Concert."

An adult choir, orchestra, and children's choir will be assembled from across the State of Iowa. Four or five optional rehearsals will be held on the Wednesday evenings and on Sunday afternoon, August 12 and Monday morning, August 13. For more information and to register, please go to MilitaryTributeConcert.org or e-mail Julie DenHerder at info@militarytributeconcert.org.

Children's Choir

Does your child like to sing? Registration is open, so please sign up. Children will rehearse as well as having snack and craft time.

Details of Children's Rehearsals: Optional rehearsals: Wednesdays (July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8) from 6-7:30 p.m. Dress rehearsals: Sunday, August 12 from 2 - 5 p.m.; Fellowship meal from 5-7 p.m.; and Monday, August 13 from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Register at www.militarytributeconcert.org/register or contact Julie Dueker at youngpatriots1776@gmail.com.



The first few weeks of our summer outreach were met with lots of rain. However, this week's weather was perfect! We are thankful for all of our volunteers who are cooking, serving meals, and helping with all the other activities. Thank you!



Sleeping Mats for the Homeless Workshop

Wednesday, July 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn how to make sleeping mats for the homeless in Des Moines in this fun, interactive, hands-on workshop. We'll learn how to cut plastic grocery bags into loops to make "plyarn" and how to loom-weave or crochet the plyarn into a sleeping mat.

No experience necessary. Register today at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Urbandale Food Pantry

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting the following:

Item for July: Toilet Paper

Please drop the item(s) in the bins under the coat racks. Thank you!

Joppa Outreach

Sunday, July 29 from 12:30-4 p.m.

Consider joining us as we partner with Joppa to reach out to those who are shelterless in Des Moines. As Joppa volunteers, we will visit 250-300 people living under bridges, in tents, in vehicles and recently off the streets. We will meet at Joppa Outreach, 118 SE 4th St., Des Moines, at 12:30 p.m. Please register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Prayer Vigil

July 28 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please join as we take time from our busy schedule to pray for each other, missionaries, our communities, upcoming events, world events, and much more. We will have 30-minute time slots available to pray during the day. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH. (click on registration on top menu bar)

Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue

Sunday, July 22 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. If you missed a meeting, no problem, you can join the group at any time.

Golf Outing

Thursday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.

The Gloria Dei Foundation invites you to participate in this event



at the Beaver Creek Golf Club, 11200 NW Towner Dr., Grimes. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Connection Center. Registration opens August 6 at GDLC.church.

Great coffee with a greater cause

**Support
Honduras Mission**

\$15 1lb. bag
On sale now.

Veterans Outreach Program

The Military Tribute Concert committee invites you to help Veterans and/or their families by donating 900 hygiene items to be placed in towel caddies for the VA Hospital.

- After shave (no aerosol)
- Shampoo/body wash combo (13 oz or less)
- Deodorant
- Lotion (13 oz or less)
- Handkerchief

Please drop off items in the Gathering Area.

If interested in sewing towel caddies, contact Janna Amendt at 210-6328.

Outpouring of Love (July 1-7, 2018)

General Fund Offerings	\$35,235
General Fund Offering Budget	\$29,400
1st QTD Offering Total	\$35,235
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YTD Offering Total	\$35,235
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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 worshiping 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.)