

Fall Launch!

We are excited to begin our fall activities starting Sept. 7. For more information about each event as well as other classes, please see the Fall Brochure.

Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept. 8

Grace Place | Saturday at 5:15 p.m. | Sunday at 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Children are encouraged to worship with their families before being dismissed for a special time to sing and learn about God.

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser | Sunday at 7:45-11:30 a.m.

Let's celebrate by coming together to eat delicious breakfast with free-will donations going toward next summer's youth mission trips.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Phillips will lead this "Drive through History-Acts-Revelation." Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry; free-will donations are gladly accepted.

Wednesday Evening Meal | 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Children, teens and families are invited to join us for dinner. The cost is \$3 per person.

Faith Alive | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 to grade 5 are encouraged to join us in the Children's Wing for songs, study, and activities during the year.

ReCharge | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited in worship before breaking into a small group.

Gridshock | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

Gridshock, a documentary on human trafficking in central Iowa will be shown. Tickets (free) will be required by going to GDLC registration link. A free-will offering will be received for Dorothy's House that will help offset the cost of showing the documentary.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

"Best Sermon Ever" Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

Join Pastor Ben as he leads a study on the Sermon on the Mount.

Women's Evening Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. | Gathering Area

Women, come hear God speaking to us through His Word.

Thursday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 22

Revelation: "Vision from Jesus" | 6:30 p.m. | Livestream

Pastor Joe will lead us weekly through the amazing book of Revelation on livestream beginning Thursday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 22.

Schedule a Photo Directory Session

Time slots are filling up! Simply go to www.GDLC.CHURCH and click on Photo Directory in the top menu.

Message: "Others First"

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; Galatians 6:1-10

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:

Save the Date! Senior Adult Event

Sunday, September 29 | 4-6 p.m. | Villas at Stonewater Clubhouse

Come for fellowship and an opportunity to see and hear what some of your fellow Gloria Dei friends are doing for fun! Guests do not need to bring anything but themselves. Heavy appetizers and beverages will be provided. Registrations are a must by visiting www.gdlc.church or calling Elaine Mueller at 515-577-1271. For anyone not wanting to drive to Ankeny, please let Elaine know you are in need of a ride. Last day for registration is Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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	Jessica Kramer	Jackee Brienzo	Kern Schwartz
Larry Lewis	Heather Kusel	Bob Sams	Sandra Jackson
Paula Spark	Taylor Peterson	Roger Cling	

Outpouring of Love - August 18-24, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,466
General Fund Offering Budget	\$27,200
1st QTD Offering Total	\$263,933
1st QTD Budget	\$249,800
YTD Offering Total	\$263,933
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Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For if anyone thinks he is something,
when he is nothing, he deceives himself

Galatians 6:2-3

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 located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Grade 5: Fall Grace Place will begin Sept. 7 and 8 for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

"Living Koinonia Lives

As we begin our "Koinonia" sermon series, we are reminded that our life lived as Christian people is not lived for ourselves but for others. This is a difficult truth for us to embrace because we're raised to believe that "me first" is an acceptable mantra.

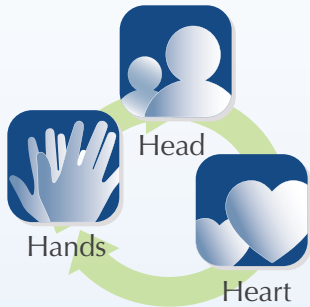
And it would be acceptable...if we were just Americans. But we're not just Americans, we're American-Christians, or Christians who happen to live in America. As such, we can show a better way to those around us as we show them Jesus' way by putting "others first." Yes, take care of yourself and take care of your family. We will remember today; however, that as a Christian, we live like Jesus lived and consider the needs of "others first."



Fall Activities Begin Next Weekend

Fall Grace Place begins Saturday, Sept. 7 at the 5 p.m. evening service and on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. service.

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Family Life Center Renovation

We are excitedly looking forward to performing a major renovation of our Family Life Center, Kitchen and Center Wing in Summer of 2020. Our Governing Board, at the request of Pastor Meyer, has approved the concept drawing from Tim Olson, our architect at Ethos Design Group. Our current plan is to get you more detailed drawings and cost estimates several weeks before our already scheduled Annual Meeting, October 27. We will also let you know some dates for Q&A about this renovation and the finances prior to our October 27th meeting.

We want you to be able to make informed decisions. For now, stop by the Connection Center and pick up the concept drawing and begin praying about the renovation and praying about how your family will be financially involved.



Joining Gloria Dei

Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're planning to join our congregation as we live out God's mission and vision in Urbandale and beyond, the CORE Beliefs classes begin Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. CORE Beliefs is our new members' process and is comprised of five classes designed to help you understand what we believe, get to know our Senior Staff and Governing Board, and get a handle on our vision and direction. Sign-ups for this class are on line at www.gdlc.church. If you have questions, - Pastor Meyer via e-mail at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.



Clean-Water Initiative

We are very excited about our clean-water initiative. The World Health Organization says "that every year more than 3.4 million people die as a result of water-related diseases, making it the leading cause of disease and death around the world. ... Cholera, typhoid fever and hepatitis A are caused by bacteria, and are among the most common diarrheal diseases (voanews.com)." The sad part about that statistic? It's ten years old. The problem is worse today. The problem is massive. The need is now.

So, during the next two years, we intend to raise \$60,000 to equip a congregation in the Dominican Republic with water filtration equipment for their own community. With Compassion International's guidance and direction, this local congregation will then "sell" the water, very inexpensively, not only supporting their ministry but also providing clean water to those who are getting sick, diseased, and in some cases dying from drinking the water in the Dominican Republic.

Starting Sept. 14-15, you will be able to pick up a "water jug" from the display. This jug can be used at home or in the workplace as a way to raise support to provide clean water for an entire community.



Fall Women's Event

Thursday, Sept. 5 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, light dinner, worship and guest presenter, Kelley Timmermann as we hear how we are "Loved Beyond Measure." Childcare is available if registered at week before the event. Register at www.gdlc.church. Cost is \$10.



Monday Women's Bible Study

Starts Monday, Sept. 9 | 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Starts Monday, Sept. 9 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

"God of Covenant," is a video-based Bible study takes women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. No need to register. Please let us know if you need childcare for infants-grade 5.

Contact: Lisa Scherer at scherer5127@gmail.com.



New Young Women's LWML Group

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come to an initial meeting for a LWML group for women in their 20's and 30's starting this fall. This monthly group will meet for Bible study, fellowship and service opportunities. They will meet in rooms 125/127 (a Tiny Treasures' classroom). Meeting days and times will be determined by the group. Questions? Please contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.



Life Groups

Simply put, "we need one another." Life groups offer a place where Christians can find support, purpose and friendship as they seek to love God and love others in this world. Life Groups normally have 8-12 members. They walk through life together, grow in friendships and faith, pray for each other and serve together. Most groups meet every other week and then commit to serving together 3-4 times a year.



Life Group Launch and Brunch

Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m.

All current life groups and those who are interested in joining a Life Group are invited to a fun and lively launch and brunch. We will get to know each other better, eat delicious food and laugh a lot. We will have childcare. Registration is a must at www.gdlc.church. Questions? Please contact Pastor Ben at ben.johnson@gdlc.church.



Young Patriots Club

Kick-Off Night: Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Young Patriots Club, a local Christian ministry of freedom-loving K-12th graders, take the message of gratitude out into the community. For more information, call Julie Dueker at 515-710-6719 or go to www.youngpatriotsclub.com.



Children's Ministry Needs You!

Grace Place begins Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept. 8

Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this year awesome! We are in need of an opening/music leader for each Grace Place time. Please register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Faith Alive begins Wednesday, Sept. 11 | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make Faith Alive awesome this year. Please register online.

Please contact Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@gdlc.church to sign up to help or with any questions! Looking forward to a fantastic year!



Let's Get the Tiny Treasures' Playground Ready

Saturday, September 14 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please join us! We will be cleaning the playground equipment, raking up and disposing of old mulch and laying new mulch. In addition to those activities, we will also be fixing the sandbox and installing a new tarp. Register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Contact: Greg McDaniel at greg.mcdaniel@gdlc.church.



Marriage Class: The Good Fight

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Join Pastor Tim and Kim Phillips in this marriage enrichment time. Whether you are dating, engaged, newly married or married for decades, you can learn the practical, life-changing techniques that will show you how to turn every conflict to more intimacy and deeper respect. Register online; cost for the book is \$20.



Marriage on the Rock

Starts Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Marriage was never designed to be entered into without God at the center. From communication to money to sex, the "Marriage on the Rock" small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans. **Contact: Scott & Janet Strachan at j.strachan@mchsi.com.**



Fall Men's Event

Sunday, September 29 | 2-4 p.m. | Big Creek Lake Marina in Polk City

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship kayaking/canoeing on Big Creek Lake. No worries if you do not have your own kayak or canoe, the marina provides rentals. A single kayak or canoe is \$14/hour and a double kayak is \$18/hour. Following our adventure on the water, we will be doing a fire pit, s'mores and yard games at the home of Mike Martens, 1382 S. 46th St., West Des Moines. Register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Contact: Mike Martens at mike.martens@gdlc.church.