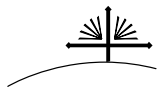


# WEEKLY WORD

SUMMER EDITION

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Aug. 14 and 15, 2010 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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

## You Can't Please Everyone

A common malady intermittently surfacing in our lives is becoming a people pleaser. Its form sometimes hides by a quick "sure I would love to do this for you." So, we commit without a full examination of the deeper motives lurking in our souls—we said "yes" because we aim to please or we thought a "no" was not a correct Christian response. But somewhere along the way, we realize the pleasing treadmill has adverse consequences because we neglected our primary focus—God.

*Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.* Galatians 1:6

Today we will look at the downward spiral of pleasing everyone and compare it to the upward freedom of living solely for God. Let's ponder our true motives: are we doing things for people or for God? And once we understand our motivation, we can readjust our focus to a more heavenly perspective—God's.

## Fall's message series



Starting Sept. 11-12, we will take an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments. "A Study of 10" will show why God chose that moment in the salvation story to give his commandments and discover how the original audience would have heard the decrees from their God. We will also begin to see how they apply to our current times and show us God's love, inspire us to learn more about his grace and encourage us to live for him in our everyday lives.

## Think about joining a small group in the fall

Small groups are not a new concept or even a new approach. During the first two centuries of the Christian era, church buildings did not exist. Instead they met in house churches where close relationships flourished, helping them withstand the persecution.

Even though most of us do not face persecution in the middle of the heartland, we do face discouragement, bewilderment and challenges. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had a group of individuals who could pray, give an encouraging word, or advice when we hit those uncomfortable spots on our walk with God? We need each other. And in a large congregation, we need the safety net of a small group that will help us to fully learn how to deal with life's complex issues. So, that is why we are passionate about getting everyone into a small group this fall.

Starting August 28-29 after each worship service, there will be small-group facilitators to talk about the possibilities of joining a small group. When you find a group, you can sign up to be involved in the 8-week small-group study that corresponds with the message series beginning, Sept. 11-12. Each group will meet weekly for approximately 60-90 minutes, build friendships, discuss the message series and how to apply its truths in everyday life, and pray. We hope you will consider joining us this fall and experience what helped the early Christian church—each other.

**Talk to us! We will be available on August 28-29!**

As small group facilitators, we will try to match you up with a group designed for you.

## Fall Opportunities

Pick up our Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Centers.



2010 Fall Opportunities

## Flood Relief

As you are aware, unprecedented floodwaters hit areas of Des Moines early Wednesday morning.

### Prayer

Please pray for those who are affected by the water.

### Gift cards

We are collecting gift cards from different stores to be given to families in need. Please drop those gift cards at the office or at the Information Center.

### Clothes

We need gently-used or new clothes. Please drop off all types of clothes, especially summer and children's clothes in the bin in the narthex.

We will then take the clothes to Hope Lutheran Church where they will distribute the clothes to those on the east side who have lost everything.

## Executive Director's overview

In the office, we are intentional about overseeing and managing all of the resources that God has blessed us with at Gloria Dei. Below is a summary of the main accomplishments for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010:

- In order to have a clearer picture of the financials, a quarter-based accounting procedure was implemented to acknowledge the income and expense fluctuations between periods.
- A Financial Control Policy was written and put in place.
- The \$15,027 preschool loan was paid off in February 2010.
- Due diligence was done on the remaining two loans for the church, and we are getting the best possible interest rate at this time.
- Tiny Treasures' budget was folded into the Gloria Dei budget.
- Of the \$1,710,360 total income for the year, \$1,546,773 was from giving.
- Total expenses were \$1,746,570, of which \$75,000 was allocated for future strategic planning.
- Upon review of the church's building, property and worker's compensation insurance policies against other companies for coverage, liability and cost, we are remaining with our current carrier.
- The "L" project, moving the portable walls from the preschool rooms to the "L" section of the building, was completed in June 2010, to establish a children's ministry area.
- Preventative maintenance on the land and building are timed to avoid future large expenditures.

If you have questions, please call Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700, ext. 207.

## Meals from the Heartland

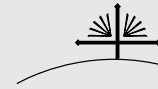
What if we could feed someone who does not have the means to feed himself?

Meals from the Heartland, a local non-profit organization, has responded to this question by heading up a community-wide event on Thursday, Sept. 2-Sunday, Sept. 5 at Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Third St., Des Moines.



Gloria Dei will partner with them by forming teams to package meals that will be distributed throughout the world. Each package contains rice, textured soy, dried vegetables and vitamins that when cooked in boiling water provides the needed nutrients. If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei's team, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or at the Information Centers.

Since MFHL only purchases ingredients based on available cash funds, they are requesting cash donations. A gift of \$25 will provide 166 meals or feed approximately 8 children for a month. If you are interested in donating for the event, please go to Gloria Dei's Web site and click on the Meals from the Heartland link.



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For a complete staff listing: go to our Web site at: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## 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](http://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.

# Offering counters needed

Thank you to all the ministry partners for all your work! You have all been a blessing to work with. Gloria Dei has six teams of counters that count about nine times per year. We are currently in need of more ministry partners. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Shari Smith at 515-276-1700 ext. 202.

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Philip Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**  
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Eric Fluegge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Avery Gathercole

**Elders:**  
Devin Wren  
Gary Wasko  
Ken Meythaler

**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 Readings:**  
Galatians 1:6-10 and John 12:42-47 (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

## Prayers

- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen's daughter, Lisa Holtorf
- For Melodi McKeighan's friends, Bill and Cheryl Clausson and family, who lost their house in a fire
- For Mark Kramer's quick recovery from surgery
- For the quick recovery of Amanda Cook
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Shirley and Bill Kramer mourning the loss of her sister, Gladys
- For those affected by the floods
- For all of our military serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy and Nat Wunsch

## Prayer ministry team

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

## Kansas City Chiefs vs. Philadelphia Eagles

Come watch the Kansas City Chiefs take on the Philadelphia Eagles during Faith and Family Day held Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Chief's new Arrowhead Stadium. Tickets will be sold for \$25; the Chiefs will donate \$10 back to the youth ministry.

**Kansas City Chiefs vs. Philadelphia Eagles  
Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 pm.**

In addition to the game, there will be activities for the family starting at 4 p.m. For the day's events go to [Kcchiefs.org/faith](http://Kcchiefs.org/faith).

We have a limited amount of tickets. If interested, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212 by August 15.

## Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting change

Please note that the scheduled Stephen Ministry Supervision will not meet Monday, Aug. 16, instead they will meet Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6:45 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines. If you have any questions, contact Janet Tysse at 508-1203.

## Keep in touch

Nathaniel Wunsch, son of Ken and Laura Wunsch, was recently deployed to Afghanistan. If you would like to correspond with him, his address is 734th ADT, Camp Wright, Asadabad, Afghanistan, APO AE 09310.

## Prayers and notes of thanksgiving

We extend our sincere thanks to our Gloria Dei family for your overwhelming support of us with kind words, memorial gifts, food and companionship over the past two weeks. Dale loved this church very much—your demonstrations of love prove why. Your thoughtfulness made this difficult time easier to bear. May God bless you! . ~ Kay Readinger and family

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits during my recovery following knee surgery. The healing process is going fine. ~ Marsha Fries

Thank you very much for inviting us to your church so that we could share with you all the exciting things that God is doing through us on the mission field in Nigeria. We had a good time worshipping and visiting with you. Thanks so much for listening and making us feel welcome. With your prayers and support you are helping to make our ministry possible. We appreciate everything! Our vision and goal is to bring the Nigerian people into a relationship with Christ and to proclaim Christ to the world around them and all of us. Your support is helping us achieve this. ~ God Bless Brent, Eugenie, Micah and Zander Friedrichs

Praise God for removal of a malignant brain tumor from Samantha Heim, niece of Clayton and Joy Linquist.

## Women's Bible study

Please join us for a Women's Bible study every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the Cry Room. Currently the book of Isaiah is being studied.

## Stephen Minister care

**Consider serving as a Stephen Minister.**



Sometimes it take more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.

Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting?

Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or attend the Stephen Ministry seminar Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. in room 130/132.

**Join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.**

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## Confirmation

### Orientation meetings:

Parents and students are invited to attend one of these meetings in the Family Life Center:

#### **Eighth Grade -**

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

#### **Seventh Grade -**

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

#### **Sixth Grade -**

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

**All Grades Make up** (Attend only if you missed one of the above meetings) -

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

### Small Groups:

Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 15 will be a time to connect with a small group.

## Junior high grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway resumes Sept. 12

Come expecting fun times as we unveil an improved Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

### Junior High Café 923

**Sunday, Aug. 15 from 5-8 p.m.** This is an unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Bring yourself, money for snacks and lots of friends.

## 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. 18** - "God Is More" Meet in the Youth Center and then we will have open gym.

**Aug. 25** - Baby shower for Dan and Tina Morton. More details will follow.

### MSG Sent Conference

**Sunday, August 29 from 2-6 p.m.** An awesome conference designed to engage senior high teens with the reality of God's love. Cost is free. Register on the youth bulletin board by Aug. 15. We will depart Gloria Dei at 11:30 a.m. and return around 8 p.m.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

School's back in session. It's time to start that graduation album you need for next May or to scrap all the fun things you did this summer with your kids! Join us Friday, Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. or Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as your schedule allows. We meet in rooms 131/133. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## 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.

## Join the sports action

### Bowling

Do you like to bowl? If so, we are forming teams of four to play at AMF Des Moines Lanes, 3839 E. 14th St. The 12-week session begins Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per night, per person, a portion of the money goes to Hope Ministries, Agape, Food Bank of Iowa and to a local youth program.

### Volleyball

Interested in playing volleyball? We are in the process of organizing our Thursday evening volleyball time from 6:30-8 p.m.

**If interested in bowling or volleyball, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.**

# Week of Aug. 14-21, 2010

## Saturday, August 14

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

## Sunday, August 15

- 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. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
- 5:00 p.m. Café 923 for Junior High Youth

## Monday, August 16

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, August 17

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 18

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Information Seminar

## Thursday, August 19

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

## Friday, August 20

No Scheduled Events

## Saturday, August 21

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Informational Preview

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	129	88
7:45 a.m.	103	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	284	
9 a.m. (FLC)	45	24
10:30 a.m.	219	
<b>Total</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>112</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,033
First QTD Offering	\$165,845
First QTD Budget	\$159,000

Scripture on Giving:

*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19*

## Week of Aug. 21-28, 2010

### Saturday, August 21

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Informational Preview

### Sunday, August 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Preview
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Leadership Retreat

### Monday, August 23

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 24

- 8:30 a.m. Health Fair
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, August 25

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:30 p.m. Junior High Ministry Partner Training Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

### Thursday, August 26

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

### Friday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

### Saturday, August 28

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

## Community board

### Steward's Journey

Stewardship author and teacher, Ron Chewning, will speak about life-long principles on stewardship on Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines. For more information, contact Rev. Bob Riggert, Executive Assistant, Iowa District West, at 515-576-7666.

### Hope begins with you

Join Hope Ministries in a walk-a-thon on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Copper Creek Lake in Pleasant Hill. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information go to [www.hopeiowa.org](http://www.hopeiowa.org).

### Life and Liberty

Join guest speaker, Bob Morrison to consider how Christians can defend life and liberty, be a servant in two kingdoms and honor God on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny. Bob Morrison is Senior Fellow for Policy Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

### Serve Our Youth Orientation to Mentoring

The one-hour "Orientation to Mentoring" is a basic overview about Serve Our Youth Network. Attendees will receive a brief overview of mentoring and its rewards and benefits, as well as, basic requirements for mentors, application, screening and the selection process. For detail information about the schedule and to register call 321-5077 or go to [www.serveouryouth.org](http://www.serveouryouth.org).

# 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

Families are encouraged to worship together and enjoy the entire worship service during the month of August. Grace Place and Castaway will not meet in August, but will resume on Sept. 11 and 12. For a complete listing of all of our fall activities, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Centers.

**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.

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns 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.

**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.

**Infusion-Contemporary Worship:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

## 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

### John 12:42-47 (NIV)

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it."

## 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

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon