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**Grinnell  
Christian  
Church**



## WALKING WITH THE LIVING AND WRITTEN WORD

(Join us on Sunday mornings as we work our way through the Gospel of John the first part of 2011)

<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>Jn. 1:1-18</b>	<b>"Arrival of the Word"</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Isa. 42:18-25</b>	<b>"When the Word is not Heard"</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>Jn. 1:19-34</b>	<b>"After the Word Has Come"</b>
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>Col. 2:6-7</b>	<b>"Learning from the Word"</b>
<b>Jan. 23</b>	<b>Jn. 1:35-51</b>	<b>"Learning to Follow"</b>
<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>Jn. 2:1-11</b>	<b>"Learning to Ask for Anything"</b>
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Jn. 2:12-3:21</b>	<b>"Learning What to Care About"</b>
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>Jn. 3:22-4:42</b>	<b>"Learning to Ask the Right Questions"</b>
<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>Jn. 4:43-54</b>	<b>"Learning about Teachable Moments"</b>
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>Jn. 5:1-47</b>	<b>"Learning to Value Relationships Over Religion"</b>

### Adult Sunday School Electives

We start new adult classes on Jan. 9th.

Choose from those listed below:

**Equipping parents 101:** *Brian Chitwood*

**Extreme Faith:** *John Epperson*

**John's Gospel—Word Becomes Flesh (I):**

*Jon Stratford*

**R12 Christians:** *Jeff Hughes*

**Invisible War:** *Mike & Saundy Anderson*

**Discovering and Using Our God-Given Gifts:**

*Craig Smith*

*To register for a class, sign up at the  
Welcome Center in the Foyer on Sunday,  
Jan 2nd or call the church office.*

### **ALL CHURCH SKATE NIGHT**

**Sunday, January 2nd**

**at Skate Castle in Newton!**

Everyone is invited to beat the winter blah's by going roller skating Sunday from

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The **Bus & Van** will leave **GCC at 4:30** if you need a ride. Cost is \$4.00 per person. [\$2.00 extra for roller blades] This is a lot of fun for the whole family so bring your family to join the GCC family for a fun evening!



### ***FACTS & FIGURES***

Bible School Average.....	304
Worship Average.....	505
Receipts.....	\$ 55,433.79
Expenditures.....	\$ 83,937.79
<i>Additional Building Debt Retirement \$32,000.00 included in the expenditures</i>	

### **MEN'S FRATERNITY**

**Begins Again Wed. January 5TH  
6:15 AM**  
Coffee & Donuts provided

### **DEDICATION SUNDAY**

February 13th. For Families who wish to commit to raising their new son/daughter to know and love Christ, our Baby Dedication Service is for you. Please contact Andre at the church office, 236-5667 or 990-9810



## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Begins Jan 25th  
9:30 a.m. in the  
Heritage Room  
Meets the 2nd & 4th  
Tuesday.  
Lead by Jan Epperson

### **U & I**

Please come to enjoy a  
Potluck , Sunday, Jan. 9th  
at 12:00 Noon  
Rolls & Drink provided by  
Hostess: Pat Lang  
*Hope to see all of you  
there to begin a new year  
of Fellowship !!*

### ***Cross-Cultural Conversations*** **Sunday, January 2, 2011—9:15 a.m.** **(GCC Worship Center)**

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will hear some stories of what God is doing in various parts of the world. Some of these *cross-cultural conversations* will be reports from people who are part of the GCC family in Grinnell. We will also be talking via SKYPE with some of our missionary partners serving in cross-cultural locations.



### **BABIES BABIES ! !**

Justin & Molly Carney are the proud parents of a baby Girl, Charlotte Ann born on December 16th. She was 7 lb. 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. She joins big brother Caedmon at home.

Derek & Meredyth (Davis) VanWyk are the proud parents of a baby Boy. Jackson Dean was born December 22nd and weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. He joins big sister Trinity at home.

Proud grandparents are Brad & Mitzi Davis.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



## **THANK YOU**

G.C.C. Family,

Thanks to all who donated gifts to needy families with MICA. Fifty two gifts were given to 6 families. Thanks for sharing His love at Christmas time.

GCC Love Gift Ministry,

Thank you so very much for thinking of me on my birthday Also enjoyed my visit with Joann. Louise Crews

Thank you for the lovely bag of goodies that was brought to me for my birthday. And a special "Thanks" to Edna Crandall for the delivery and visit.

Sincerely, Louise Doty

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Vanessa Doty
- 1 Korie Jack
- 1 Ana Hansen
- 2 J. Harley McIlrath
- 2 Adam Allison
- 2 Wade Chitwood
- 3 Jeanne Hueffner
- 3 Janet Neff
- 4 Shawn Deppe
- 6 Phyllis Van Es
- 6 Lisa Leris
- 6 Marsha Dunsmoor
- 7 Twyla McAtee
- 7 Allen Dean
- 7 Charlie Stepanek
- 7 Greg Sieck
- 7 Brent Galbraith
- 8 Jane Thompson
- 8 Marvel LaCasse
- 9 Colleen Wiley
- 9 Nicole Weiss
- 10 Jarin Stoker
- 10 Derek Doty
- 10 Jacob Thomas
- 12 Dale Larsen
- 12 Gary Wilson
- 13 Justin Carney
- 13 Jessica Neeley
- 14 Lisa Mullholland
- 14 Jeff Clement
- 14 Kayla Juni
- 14 Casey Johnson
- 15 Ron Johnston
- 15 Lydia Roudabush
- 18 Joe Davidson
- 19 Nathan Van Donselaar
- 19 Tony Waechter
- 21 Tom Pierce
- 21 Trevor Link
- 23 Melinda Crawford
- 23 Derek Amundson
- 23 Brian Lowry
- 23 Molly Carney
- 24 Janet Lidtka
- 24 Aydn McMichael
- 25 Barb Smith
- 27 Lorene Morrison
- 27 Kathi Clement
- 27 Rick Tjarks
- 27 Haley Flanagan
- 27 Kelsey Davis
- 28 Mark Tedford
- 28 Chad Hollingsworth
- 28 Jacob Dunsbergen
- 28 Shauntea Doza
- 28 Samantha Moore
- 29 Jerry Flanagan
- 29 Gareth James
- 30 Leon Wilson

# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Winter</i>						1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
<b>2</b> 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship  <b>5-7 SKATE Night—Newton</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7:00 Sermon Study Group	<b>5</b>  6:15 am Men's Frat.  10:00 am Moms  7:00 Elders Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship 12N U & I Potluck 5:30 OASIS 6:00 IMPACT	<b>10</b>  Primetime Registration	<b>11</b>  Exercise  7:00 Sermon Study Group  Prime Time BB Gym	<b>12</b>  6:15 Men's Frat.  10:00 am Moms  7:00 Worship Search Mtg.	<b>13</b>  <i>Exercise</i>  11:45 Encore Men's Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Prime Time BB Gym
<b>16</b>  8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship 5:30 OASIS 6:00 IMPACT	<b>17</b>  Prime Time BB Gym	<b>18</b>  Exercise  7:00 Sermon Study Group	<b>19</b>  6:15 Men's Frat.  10:00 am Moms  7:00 Leadership Mtg	<b>20</b>  Exercise	<b>21</b>  Ladies Craft Night	<b>22</b>  Prime Time BB Gym
<b>23</b> 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship 5:30 OASIS 6:00 IMPACT	<b>24</b>  7:00 Faith mtg  Prime Time BB Gym	<b>25</b>  Exercise  9:30 LBS  7:00 Sermon Study Group	<b>26</b>  6:15 Men's Frat.  10:00 am Moms	<b>27</b>  <i>Exercise</i>  11:45 Encore Men's Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Prime Time BB Gym
<b>30</b> 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship  5:30 OASIS 6:00 IMPACT	<b>31</b>  Prime Time BB Gym					

30 Dave Dale  
30 Chris Hansen

30 Jonathan Eckerman  
31 Lucille Tish

31 Andy Conn  
31 Chris Riddle

If your birthday does not appear on our calendar, please call the office and let us know.

Grinnell Christian Church,

Words seem insufficient for expressing the deep sense of gratitude that is within my heart for your patience with me and willingness to give me the time and space in my schedule to complete this project while transitioning to a servant leadership role here at G.C.C. Thank you!

An undertaking of this size is never the product of but one person. I count several of you as co-authors and co-laborers in this good work with me. Hence, I do not bear the new title of "doctor" alone. It is as much your title as mine. May God find us faithful in ministry as we partner to reach the community of Grinnell and beyond.

Many Blessings,

Craig J. Smith



**MISSION UPDATE FROM HAITI!**

"We've purchased the eye equipment and part of it has arrived already and the rest is coming any day. It will go to Haiti mid January for our first eye clinic of 2011 that commences January 27. Bless you and thank you to everyone who helped make this possible." Gretchen DeVoe, Lifeline Christian Mission

**ENCORE**

**OUT ON THE TOWN:** We missed December's outing but January is here and with the new year comes our old invite to join us and let's go out on the town. January's place to be will be at West Side Dining Following worship on **Sunday, Jan. 23rd**. We will meet for good food and good fellowship. If you haven't given this invitation a try, start the new year off with our Out on the Town bunch. Sign up at the Encore Table or call 236-8867 or 236-5667 for reservations.

**Men's Bible Study:** On the 2nd & 4th Thursday, bring your sack lunch and munch with us. Beginning this year we will experience, "*The Great Adventure*" a popular study that a number of our men have discussed on Wednesday mornings at 6:15. Due to popular demand we will offer this material on Thursday at 11:45 to 1:00 On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The class is open to any men. The Great Adventure challenges you to break free from the bondage of boredom and begin the great adventure that God has uniquely designed for men. It's a perfect study to begin 2011!

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

NURSERY

- Jan. 2**  
Eckerman, DeRidder/Juni, Clement/Oster
- Jan. 9**  
Wickwire, Davis/Staroska, Miller/VanRoekel
- Jan. 16**  
D & C Pierce, Smith family, S. Walker/Strobel
- Jan. 23**  
Kriegel, McCombs, Schuler/Lang
- Jan. 30**  
Hollingsworth, Norman/Brown, Neely family

ELDERS SCHEDULE

- Jan. 2—Mark H.
- Jan. 9—Danny C.
- Jan. 16—Tom D.
- Jan. 23 —Gary W.
- Jan. 30 —Ed P.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Jan. 2** Charlotte Burnell  
Deloris Lang
- Jan. 9** Deb Johnson  
Traci Kapple
- Jan. 16** Shelley Schrack
- Jan. 23** Lori VanRoekel,  
Donna Beck
- Jan. 30** Angie Staroska,  
Tlana Astelle



**MOMS ON WEDNESDAYS**

We are beginning a Bible Study of Genesis, Chapters one through eleven called “Foundations”, lead by Cathi Lang and Margene Pierce. We’ll spend time reading the text and deepening our understanding of God’s marvelous plan for the family. The ups and downs of life in a cursed world, and God’s plan for our redemption. Included in our discussion will be tips and materials to help you pass your faith to the next generation, your children.

This study is open to all women, regardless of age, marital status, or children. We want *Moms on Wednesdays* to be a time of learning, growing and encouragement. Mark your calendars. This session begins, Wednesday, January 5th at 10:00-11:30 AM in the Heritage Room at G.C.C.



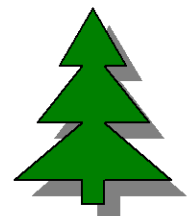
**CHRISTMAS CARD TREE** Those who sent greetings in 2010 were:

Jim & Joann Andersen  
 J.T. & Tara Anderson Family  
 Tim & Wanda Armstrong Family  
 Leon & Donna Beck Family  
 Cindy Barrera  
 Charlotte Burnell  
 Paul & Verna Carnahan  
 Danny & Joy Carroll  
 Skip & Kathi Clement  
 Cheryl Cocking  
 Ken & Shirley Conner  
 Rachel Crawford  
 Louise Crews  
 Dustin & Katie Cummings  
 Mary Dean  
 Chuck & Erma DePauw  
 Tom & Dawn Dillman Family  
 Gael & Linda Doane  
 Merle & Gloria Doty

Mike & Vanessa Doty Family  
 Louise Doty  
 John & Jan Epperson  
 Drew Follmer Family CIBC  
 Terry & Cathy Fraker Family  
 Steve & Shari Gantz  
 Walter & Brianna Gatlin  
 Golightly Family  
 Worthin & Maretta Grattan  
 John & Lucy Green Family  
 Mark & Nancy Hendrickson Family  
 Chad & Jill Hollingsworth Family  
 Sally Johnson  
 Jolene Jones  
 Josh & Angie Kisner Family  
 Craig & Liz Koon Family  
 Susan Kriegel & Family  
 Jim & Marvel LaCasse  
 Norma Lang

Jerry & Lorna Lang Family  
 Paul & Cathi Lang Family  
 Ray & Phyllis Lang Family  
 Pat Lang  
 Randy & Janet Lidtka Family  
 Terry & Linda Lowry  
 Scott & Deb Marcum Family  
 Terry & Sonja Morrison  
 Andre & Audra Norman Family  
 Dave & Cathy Pierce Family  
 Scott & Kelly Robinson Family  
 Chris & Jodi Roudabush Family  
 Dion & Shelley Schrack Family  
 Barb Smith  
 Craig & Brenda Smith Family  
 Tim & Janelle Stahl Family  
 Lee & Angie Staroska Family  
 Marvin & Janna Stoker  
 Cindy Strobel Family

Don & Jane Thompson  
 Bob & Marlene Toney Family  
 Colleen Wiley  
 Gary & Marsha Wilson  
  
 The amount raised for Owen & Stephanie Fuller Family was over \$ 1190.00  
 If you’d still like to contribute just designate it to the Christmas Card Tree.



## K I D ' S

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**JANUARY 2011**

Upcoming January Events:

Children's Church (Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) During 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
 Will meet every Sunday in January.

Impact Winter Kickoff  
 Family Skate at the Skate Castle in Newton on **JANUARY 2nd**  
 For everyone— Families, and Friends!  
 Time 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost \$4 (\$2 more for Roller Blades)  
 \* We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. if you need a ride!

IMPACT (2's-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) 6-7 p.m.  
 Sunday, January 2nd —Winter Kickoff (See Above)  
 Sunday, January 9th —IMPACT (See Schedules for details)  
 Sunday, January 16th—IMPACT (See Schedules for details)  
 Sunday, January 23th—IMPACT (See Schedules for details)  
 Sunday, January 30st—IMPACT (See Schedules for details)

Moms on Wednesdays  
 Wednesday Mornings 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Primetime Youth Basketball Leagues  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls  
 Registration Deadline is Monday, January 10th!  
 Leagues begin Tuesday, January 11th!

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## Upcoming events for 7th - 12th Graders

**Jan. 2** 5:00—7:00 p.m. All Church Skating in Newton—Cost is \$4.00 for skate rental (add \$2 for rollerblades). Bus leaves GCC at 4:30 p.m.

**Jan. 9** 5:30 p.m.—Open Gym 6:00 p.m. Panel discussion and small groups. Topic “What does a follower of Jesus look like in today’s world.”

**Jan. 16** 5:30p.m.—Open gym 6:00 p.m. Panel discussion and small groups. Topic “What should a family look like today? What are the dangers that we will face when we start a family?”

**Jan. 23** 5:30p.m.—Open gym 6:00 p.m. Panel discussion and small groups. Topic “How can I understand the Bible and apply it to my life?”

Jan. 30 ????

**Winter Jam Concert featuring Newsboys, David Crowder Band and Kutless!** This was awesome last year! Cost is only \$10.00 (plus food money) The date for this concert is Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Bus will leave at 4:00 p.m. (pay at the door)



**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders...** don't miss **BELIEVE 2011**. We will be going to Peoria, Illinois on

**February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$50.00 plus money for 5 meals. This is the best event out there for Jr. Highers! Be sure to sign up by Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> to get in at the reduced rate. Contact Brian if you want to go at 641-990-1092!