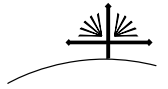


WEEKLY WORD

SUMMER EDITION



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July 31 and Aug. 1, 2010 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bringing Jesus Christ
to people for the first time
and for a lifetime.

Responding to Tribulation

It doesn't take long in life to face Jesus' words in John head on:

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Trials, tribulations and transitions make no friends as they knock at our doors unexpectedly and enter into our houses causing chaos with everything and everyone in their path. Oftentimes, their visit can be felt years after their surprise stopover. "Why did it happen to me?" "Where were you Lord when they stumbled into my life?" "Why didn't you stop them?" "Why is life so unfair?"

Let's face it, we will have trouble because we live in a fallen world. But let's look at a few examples* of people who have faced harsh circumstances and how they fared through the adversity:

This child was born in Port Huron, Michigan with an estimated IQ of 81. He had withdrawn from school after three months and was considered backward by school officials. The child enrolled two years late due to scarlet fever and respiratory infections, and he was going deaf. His emotional health was poor. He was stubborn and aloof, showing very little emotion. Who was he? Thomas Edison, reputedly the greatest inventor of modern times.

By the age of 10, both of his parents had died. He was raised reluctantly by an older brother who resented another mouth to feed. His wife died after 13 years of marriage. Eventually, he went blind and was paralyzed with a stroke. Who was he? Johann Sebastian Bach.

He dropped out of grade school and was home schooled. He ran a country store but went broke and it took 19 years to pay off all his bills. He was married, but his marriage flopped. His wife came down with mental illness and paranoia. He had a son who was physically weak and died at a young age. He ran for political office four times, twice for the house and twice for the senate, and lost all four times. Ultimately, he held office but was despised by half the country. Satirists and newsmen derided him on an almost daily basis. Most audiences felt his speeches were hum-drum. His classic speech was met with indifference. Who was he? Abraham Lincoln.

Each of these men faced dreadful situations and yet they did not allow the circumstances to control them. How about us? How can we better equip ourselves to have peace when everything else turns to turmoil? Today, we will learn how to prepare ourselves with the ultimate reality of who is in charge of our house when the uninvited guests arrive.

**(Bio information from <http://www.workingmom.com> by Richard Pfeil)*

You Don't Have What It Takes

Next week, "You Don't Have What It Takes" message series begins. Harsh words to hear, don't you think? Perhaps, you have heard those words during your life, they pierced deep into your heart and left a scar, haven't they? Maybe there is hope on the other side of these words.

We love to fall into the performance trap. We can accomplish anything if we work hard enough and commit our whole being to succeeding. What happens when we can't or when we are not good enough? When it comes to our relationship with God, we aren't good enough. No amount of effort and determination will buy us the one-way ticket into heaven. We don't have what it takes, so what does it take? Come next week and find out!

Resource table

To supplement the message series, we have devotions and a pamphlet suggesting various reading materials in the narthex, library and outside the Family Life Center. Many of the suggested books can be found in our library. In addition, we have a few give-away items at each location.

Golf Outing



Join us next Saturday, Aug. 7 for fun on the greens. All ages are invited.

See page 2 for more information.

Grace Place

Grace Place, our children's weekend educational time, resumes Sept. 11-12.

Castaway

Calling all junior high youth! Get ready for Castaway Sept. 11-12.

Fall Opportunities

We have lots of great opportunities for you and your family this fall. Check out the Fall Opportunities booklet next weekend.

For a sneak preview: go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Coffee and conversation

Pastor Burcham will be giving a synopsis and his impression of the Synodical Convention and talking about his time spent on floor committee # 8, which was formed to consider recommendations for the restructure of the Synod. Everyone is welcome to attend!

- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 9-10 a.m. in rooms 131/133
- Saturday, Aug. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the FLC after the Northwind service

Golf outing

Grab your golf clubs, your friends and family and join us at Gloria Dei's golf outing Saturday, August 7 at Willow Creek Golf Course, 140 Army Post Rd. This event, designed for all ages, promises to be a great place to fellowship with Gloria Dei's large family. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.; shotgun tee-off starts at 7 a.m. The cost is \$40, which includes cart, lunch and prizes. To register, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Shining City travels to China

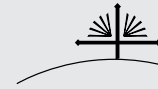
We are thankful for the seven members who are committed to helping the impoverished people in the Yunnan province and Tibet. Doug Pals, Dan and Deb Timmons, Brad and Leslie (daughter) Peyton and Scott and Emily (daughter) Raecker will visit two orphanages, a medical clinic, nomadic families and look for future projects for Shining City.

Several years ago, Shining City Foundation was established by members of Gloria Dei to help the impoverished in the mountainous areas of China. Since its inception, they have been involved with building church/community centers in remote areas to help host and house the hundreds of worshippers who often visit. Men, women and children risk their lives to travel over rocky terrain, raging rivers and inclement weather to worship. A building will not only provide a safe place to worship, but will also be a place for travelers to spend the night before returning home across the rugged terrain. Plans are underway for a third church.



The team will be visiting children and handing out hats to them.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and reach out to the people in China. For updates, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



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Web site News

Did you know?

- Online payments are now available.
- All of our calendar events are updated daily.
- Up-to-date news.
- Supplement resources for the current message series.
- All children's, youth and adult activities are online.
- Registration for all of our events is easy and fast.

Check us out today!

www.gloriadeionline.com

Financial Peace University Preview

Imagine yourself debt free. Imagine making your money work for you instead of you working for your money. Learn how to be the best stewards of the resources



God has given you by applying sound financial wisdom to all your finances. The goal of Financial Peace University extends beyond information—it's about transformation.

Preview the class: If you want to get a glimpse of what this class offers, come to our 30-minute preview session after each worship service on August 21-22 in rooms 131/33.

A fall class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Nate Evans

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Amy Hoellein

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Ross Kromminga

Elders:

Steve Junge

Tim Mueller

Tim Radig

Ushers

Northwind

Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen

Bob Knief

9 a.m.

Bruce Brock

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Kromminga

Ron Oolman

Norm Rinderknecht

10:30 a.m.

Don Franzen

Gabe Nelson

Todd Schwartz

Dan DeVries

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

Prayers

Blue prayer request cards are beneath 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. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families
- For the wedding of Megan Kightlinger and Christopher Koger

Prayers

- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen's daughter, Lisa Holtorf
- For Nat Wunsch, who will be leaving for Afghanistan
- For the quick recovery of Amanda Cook
- For the comfort of Dale Readinger
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Melinda Hubbard's friend, Matt Williams, who has been diagnosed with ALS
- For Janet Brock's cousin, Peggy Anderson
- For the health concerns of Marilyn Newman
- For the health of Shirley Kramer
- For blessings on the start of Gloria Dei's singles group

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Helping children and youth discover their God-given talents

by Kory Schramm, Beacon of Blessing ministry partner

In 2004, a ministry was started because of an 18-year-old girl living under a bridge in downtown Des Moines. Since then, God has grown the ministry to include after-school programming for inner-city youth ages 6-17, transitional housing for homeless young adults ages 18-22, a community food pantry and clothing closet, and even youth centers in rural communities of Iowa. Freedom for Youth Ministries is a shining example of God's plan to rescue our lost and hurting youth. For several years now, Gloria Dei and a host of volunteers have been actively carrying out our commitment to being a Beacon to the Community.

"We couldn't do any of these programs without the body of Christ coming alongside and being the hands and feet to reach our youth," comments Melanie Wise at Freedom for Youth. "Volunteers are vital and have a direct affect on the impact we have in our neighborhoods."

This ministry is a bit different from others. Jesus is the foundation, the leader and the core of what is taught. The ministry understands its mission can only be accomplished through him and those that demonstrate his love through their actions. Actions such as serving meals, helping with projects, donating items and teaching classes ranging from finance and wood-working to computer programming and auto repair.

"It is rewarding when youth complete their Freedom for Youth experience, become employed and live independent

Christ-centered lives," says Gloria Dei member Mo Grotheer who has assisted in several of the youth educational programs.



Teens and children from Freedom for Youth are involved in work, study and fellowship.

Beginning this fall, Gloria Dei will begin its third year of serving dinners to the youngest children and their tutors the first Monday of each month. Dinners are served at 5:30 p.m.

to roughly 50 individuals and, with clean-up, the commitment is about one hour (plus any preparation). If you and a group of 3-4 would be interested in scheduling a date to serve, please contact Kory Schramm at 986-5806. If you are interested in serving in other ways, visit www.freedomforyouth.org or contact Esmeralda Kretzu at 282-4822.

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Freedom for Youth Ministries happenings and needs

Country Market is held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2301 Hickman Rd., Des Moines.

2010 National Hope

Award: Freedom for Youth Ministries has been nominated for the 2010 National Hope Award. Since 2006, WORLD Magazine has recognized small organizations that work in big ways to help those in need. Go to www.worldmag.com to read profiles and watch videos of the finalists and cast your vote. Voting ends on Aug. 26.

Paper towels, toilet paper and napkins are needed. Donated items can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thanks!

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National Youth Gathering



The youth (and adults) returned from the Youth Gathering with lots of great stories. To view more photos, check out our Web site!

Current grades 5-7

Please sign up to be an acolyte this summer. The sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. You may also contact Lisa at 276-1700, ext. 221 or lisa@gloriadeionline.com.

This will serve as service hours for next year's Confirmation.

Junior high grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Castaway will not be held in August, but will resume Sept. 11-12. Come expecting fun times!

Senior high grades 9-12

Wednesday evening - The Point

The Point will meet Wednesdays throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Summer focus: "What is God Really Like?"

Aug. 4 - "God is Big:" After The Point, we will go to a movie.

Aug. 11 - "God Is Not Like Me:" Meet at TK's house for The Point and mudsliding.

NAGU/Senior High Leadership Meeting

We will meet Sunday, August 1 from 6-7:30 p.m.

One in Christ singles night

A great first evening was enjoyed at Smokey Row Coffee Shop by everyone who came to the start of One In Christ Singles Night. They plan to have a monthly coffee night at Smokey Row, and impromptu events in between. Their next coffee night will be Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Smokey Row. All Gloria Dei singles are invited to come, please feel free to invite a friend. For more information, please contact Michael Callison at Mcall78869@aol.com or 270-8555.

Urbandale Food Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting toothbrushes and toothpaste during the month of August. Please place your donations in the food pantry bin in the narthex.

Book Club

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room. Upcoming summer read and discussion: Please note date change.

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - "The Surrogate" by Kathryn Mackel

For more information contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Tiny Treasures bags

Since Tiny Treasures opened the doors five years ago, Gloria Dei members have participated in supporting the ministry in many ways. One special ongoing project is preparing school bags. The bags have changed throughout the years; this year's school bag is complete except for a simple sew-on pocket. If you sew, please consider picking up a packet of eight bags to complete for Tiny Treasures. Deadline for returning the bags is Wednesday, August 11. The basket of bags, with all the materials and directions needed, is located in the narthex.

Week of July 31-Aug. 7, 2010

Saturday, July 31

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Sunday, August 1

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. NAGU-Youth Leadership

Monday, August 2

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa District West
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision Afternoon
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision Evening

Tuesday, August 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Burcham
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, August 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, August 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Benjamin Blaylock and Sarah Underwood Rehearsal

Saturday, August 7

- 3:30 p.m. Benjamin Blaylock and Sarah Underwood Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Burcham

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	134	94
7:45 a.m.	110	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	326	
9 a.m. (FLC)	70	34
10:30 a.m.	238	
Total	878	128

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,981
First QTD Offering	\$105,881
First QTD Budget	\$107,000

Guard officers show Gloria Dei appreciation



Last Tuesday, Gloria Dei was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary. The certificate was in appreciation for the donation of \$1,473 received at the Patriotic Concert last month.

Week of Aug. 7-14, 2010

Saturday, August 7

- 3:30 p.m. Benjamin Blaylock and Sarah Underwood Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Burcham

Sunday, August 8

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, August 9

- 9:00 a.m. Iowa District West and Iowa District East Principals Conference
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, August 10

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 11

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, August 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, August 13

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 14

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Community board

Habitat for Humanity

Come join and help build a house at 1318 Mondamin, Des Moines from August 4-6. No experience is required, register now by contacting Amber Duimstra at 471-8686 or at aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org.

Christian Music Festival

A free family-friendly music festival featuring Christian artists from around the country will be held Friday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and August 7 from 5-11 p.m. at Jordan Park Camp, 2251 Fuller Road in West Des Moines. For more information, go to www.spiritmidwest.com.

Joppa Ministries

With the storms and high winds that ripped through the Des Moines area Sunday, July 18, many of the tents in which the homeless live were destroyed. For so many of the unsheltered, one of the few things that provide them comfort and protection is now gone. We need your help with funding to replace damaged tents, tarps and other items. Donations to Joppa Outreach are tax-deductible and can be made a variety of ways, including online via PayPal. For more information go to www.joppaoutreach.org or call Joe Stevens at 306-3275.

Ice Cream Social

The Luther Park Auxiliary's 2010 Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, August 8 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Luther Park Apartments Community Center, located at 1555 Hull Avenue in Des Moines. There will be a free will offering for the Ice Cream and Brownie Sundaes.

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Information Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship. Families are encouraged to worship together; starting Sept. 11, our educational times for children and youth resume.

Traditional Worship Service: Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Families are encouraged to worship together; starting Sept. 12, our educational times for children and youth resume.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members. Starting Sept. 12, our educational times for children and youth resume.

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Starting Sept. 12, our educational times for children and youth resume.

Other Important Items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

This Week's Bible Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Grace Place June and July: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. • Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon