

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

Causes to celebrate

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Last winter in the “Prodigal God” message series, we concentrated on the three parables found in Luke 15 and learned that each of these parables ended in great rejoicing because something of great value was lost and then found. In fact, in each parable the entire neighborhood was invited to celebrate.

Great celebrations are not a foreign concept to the Bible, nor in our lives. Recently, a story was aired about a boy, Jailen Cooper, from Farmville, North Carolina. At eight years old, he underwent a risky surgery to remove a tumor that was growing on his pituitary gland.

“At first I was kind of scared then I realized God was with me.” Jailen said.

Jailen’s family rallied around him at his bed side as his face swelled up beyond recognition weeks following the surgery. Slowly, Jailen started to recuperate and celebrated his birthday out of intensive care.

When he came home, Jailen’s elation increased when he received a phone call from Tom Cable, coach of the Oakland Raiders, asking if he wanted to play or coach with the team. Jailen quickly responded, “a little bit of both.”

A week later, Jailen was on the Raider’s football field dressed in full-Raider gear proudly wearing a custom-made “1” jersey. Surrounded by all his Raider heroes, he was able to face his ultimate hero, Darren McFadden, in a one-to-one square-off play. As the entire team quickly jumped sides to cheer on this young rookie, Jailen successfully tackled the 225 pound running back from Oakland, California.

In a news conference after the famous play, Jailen commented that McFadden “might be a little bruised, but I don’t think I hurt him that bad.”

Great celebrations are still occurring in Jailen’s life as he thinks about his recovery and his tackle. How about us? Do we celebrate things in our lives? Or should we? One underlying theme in Jailen’s life was in the midst of a great trial, he knew God was with him. And even in his best-case-scenario, tackling McFadden, he knew God was still with him.

The truth is that through all the ups and downs of life, in the valleys and the hills—God is always present. He never leaves us. Period. It is neither the end or the beginning of the story, it is the complete story. He is always with us and that is a cause to celebrate, isn’t it?

By the way, the complete video of Jailen’s story can be accessed on the homepage of our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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.

If you have read other books that have been helpful in raising children, please give your reading suggestions to Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Commissioning

We have seven individuals from Gloria Dei going to the Yunnan province and Tibet from August 1-11.

Today, we will commission them at the 9 a.m. traditional service. For more information, see page 2.

Summer Grace Place

Summer Grace Place ends today. We thank everyone who has helped and look forward to our fall start up Sept. 11-12.

Summer VBS

One more week to zip and zap for Jesus. Join us this Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Message Series - Teachable Moments

July 24 and 25: “Times of Celebration”

Scripture: James 1:16-18, John 2:1-11

July 31 and Aug. 1: “Times of Trial, Tribulation and Transition”

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9



Golf outing

Grab your golf clubs, your friends and family and join us at Gloria Dei's golf outing held 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.



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:

Wednesday, August 4 - "The Surrogate" by Kathryn Mackel

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

Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

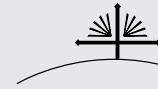
Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone who wants to dedicate time to organize and assemble their pictures into scrapbooks (even digital). They meet in rooms 131-133. Childcare will be available to those who schedule it with Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 28 at 306-4352. For more information, contact Vicki Larimer at 254-0357.

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 Shinning 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.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and reach out to the people in China.



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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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 25 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



S Sophia Katherine Scott born on April 13, 2010 to Craig and Elizabeth (nee Clarke) Scott. Sophia's spiritual sponsors are Jim and Tammy Scott.

Financial Peace University

Currently we have 20 couples who are in the midst of the summer's Financial Peace University (FPU). Below are some of the comments from people taking the class:

It has helped us because before we didn't have a monthly spending plan and we always seemed to spend everything and did not know where it went.

The class has really helped our marriage because now we communicate better.

To talk about our finances in a way that is not emotionally charged. We don't hurt each other's feeling or take offense so easily.

FPU has helped us to be on the same page with our finances. We get excited when we make progress paying off a debt.

The summer 13-week class finishes on Tuesday, August 31 and a fall class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

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. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Ryan Dueker

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Amy Hoellin

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Ross Kromminga

Elders:

Jim Miles

Terry Woolman

Vic Kesse

Ushers

Northwind

Mike Mazza

Tim Mueller

Jim Riddle

Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Rich Johnson

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Jeff Monson

David Morrison

Chad Oehlert

Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Doug Bass

Scripture Readings:

James 1:16-18 and John 2:1-11 (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 delivery of a healthy baby boy to Amanda Cook, Diana Cook's daughter, and Cory Fees

Prayers

- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen's daughter, Lisa Holtorf
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Lyle and Bill Kramer, who are grieving the loss of their brother, Mel
- 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 Paul and Mark Kramer's dad, Herman
- For the health of Shirley Kramer

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 effect 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 their 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.

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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Confirmation pictures

Confirmation pictures, DVD's, and Testimony Books will be available in the narthex by the Information Center this weekend. For those who ordered an extra DVD, please pick them up at the Toolshoppe.

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 be held in July at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

July 25 - "Image is Everything: The Mouth"

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?"

July 28 - "God is Not:" After The Point, we will play miniature golf at the Dome. **Pick-up time:** 8:30 p.m. at the Dome.

Family night

We've rented the Clive Aquatic Center for some great fun early in the evening! Beat the crowds and play in the water with your family! This no-cost family event will cool you off and keep you laughing!

Family Night at the Clive Aquatic Center is Saturday, July 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Open to any family.

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading program will end the weekend of July 31 and August 1.

Thank You

Thank you for hosting the Patriotic Concert. I attended alone, but your volunteers were so kind and attentive I didn't feel alone. The ice cream was a nice touch, too. The recognition of the service men, the children and the scouts participating, the music and history...a wonderful experience.

~ Your neighbor, Jo Anne Cook

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 24-31, 2010

Saturday, July 24

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Family Time at Clive Water Park

Sunday, July 25

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 26

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 28

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, July 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 5:00 p.m. Chris Koger and Megan Kightlinger Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, July 30

- 6:00 p.m. Chris Koger and Megan Kightlinger Wedding

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

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	190	
7:45 a.m.	66	55
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	189	151
9 a.m. (FLC)	43	
10:30 a.m.	225	125
Total	713	331

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,290
First QTD Offering	\$79,899
First QTD Budget	\$84,000

A special thanks

Last Sunday, we had debris scattered throughout our campus caused from Saturday night's storm. Immediately, DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry, made a postcard with a simple plea: Can you help clean up our grounds at 1 p.m.? More than 30 individuals came to the rescue and cleaned up the grounds. Thank you very much for the quick and helpful response. ~ the staff at Gloria Dei



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

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

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, August 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:45 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

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 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 last Sunday, 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.

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; children will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

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; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

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. Children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

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.

This Week's Bible Reading

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

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.

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