



Grace Place

Saturday, Sept. 8 at 5:45 p.m. | Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Grace Place for preschool and elementary children starts today. And we couldn't be more excited! Our nursery is also available for infants-age 3.

Register your children: There is a new children's ministry sign-in. We need every family to register even if you registered last year. Simply go to www.gdlc.church.



Faith Alive

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 6:20-7:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Faith Alive is filled with praising God through song, studying God's Word and doing an activity or two relating to the lesson. We will begin with a lively and powerful opening in the Children's wing at 6:20 p.m. before splitting into age-appropriate groups.

Faith Alive Meal

Starts, Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Join us in the Family Life Center for a meal that is kid friendly. The cost is \$3 per person, children under 2 eat free.



Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesday, Sept. 12-Oct. 3 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

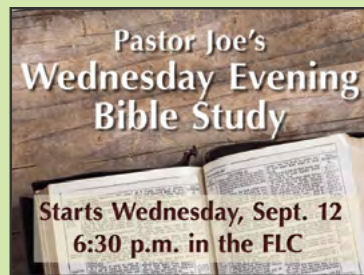
All third graders and a parent are encouraged to attend this time of discovering more about who God is through His Word. Bibles are provided.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: What Do We Really Know About Jesus?

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

We will be studying the book of Luke during our midweek Bible study in the Family Life Center. Luke, a doctor by profession, gives us what is perhaps the most detailed Gospel account of Christ's life and ultimately answers the question: "What do we really know about Jesus?". He gives us an amazingly accurate account of the life and times of our Savior. In saying that, please understand that a detailed account of the life of Jesus can also help us as we seek to explain Jesus to friends and family that don't know Him as their Savior. Grab your Bible, grab a friend, and join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of Jesus.



Today's Message: How Can We Know God Exists?

Scriptures: Romans 1:18-21 & John 14:8-11

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!

We know the power of prayer individually and within the body of believers. Consider these options:

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:

Rick Buhrke	Larry Lewis	Larry Kinsey	Doug Jackson
Shirley Voshell	Jessica Kramer	Sarah Smith	Mike Dehnert
Tim McClelland	Heather Kusel	Cooper Driscoll	Paula Spark
Jennifer Dehnert	Patty Wright	Taylor Peterson	Barb Kramer

Baptized Into Christ



Micah Elliott Bottoms born June 19, 2018 to Tyler and Kristi (nee: Gloede) Bottoms, will be baptized on Saturday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Micah's spiritual sponsors are Angela Gloede and Justin Bottoms.

Outpouring of Love August 26-Sept. 1, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)

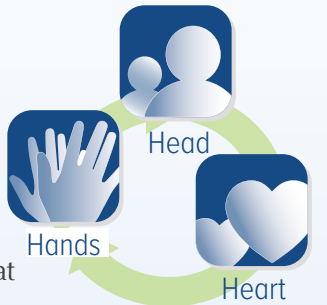
General Fund Offerings	\$20,927
General Fund Offering Budget	\$24,200
1st QTD Offering Total	\$267,477
1st QTD Budget	\$260,500
YTD Offering Total	\$267,477
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G D L C CONNECTIONS

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.
Romans 1:20

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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 at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Elementary Children: Starts today! We have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

NEW Registration & check-in system!
Grace Place begins today!
Please go to the Children's check-in stations.



Help me Understand: "How Can We Know God Exists?"

Today's sermon will tackle the question of "How Can We Know God Exists?" For the Christian, the existence of God is obvious...but not so for everyone. Often people look at the meaninglessness of this world and say, "How could there be a God?" Often



people see the pain and suffering in our world and question the existence of a "good God." Often people are duped by prevailing philosophies that teaches we came from nothing. But the Bible reminds us, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1. How can we know God exists? Because we exist...creation cries out, "There is a Creator," one who made me, loves me, and walks with me.

It's going to be a great fall!

Pick up your fall brochure today!

Since this year we will concentrate on the mind or Head, we will have lots of great messages, Bible studies, events and activities that will challenge us to think deeper on what it means to be a disciple. To plug into all that is happening this fall, pick up a brochure today.

Here is a glimpse of what to expect this year:

Bible Journals will be sold after services starting this weekend.

Wednesday evening Bible study will study the book of Luke.

Classes & Bible studies will have childcare provided for infants-grade 5.

Midweek meal will be served in the Family Life Center on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Starts Sept. 12.



Fall Classes you want to attend!



Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information: pick up a fall brochure or go to www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Marriage on the Rock

Sunday, Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information: pick up a fall brochure or go to www.GDLC.CHURCH.



CORE Classes

Thursday, Starting Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

We have two CORE classes beginning in October. If you are a new member, please select the CORE beliefs. All other members are invited to CORE teachings.

For more information: pick up a fall brochure or go to www.GDLC.CHURCH.



SENIOR ADULTS | Contact: Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdgc.church



Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 10-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Phillips will lead this "Drive through History-The Gospels." Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry starting Sept. 12.



Senior Adult Social

Sunday, Sept. 30 from 4-6 p.m. at 2831 SW Westview Lane, Ankeny

Each guest is asked to bring an appetizer to share with the group. For more information or to RSVP contact Lisa at lisa.gibson@gdgc.church or Elaine Mueller at 515-276-8903 no later than September 26.

WOMEN | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdgc.church



Women's Fall Event

Thursday, Sept. 13 | 6:30-8 p.m.

An evening event for women with a time for fellowship, light dinner, service for others, and a Bible Study. Register by Sept. 10. Cost is \$10 per person. Register at GDLC.CHURCH.



Sweaters & Cider - Window Wreath

Tuesday, Sept. 25 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for the first of three evenings designed to gather for fellowship, create some crafts and dive into God's Word. We will create a window wreath (window is included.) Limit to 25 women, so register early at GDLC.CHURCH. The cost is \$25.



TEENS | Contact: TK at tim.kightlinger@gdgc.church



ReCharge Student Ministry

Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 5:45-7:30 p.m. All teens in grades 6-12 are invited to our opening worship/praise time and small groups. We will offer a meal (\$3 per person) from 5:45-6:15 p.m.



Café 6to9

Friday, Sept. 21 | 6-9 p.m. This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Food will be available at a low cost.

CHILDREN | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdgc.church

Accepted the Call for Director of Children's Ministry

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Having prayerfully considered the Call you have extended, I truly believe that God has led me to accept the Call to serve as Director of Children's Ministry at Gloria Dei.



Jenn Fuller has accepted the Call.

I am very excited to work with DeAnn McCue and the rest of the Gloria Dei staff and members to share Jesus with the children of the church and community! May our loving and gracious God bless our efforts in ministry together.

~ In Christ's Service, Jennifer L. Fuller, DCE

Installation Service on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the 9:30 a.m. service

We are thrilled to have Jenn on board to serve the children and parents at Gloria Dei. After each worship service on Sept. 29-30, we will have refreshments and an opportunity to meet Jenn.

In addition, because DeAnn McCue will be changing her responsibilities from Director of Family and Children's Ministry to Director of Family Ministry and Women's Ministry, she will also be installed during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sept. 30.



Thrivent Financial Presentation

Sunday, Sept. 16 | 9:15-10:15 & 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Two Thrivent representatives will discuss the Thrivent's Generosity Program and planned giving strategies in rooms 136 and 138. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how Thrivent can help both you and Gloria Dei as we strive to steward God's resources well for His glory and Kingdom. There will also be ample time for questions. Please note: Dan Snyder's Bible study will not meet until Sept. 23.



Single Moms Morning Out Fall Clothes Drive

Cleaning out your closets? Want to give away some of your spring and summer clothes? If so, please consider donating them now until Sept. 30 in "purple" bins outside the main office and under the coat racks. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Mellencamp at s.mellencamp@gmail.com.



Urbandale Food Pantry Monthly Request

September's requested item is soap (bars). Please put the items in the Urbandale Food Pantry underneath the coat racks.