

July 26 and 27, 2008

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Current Sermon Series: Starting the Conversation

by Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

The name that has been given to us is Jesus Christ, the son of God, who died to save mankind from sin and was raised to life to guarantee eternal life for all who believe in him. If we believe that to be true, then we must be aware that there are billions of people who do not call on the name of Jesus. No longer do they live in distant lands, but they live in our neighborhoods and occupy cubicles in our workplaces.

World religions are now being practiced all around us, and in many cases, are actively seeking new followers. If we are going to reach out to others with the love of Jesus, we need to first understand the basic tenets of their faith and know the acceptable biblical response.

Starting today, we will begin a series of messages that will explore four of the religions prevalent in our society. This series will take on a different turn because we will need to spend time understanding their tenets of faith. Therefore, each week their specific tenets of faith will be reviewed in the sermons and outlined in the Weekly Word (see page 4).

We are excited to learn about the people around us. The goal of the series is twofold: first, to be equipped to start a conversation with someone who has a different belief system than ours, so God's Holy Spirit can further work; and second, to equip us to remain strong and confident in our faith so that we are not tempted to follow a different path.

Take some time today and pray that God will reveal what we need to know to reach our friends and neighbors with the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Series: Starting the Conversation: What do you say?

July 26-27	What do you say to a Scientologist?
August 2-3	What do you say to a Mormon?
August 9-10	What do you say to a Buddhist?
August 16-17	What do you say to a Muslim?

what's
NEW!
this week!

Fall Previews

Lots of fall previews are introduced this week. See page 7.

Community

Turn to page 5 and you will find lots of Christian things to do outside the church walls.

A Few Weeks Left

A few weeks are left before the children go back to school. We suggest spending as much time together as a family at home or at the park. Also, please make sure that your children's summer reading is completed. See page 5.

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Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure to fulfill the Strategic Plan. Each group consists of staff and members who contribute time and expertise to their particular group. We are thankful for the individual roles they play to help us achieve the ministry that God has placed before us.

Project Manager: Deb Kesse

Responsibilities: The project manager oversees all four focus groups and develops a Gantt chart, a task list with timelines and dependencies.

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Recording Secretary: Sue Davis

Responsibilities: The recording secretary takes written minutes at each SPI MAT meeting.

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Ministry Focus Group: Leader: Pastor Burcham

Responsibilities: Since the Ministry Destination is the driving force behind the Strategic Plan, the staff along with other ministry partners set up priorities and timelines for implementation and evaluate its progress.

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Members: Pastor Meyer, Pastor Phillips, Tim Kightlinger, Steve Kohtz, Karen Kennedy, DeAnn McCue, Chris Onsrud, Brandon Simpson and Terry Steinke (Please note: The staff is in the process of organizing ministry partners to join them in this focus group.)

Future Facilities Focus Group: Leaders: Pastor Burcham and Merlin Siefken

Responsibilities: The future facilities group develops a schematic for the future facility needs, criteria for site selection and the selection of an architect.

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Members: Elaine Klinefelter, Julie DenHerder, Terry Woolman, Ken Wunsch, Kurt Mumm and Greg Cushing

Finance Focus Group: Leaders: Steve Kammeyer and Mary Sievers

Responsibilities: The finance focus group concentrates on creating funding models for the purchase of land, the construction of the new facility and selecting a capital fund-raiser to assist in the first of three capital campaigns.

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Members: Brenda Cushing, Bob Knief, Marv Rohn, Craig Fjelsted, Jeff Monson, Bob Kuefner and Mandi Holcomb

Communication Focus Group: Leaders: Karen Kennedy and Tina Hoffman

Responsibilities: The communication group develops and implements a communication plan that will foster two-way communication between the focus groups and the congregation.

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Members: Pamela Henkel, Mina Woolman and Matt Sheeley

Please note: We will continue to update about the progress being made to move us into the future. If you have any questions, please contact the project manager or one of the focus group leaders.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, July 26 is for:



Alesia Grace Archer born on June 12, 1998. Alesia's parents are Dan and Kristi Koch. Her spiritual sponsors are Tim Koch, Kim and Bill Ansley, and Sharon and Bob Evans.

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast

Join best-selling author and dynamic speaker Beth Moore on a journey into personal spiritual renewal...live from Louisville, Kentucky via satellite at Johnston E Free Church, 9901 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston on Friday, Aug. 1 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and must be purchased before the event by going to Johnston E-Free Church's Web site at www.valley-church.com or calling 986-0306.

Double Issue of Weekly Word

Please note the Weekly Word will not be published August 10; therefore, make sure articles are in to Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com by Wednesday, July 30 for the double issue on August 4.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
Rachel Carstens
Grant Smith
Tommy Peter

Elders:
Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Vic Kesse

Ushers:
Northwind
Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.
Bruce Amendt
Dave Disney
Mo Grotheer
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller

9 a.m. Sanctuary
Greg Haessler
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Tanya Richards
Tom Richards
Tim Mueller
Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. FLC
Ivan Daniels
Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.
David Sengpiel
Colleen Sengpiel

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17:22-34 and John 8:31-36 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

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 Lou Grotheer, who is recovering from two hip surgeries
- For Jim Riddle, who is recovering from ankle surgery
- For the continued recovery for Jared Walter
- For Brent Handel, who is at home recovering from a car accident
- For the grieving family of Theresa Erpelding
- For the comfort of Mildred Simpson, who is at Kavanaugh House
- For the health of Bob and Mary Kuefner's daughter, Barb Thompson
- For John McKeighan's health
- For the healing of Ken Anderson

Prayer ministry team

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

The Basic Core Beliefs of Scientology

In an effort to understand Scientology and its impact on today's society, we have comprised a summary of their basic beliefs.

History

Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard in the 1953 and based upon his book "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health." Prior to writing this book, Hubbard was a science-fiction writer. Hubbard continued to write more books on the subject into the 1980s.

It is important to note that the scientific community has never recognized Hubbard's book as a valid scientific theory, and therefore has repeatedly dismissed it as pseudoscience.

Central Belief

The word Scientology means the study of knowledge or truth. Although it has followers around the world, it is difficult to know an accurate number for membership. Scientologists believe man is basically good, not evil. Through the church's practice of auditing, a person is freed from the negative experiences of life, thus freeing their spirit (thetan).

Belief in Deity

Scientology considers the belief in a God or gods as something personal; therefore, offers no specific dogma. The nature of the supreme being is revealed personally through each individual as he/she becomes more conscious and spiritually aware. There exists an energy or force (theta) beyond and within all.

Concept of Sin

There is no sin and man is basically good. People do evil things because of the negative experiences they have had in their pre-birth, childhood or previous lives. Once they are cleared of these past negative experiences, they will no longer commit evil acts.

Salvation

Salvation is achieved through the practices and techniques of Scientology, the ultimate goal of which is to realize one's true nature as an immortal spirit, a thetan. The path to salvation, or enlightenment, includes achieving states of increasingly greater mental awareness. Practitioners (auditors) are regarded as ministers and counselors who assist others to achieve self-enlightenment. Auditors help others to identify their pre-birth, current and past-life disturbances, which are obstacles to happiness and spiritual enlightenment. Through auditing, the person is said to be cleared of the negative, irrational, experiences; thus, a happy and prosperous life can then unfold.

Religious Practice

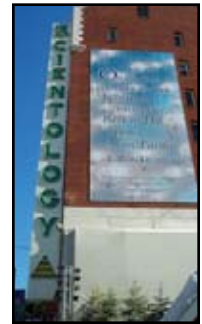
Scientologists believe that the only way to free the thetan within a person is through the study of Scientology and the auditing process. Auditing is similar to, although they would disagree, to psychotherapy. The course study and auditing has a hefty price—some estimate that the total cost to progress to the highest level is around \$500,000.

After Death

Rebirths continue until one consciously confronts all pre-birth, current-life, and previous-life traumas with the ultimate goal to reach the true nature, thetan. At this point, the person's immortal spirit will transcend matter, energy, space, and time. Achieving this state enables the spirit to escape the cycle of birth and death, which is to operate independently of the physical universe and become one with God.



The Scientology Symbol is composed of the letter S that stands for Scientology and the ARC and KRC triangles, two important concepts in Scientology.



The Scientology Center on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood, Los Angeles, Cal is a central gathering place for celebrities.

Celebrities:

Scientology has attracted several celebrities including John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Lisa Marie Presley, Jason Lee, Isaac Hayes, Tom Cruise, and Katie Holmes

For further information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology>



The Super Power Building of the FLAG Scientology complex in Clearwater, Fla. is still under construction.

Missionaries to Speak this Week

Stephen and Maggie Oliver will speak on Wednesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132. Lunch will be served immediately following the presentation in the Family Life Center.

GodZ GuyZ at the State Fair

GodZ GuyZ will perform at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. on the Knapp Stage. They will be sharing a concert filled with old favorites and music from their last CD. Please join them for a morning of worship and praise.

Thank You

We are very thankful for all of the prayers, cards, letters and food from our friends at Gloria Dei. The congregation and the individual prayers for Lou's successful surgery were answered. Lou is now growing stronger every day as she continues with physical therapy. The food provided ranged from soup to nuts and we enjoyed all of it. It has been a great blessing to be members of Gloria Dei. Each of our pastors visited Lou in the hospital, starting with Pastor Meyer at 5 a.m. on the morning of her first surgery. — Thank you, the family of Mo and Lou Grotheer

Solutions Conference

Due to lack of registrations, the Solutions 08 Conference has been cancelled. Since we desire to be an equipping center, we are reevaluating the topics that could be covered at future conferences so that we can provide the needed tools to help the church at large.

Summer Reading Program Ends

The summer reading program has encouraged children to go for the gold in reading books this summer. The final submission for books read is Sunday, Aug. 3 at the library.



Fresh Colorado Peaches

The Rocky Mountain Peach Company of Palisade, Colo. will provide tree-ripened peaches for this year's Central Iowa Youth for Christ fund-raiser. A lug of peaches (18 pounds) is \$27 and half a lug is \$17. The orders must be received by mail by Friday, Aug. 1. For additional information and an order form, please go to the Information Center.

Concert

A free concert will be held at Prairie Ridge Sports Complex, 1510 NW Ash, Ankeny, on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 12-10 p.m. The Midwest Spirit Music Festival will feature ten bands, concessions, merchandise, and a swimming pool, skate park and stocked fishing pond for the entire family. For more information, go to <http://www.spiritmidwest.com/2008/Festival/festival.cfm>.

Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

Wednesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "A Woman's Place," by Lynne Austin

Location: Shani Fjelsted, 6520 NW 95th Court, Johnston, 259-4099.

Wednesday, September 3 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

Location: Church

Scrapbook Project

We are looking for one or more individuals to assemble a scrapbook of some of the highlights from Gloria Dei's history. So if you love to scrapbook, come and share your creative flair. Pictures, supplies and applause are provided. If you are interested, please call Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225.

Mission Corner China



Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei Provide Help

by Brad Peyton, Shining City Foundation representative

Shining City Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity with which Gloria Dei has worked on several missions-related projects in China.

Shining City Foundation got its start in 1998 when two Gloria Dei members, Scott Raecker and Brad Peyton, were introduced to a Christian couple who had been living in China and working with an orphanage in Yunnan Province. The couple had helped the orphanage take in abandoned children, in some cases literally rescuing newborns from dumpsters in back alleys. Through their efforts, care for the orphans, particularly infants, was also greatly improved and mortality was reduced dramatically.

Raecker and Peyton were so impressed with the couple's work, they decided to seek financial support for the many humanitarian projects the couple had been doing in China. Beginning with a series of smaller projects designed to improve living conditions at another orphanage in China, Shining City Foundation began to take shape.

Eventually, with the aid of grants and financial support from Grinnell College, Rotary International and members

of Gloria Dei, Shining City Foundation has been able to: provide housing for over 60 orphans, develop a farm that is capable of providing food for nearly 300 orphans, develop and equip a medical clinic that serves a rural village of about 5,000 people, provide solar-powered water heaters, medical supplies and bedding for a rural school for over 400 children, and provide ongoing educational scholarships that continue to support over 200 students.

In 2001, Raecker and Peyton traveled to China to see the work being done there firsthand. This initial trip inspired subsequent trips in 2002, 2005 and 2007 to review progress on existing projects and to plan new ones. Gloria Dei members who participated in one or more of those trips included: Scott and Martha Raecker, Deb and Dan Timmons, Andy and Marilyn Varley, Jared and Mary Walter, and Brad Peyton.

With the earthquake in Sichuan Province earlier this year on May 12, many new challenges and opportunities to introduce Christ to the people of China are emerging. With the help of Gloria Dei and its members, Shining City Foundation is already responding to those needs. For more information on the work being done by Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei in China, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

Top: Brad Peyton gives a ball to a yak herder's little boy.

Bottom Left: Marilyn Varley delivers gifts to a village child.

Bottom right: Mary Walter hands out gifts to a little girl.





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Local Outreach Opportunity for Gloria Dei

by Kory Schramm, member of Gloria Dei

Several months ago, Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessing committee said a prayer asking our Lord to identify unique opportunities for our congregation to serve the community. One of the answers given loud and clear was Freedom for Youth Ministries, an organization that happened to be saying their own prayers in hopes of being led to a congregation like Gloria Dei.

To get a sense of Freedom for Youth Ministries, one needs only to read their mission and vision statements.

Mission: Freedom for Youth Ministries offers the love of Jesus Christ to homeless and at-risk youth which empowers them to break bondages of their lives, discover their God-given purpose and lead a life filled with faith, hope and love.

Vision: To unite the Christian community to reach out to our lost and hurting youth in Des Moines and empower them to demonstrate their love for Jesus through sharing their time and talents with the youth we serve.

A 6-acre area located in Des Moines' inner city, the Freedom Center Campus serves as a sanctuary for teens and young adults to learn new skills (ranging from woodworking and welding to music and dance), enjoy a meal and be encouraged through the scriptures. The organization's Promise House offers a Christ-based transitional housing program for young men ages 18-22 (a similar program for young women is in design). And this fall, Whiz Kids will be introduced for 6- to 12-year-olds providing an opportunity for mentors to read, feed and invest in the lives of dozens of children.

Turning to the Christian Community

Being firmly based in Christian ministry, Freedom for Youth Ministry receives little or no support from government entities and the general Des Moines business community. Success centers on the prayers and support of local churches, bible study and youth groups, and individuals.

So how can Gloria Dei help? The organization has identified the following opportunities for consideration:

Small groups willing to serve a hot meal once a month throughout the school year. The biggest needs are a specific Monday (1st, 2nd, etc.) for the 6- to 12-year-olds and a specific Saturday for the teens.

Mentors for the 6- to 12-year-olds who would each be committed to a student for a school year and responsible for transporting them to and from campus (with another mentor), reading with them for 45 minutes, enjoying a devotional time and dinner. This commitment would be roughly 1.5 hours a week.

Groups willing to do an afternoon of manual labor to help improve the campus.

Individuals interested in becoming a Prayer Warrior for Freedom Youth Ministries.

For more information about the Freedom for Youth Ministries, visit www.freedomforyouth.org; for ways to become involved, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Care Night Scheduled this Fall

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. On Thursday, Sept. 11 from 5:30-8 p.m., we will launch our Care Night where support groups will eat, worship and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. We will offer the following support groups: Cancer Support Group, Caregiver Care, Divorce Care for adults, GriefShare for adults and children, Self-Defense Class, Spanish for Caregivers/Teachers, True Value and Lugandan for Missionaries. More information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, please call Pastor Phillips.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Whether you are a new Christian, new to the Lutheran faith or new to the church, we are thankful that you are here today. Starting in the fall, we have lots of great classes and sessions that will help you grow in the faith. Here is a snippet of what will be available. For further information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

New to the Lutheran faith: Join us Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a seven-week class. We will journey along with Apostle Paul in the hopes that we will experience where God meets us in our lives. As we go through the six chief parts of Luther's catechism (10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Lord's Supper) we will see how they pertain to and help with our daily faith-life journey. Childcare is provided.

Transferring from another Lutheran Church: We will hold an interactive experience for everyone joining on Sunday, Nov. 9. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and a meal are provided.

For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-544, ext. 224

Golf Tournament

On Saturday, July 26 the youth sponsored a golf outing at Willow Creek Golf Course. A special thanks to the following people who helped make it a success:

Hole sponsors:

Lynne Bellile, Farm Bureau Financial Services
 Bill and Leslie Clark and Family
 Gloria Dei Tech Team
 Dr. Randy Dierenfield, Family Chiropractic Clinic
 Paul Kramer, Kramer Mortgage Co.
 Ken Lee, REMAX
 DeAnn Lee, REMAX
 Michael Martens, Shelter Insurance
 Petersen and Petersen Agency, Inc.
 Peter and Shirley Roberts and Family
 Dan and Deb Timmons
 Terry and Mina Woolman
www.sportsscene.iowa.com

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 Brenda Plagge, Leeza Salon
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 and PartyLite Candles
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Junior & Senior

Summer Registration Form

If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center. Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

30-Hour Famine

Prizes can be picked up in the back of the Youth Center. Please note: Participants who collected \$80 and up are eligible to receive rewards.



The youth attempting to get customers at the recent ONE car wash.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us every Sunday for Castaway from 9-10 a.m.

Main topic: He's the Man:

- What does it all mean to me?

Junior High Dinner and Movie at Jordan Creek

Sunday, July 27: We will depart from the church at 4 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. Parents: Please contact Tim if you can drive.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Wednesday: The Point

Topics: Fruit of the Spirit

July 30: Topic: Faithfulness

Food: Chili Dogs/Frito Boat

Activity: Movie

Mission Des Moines

August 8-9: Gloria Dei Youth Ministry will be partnering with Texas Roadhouse to build sheds for Habitat for Humanity. Building begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 8. Texas Roadhouse will be furnishing lunch. Other service opportunities will take place after the sheds are built, such as putting together care kits for World Vision. Teens will be sleeping at the church.

Saturday, we will be delivering the sheds, sodding, and planting trees. The event will end at 7 p.m. on Saturday with dinner. Anyone with basic carpentry skills or just a willingness to help is welcome to join us.

Contact Tim Kightlinger 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information. If you would like to join us, sign up at the youth bulletin board by July 27.

Yes I Am Conference

Sunday, Aug. 24 from 1-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Senior high youth are invited to a conference focusing on purity in today's world. Even if you have attended in the past, we encourage you to attend again. We will have guest speakers, a concert, games and dinner. Cost is \$20, which includes all activities and food. Registration forms will be coming in the mail.

Week of July 27 - August 2, 2008

Sunday, July 27

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Jr. High Dinner & Movie
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 28

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. Staff Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Wednesday, July 30

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Missionary Presentation and Luncheon
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Fifth Grade WAVE Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Movie

Thursday, July 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, August 1

- 8:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM

Saturday, August 2

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	132	
7:45 a.m.	129	113
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	227	173
9 a.m. (FLC)	81	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	199	135
Total	768	421

Outpouring of Love (July 20)	
General Fund Offerings	\$15,766
YTD Offering	\$81,887
YTD Budget	\$100,671

Week of August 3-9

Sunday, August 3

- 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 the Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, August 4

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, August 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, August 6

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, August 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Des Moines – Sr. High Youth
- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Dragon & JHawk Cheerleading Practice

Saturday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Des Moines – Sr. High Youth
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	10
Age 5 and K	12
Grades 1 and 2	13
Grades 3 and 4	12
Total	47

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Adults: There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary
Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary