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Aug. 7 and 8, 2010 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

You Don't Have What It Takes

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. By Pastor Philip Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry

You don't have what it takes. These can be very harsh words to hear. In the past maybe words like these have pierced deep into your heart and left a scar. Could there be hope on the other side of these words? At the heart of this series of messages, we hope you find these words to be freeing and liberating.

How do you evaluate yourself? Are you evaluated at your job or in your families? Oftentimes we get caught up in a performance trap.

This is not surprising because our lives have always been judged in light of performance. Isn't that true? In school, we experienced report cards or grade point average numbers that revealed if we reached the established academic standard. In our jobs, we usually have at least one annual review that reveals if we are performing at an acceptable level. Everything in our life is based upon performance, so why should it be any different in our relationship to God? It is very tempting to believe: "My worth is based on what I produce and how I perform."

God has something else to say about how we judge ourselves. Romans 3:23 says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." When we take a quick look at God's people over the course of history, we see that they understood their worth—they were worthless creatures if it wasn't for the God who rescued them.

For all those performer-oriented individuals reading this article—here is the number that they awarded themselves—0. For further detail of their numbering system, here's a recap of their self-evaluations.

Abraham: This is a man who left his home and went to the place God was calling him to. And yet, even with all his accomplishments when he spoke to God in Genesis 18:27 he said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes," Abraham knew he wasn't good enough.

Isaiah: He is the prophet of prophets. This is the prophet who spoke most about the prophecies of Jesus' birth and death. And yet when God called him, Isaiah said, "Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips..." Isaiah knew that he had fallen short and wasn't good enough.

Peter: He was one of Jesus' closest disciples and friends. One day Jesus told Peter to cast the net into the water. Peter, who had been fishing all night and caught nothing, reluctantly put the net into the water. After all the fish in Galilee seemed to jumped into the net, Peter said to Jesus, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Again, he wasn't good enough.

Paul: A man who was instrumental in spreading the message of Christ throughout the world, admittedly said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst..." Even Paul was not good enough.

All of these men of God recognized that they had fallen short and could not please God more. They knew their accomplishments were lacking. They were not good enough. Neither are you. You don't have what it takes. But the good news is Jesus Christ gave his perfect life for you and he alone made you good enough.

Aug. 7 and 8: "You Aren't Good Enough" Aug. 21 and 22: "You Can't Handle It All"

Aug. 14 and 15: "You Can't Please Everyone" Aug. 28 and 29: "You Can't Control the Future"

Fall Opportunities

We have lots of great opportunities for you and your family this fall.

Pick up our Fall
Opportunities booklet
today in the back of the
Sanctuary and the Family
Life Center or at the
Information Centers.



Coffee and Conversation

Pastor Burcham will give a synopsis and his impression of the Synodical Convention after Saturday night's worship service in the Family Life Center.

Community Events

See page 4 for a listing of community events.

Grace Place

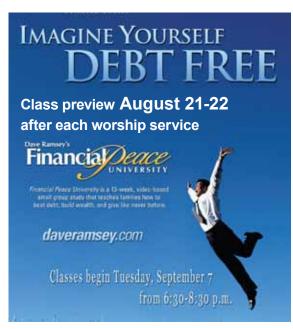
Grace Place, our children's weekend educational time, resumes Sept. 11-12.

Castaway

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

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.



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Shining City travels to China

Our mission team has been busy helping the impoverished people in the Yunnan province and Tibet. Here is a brief excerpt from their daily e-mails:

Arriving at mid-day we checked into the Yak Hotel and proceeded to the Yak Steak House where the Yak Sizzler was excellent and most everyone liked the Yak butter tea

We then spent the early afternoon sorting the many items we brought for our friends. As you can see by the picture, the new backpacks that were filled with educational supplies for the new school year were well received along with a new school uniform for each student. Thanks to all of our great friends who helped fund this project.



Children receive quilts and hats from the team.

Each child was thrilled to receive a

hand-stitched quilt thanks to a project coordinated by Norma Rohn and her friends. Smiles were all around when the kids picked out their hats knitted by Cheryl Gilg. The Matchbox cars provided by Jim and Jack Spooner (along with Judy Quick) were a real hit.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they continue the work to reach out to the people in China. For more updates, go to our Web site at 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!

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 8 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Henry Lee Buethe born on July 1, 2010 to Brian and Michelle (nee Ott) Buethe. Henry's spiritual sponsors are Sheila Obermeier and Daniel Buethe.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Aug. 8 in the Sanctuary are provided by Joe and Lim Kaiser in celebration of their 34th anniversary on Aug. 7.

Tiny Treasures Update

Tiny Treasures Preschool was recently awarded a 5-Star Rating in Iowa's Quality Rating System, which is the highest level attainable. A 5-Star Rating demonstrates the commitment that Tiny Treasures has toward providing the highest quality education possible for its preschoolers, in the areas of health/safety, physical environment, family/community partnerships, leadership/administration and professional development of its teachers. This award comes with an achievement bonus of \$3,000. Tiny Treasures will begin its 2010-2011 school year on Sept. 7. A few openings still remain in the afternoon 4/5-year-old and prekindergarten classes. Please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at jolynn@gloriadeionline.com for more information.



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 Joe and Lim Kaiser celebrating their anniversary

Prayers

- For the Readinger family, who are grieving the loss of Dale
- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen's daughter, Lisa Holtorf
- For Tom Kennedy, who is being deployed to Afghanistan
- For Nat Wunsch, who will be leaving for Afghanistan
- For the quick recovery of Amanda Cook
- 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.

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 Kccheifs.org/faith.

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

Stephen Minister Care

Consider serving as a Stephen Minister.



When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others.

We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? For more information, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Attend the Stephen Ministry seminar on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. in room 130/132.

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.

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.

Electronic Giving

Gloria Dei wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members. If interested, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on "online payment" on the right column of the homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Smith, Accounting Manager, at 278-5544, ext. 202.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. to help make patterns and assemble packets to be distributed to our seamstresses. No experience is necessary. Working together and having fun all at the same time. Seamstresses are needed as well. If you have any questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250, Michele Banwart at 201-5174, or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

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.



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

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

Aug. 25 - "God Is Father" We are not telling about this one. Come for the surprise.

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. 7-14, 2010

Saturday, August 7

3:30 p.m. Benjamin Blaylock and Sarah

Underwood Wedding

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 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 Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	147	
7:45 a.m.	130	105
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	287	220
9 a.m. (FLC)	42	
10:30 a.m.	256	176
Total	862	501

Outpouring of Love		
General Fund Offerings	\$29,931	
First QTD Offering	\$135,812	
First QTD Budget	\$137,000	

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. 14-21, 2010

Saturday, August 14

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 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. Cafe 923 for Junior High Youth

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

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 Study6:30 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

Thursday, August 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, August 20

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 21

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center with Communion

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Informational Preview

Community board

Christian Music Festival

A free family-friendly music festival featuring Christian artists from around the country will be held 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.

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.

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 in the back of the Sanctuary, the Family Life Center or 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 Philippians 3:4b-9 (NIV)

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

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