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THE GCC



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Christian  
Church

# CONNECTION

## OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS!

Our theme verses for 2011—Colossians 2:6-7: “Continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” As we conclude the year, learning about living the *Spilled-over Life* as did Paul, let’s finish strong! During the month of November, GCC receives a *Harvest Offering* in addition to our weekly, General Fund giving. Here are some important priorities for the **2011 Harvest Offering**:

- (1) **Early debt retirement**—because of your faithfulness, GCC is on/or slightly ahead of schedule to erase our indebtedness by mid-year 2012. The larger the gift, the sooner we are out of debt!
- (2) **Family resource center**—the Faith at Home journey God has us on continues into the new year, and we envision a growing resource center that helps us *equip families with a Faith at Home focus and sustain it by establishing the home as a primary place where faith is lived and nurtured*.
- (3) **Outreach**—GCC leadership is finalizing plans in 2012 to increase our witness in the Grinnell community. Picture a *Day of Service* where all God’s people use their gifts to reach out in service to our neighbors and friends.
- (4) **Worship Center Equipment**—we made some small strides in 2011, but some important steps lay ahead in 2012 to upgrade the quality of sound and lighting in our worship center.
- (5) **Bibles**—wouldn’t it be great to have a supply of Bibles in our building large enough to simply say to newcomers... “If you don’t have a Bible at home to read and study with your family, take the one in the pew back in front of you as our gift to you.”

**2012 Harvest Offering Goal is \$48,000 — receiving gifts beginning NOVEMBER 13th**

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### Spill-over & Faith at Home Opportunities introduced this month...

#### GLOBAL



**Oct 30—Pick up box**  
**Return filled by**  
**November 21**

#### LOCAL

**Giving Tree**  
**NOV. 20th**



#### NEIGHBORHOOD

**INTERVARSITY**  
**CHRISTIAN**  
**FELLOWSHIP**

An update on needs from  
Grinnell College Ministry

**College Ministry**  
**Care Packages**



(see page 2 for more details)

## FACTS & FIGURES

Bible School Average.... 291  
 Worship Average..... 512  
 Receipts..... \$ 87,288.33  
 Expenditures.... \$ 41,020.27  
 With one week remaining.



## AND THE LORD ADDED...

### We welcome to G.C.C.

Steve Poole was baptized on September 16th by a good friend, Jim Wilson in Big Piney River at the Mark Twain National Forest in the, Missouri Ozarks. Steve is a familiar face around GCC and we welcome him into our fellowship!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

## BABIES

Dustin & Katie Cummings are the proud parents of a baby Boy. Brody Scott was born on October 17 and weighed 6# 12 oz. He is 19 1/2 inches long and joins big sister Cadence at home. Grandparents are Randy & Janet Lidtka & Great grandparents are Laverne & Colleen Lidtka.

Troy and Jess Latcham are the proud parent of a baby Boy, Lane Austin was born October 14. He weighed 8 lb. and was 20" long. Grandparents are Allen and Teresa Latcham.

Dan & Jeralene Roland are the proud parents of a baby Girl. Briar Elizabeth was born Oct. 5 and weighed 6# 4 oz. She was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry & Ellie Renaud

### CONGRATULATIONS to ALL !

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**U & I Soup Supper  
 November 12  
 at 6:00 pm.**



**Home of  
 Vernon & Loretta  
 VanWyk  
 RSVP: 236-6071**

## NEIGHBORHOOD CARE PACKAGE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Starting November 6th—November 27th their will be a collection box in the foyer to collect items for care packages. We are looking for individually wrapped candy, crackers, snacks, etc. to fill care packages for 35 Grinnell Christian Church College students and 35 Grinnell College Students. If you have questions...

Please call Kathi Clement at 990-4188



## GIVING TREE for 2nd Mile

Again this year we will be helping local families.

November 20—27 we'll have the Giving Tree Gift tags in the lobby for you to help a needy family in Grinnell. Return the gift wrapped with the tag on the outside. Be a blessing to a family in need and let your gratitude spill over.

*The Honor of your presence is requested at the union of  
 Matthew Nordin &  
 Lisa Wyatt  
 on November 11, 2011.  
 At First Friends Church  
 in Grinnell at  
 7:00 pm in the evening.  
 Reception following at the  
 Elks Lodge.*

**RSVP to 641-990-6865 or**



### Shoebox / Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

From Franklin Graham—

President of Samaritan's purse.. *You often hear us use the phrase "the power of a simple gift" That describes operation Christmas Child in a nutshell. Last year, we delivered 8.2 million gift-filled shoe boxes that brought smiles to hurting children in places like Haiti and Sudan. Beyond the boxes themselves, these tangible expressions of GOD'S love open doors for us to share the greatest gift he offers the gift of the Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**At G.C.C. let's get an early start in giving! Look for specific information in the foyer Sunday, Oct. 30—November 15th and pick up an empty box with a list of what to pack in your box—include \$7 for shipping.**

**Bring to church between Nov. 14—21** and we'll take to the collection point. Please open your heart to a hurting child who needs to know the real reason for Christmas—Jesus!

Seal it with a prayer.  
 GCC Women's Ministries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Liliann Hatting
- 1 Jordan Walker
- 2 Harry McNaul
- 3 Jerry Renaud
- 3 Deb Amundson
- 3 Emily McCombs
- 3 Benjamin Poush
- 3 Isaiah Thomas
- 4 Richard Warwick
- 4 Teresa Latcham
- 4 Charlie Criswell
- 4 Eric Sellers
- 4 Hannah Fisher
- 7 Tylia Kaisand
- 7 Angelina Towne
- 8 Pat Lang
- 8 Mitzi Smith
- 8 Mack Jorth
- 8 Nathan Dunsmoor
- 8 Emma O'Polka
- 9 Marvin Stoker
- 9 Kathy Burkett
- 9 Amanda Benson
- 10 Phyllis Smith
- 10 Bethany Stratford
- 11 Amy Smith
- 11 Josiah Smith
- 11 Mikayla Smith
- 11 Devin Smith
- 11 Marcy Van Wyk-Haddrell
- 12 Steve Eckles
- 12 Sue Vander Linden
- 12 Kyle Riddle
- 13 Worthin Grattan
- 13 Mindy Deppe
- 13 Kolton Kapple
- 13 Mackenzie Chappell
- 14 Tom Rae
- 14 Bryce Lidtka
- 14 Wyatt Hunter
- 14 Olivia Renze
- 15 Ron Montgomery
- 15 Matt Dunsmoor
- 15 Bayli Coleman
- 15 Kennedy Roland
- 16 Greg Van Dyke
- 17 Jean Jones
- 17 Dawn Dillman
- 18 Shari Gantz
- 19 Sally Johnson
- 19 Lucy Green
- 19 Gloria Doty
- 19 Chris Juni
- 19 Joel O'Polka
- 19 Mason Doty
- 20 Jacob Staroska
- 21 Cody Heyveld
- 21 Cassie Fitzgerald
- 21 Zach Husted
- 21 Cory Cox
- 22 Melissa Owens
- 23 Dale Clayton
- 23 Christopher Riddle
- 24 Maretta Grattan

# November 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM  6:30 Women's Bible Std	<b>2</b>  10:30 Moms on Wed.  6:15 IMPACT 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elders (HR)	<b>3</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  8:00-4:00 Primetime Basketball Practice/scrimmage  <b>Set your clocks back                      1 hour tonight</b> 
	<b>6</b>  8:00 Worship 8:35 C.C. KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	<b>7</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>8</b>  9:30 Ladies Bible Study  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>  10:30 Moms on Wed  6:15 IMPACT 7:15 OASIS	<b>10</b>  11:45 Mens Encore Bible Study  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>11</b>  CICS Chili Supper-Gym
<b>13</b>  HARVEST OFFERING 8:00 Worship 8:35 CC KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	<b>14</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>15</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b>  10:30 Moms on Wed  6:15 IMPACT 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elders (HR)	<b>17</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  8:00-4:00 Basketball Games-GYM
<b>20</b>  8:00 Worship 8:35 CC KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	<b>21</b>  5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM	<b>22</b>  9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:00-7:30 pm Primetime Basketball Practice-GYM 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b>  10:30 Moms on Wed.	<b>24</b>  	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  8:00 Worship 8:35 CC KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b>  10:30 Moms on Wed  6:15 IMPACT 7:15 OASIS			

- 25 Louise Doty
- 25 Sydney Roudabush
- 25 Taylor Ives
- 27 Aaron Corbin
- 27 Joe Coleman
- 27 Zachary Cox

- 28 Ryan Mahaffey
- 28 Brianna Stapella
- 29 Carmella Davidson

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

**Don't forget to set  
 your clocks BACK**
  
**NOV. 5th**

## ENCORE

October 30th is the date to Go Out on the Town

This Sunday, we're headed to Carnforth Inn for another great feast and sweet fellowship. This month we'll go by car following our 10:30 worship. Call or sign up today and join us for  
Out on the Town.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH ~ AMISH Christmas

Again this year some have asked about an opportunity to experience an Amish Christmas. You're invited to join us on **Val's Tours on Dec. 10th** for a fun day together. Here's the scoop. We will have breakfast at the Holycen House in Washington, see the performance at the Marion Avenue Baptist Church and go to Kalona for a delicious meal. *They change the performance every year, so you never see the same one!* The costs for the entire trip, including our bus, will be \$89 a person. This venture is one of the favorites each year. If you are interested in coming along, let John know right away (the bus is quickly filling up). Payment date for the trip is Dec. 1st and checks should be made out to Val's Ventures.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our men's brown bag lunch and study has begun and our dates each month will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Please note dates, they are different than previously reported. Come Joins us at 11:45.

## COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

**ARE YOU INTERESTED? NCC Presents "Colors of Christmas" at the OMAHA MUSIC HALL - FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

Get ready to celebrate the Most Wonderful Time of the Year with Denver and the Mile High Orchestra and the Nebraska Christian College Gospel Choir at the Fourth Annual Colors of Christmas. If there's enough interest we'll go by bus, visit the NCC Campus and then attend the concert at 7:00 pm. It will be a full day and your cost would be a concert ticket at \$22 and a couple of meals. Call me by November 20th if you'd like to go!!

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Steve & Laura Poole—1910 Spring St  
Owen & Stephanie Fuller—  
1204 W. 4th St. N.  
Newton 50208

## THOSE WHO SERVE

### NURSERY

Nov. 6 Hollingsworth, Lang, Clement  
Nov. 13 Eckerman, O'Polka, Havel  
Nov. 20 Grattan, Smith, Norman  
Nov. 27 Anderson, Dillman, Chitwood

### Elder's Schedule

Nov. 6 Terry Lowry  
Nov. 13 Mark Hendrickson  
Nov. 20 Danny Carroll  
Nov. 27 Tom Dillman

### Communion Preparation

Nov. 6 Cindy Strobel  
Nov. 13 Jane Thompson, Phyllis Lang  
Nov. 20 Lee Stratford, Julie McCombs  
Nov. 27 Bonnie Megel, Sonja Morrison

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

**\*The Worship Ministry** is excited to announce our "Celebration Choir" has begun rehearsals. Over twenty singers came together this past Tuesday night to begin rehearsing with the Celebration Choir to prepare an exciting Christmas musical, "All Bow Down." We would still welcome any and all who like to sing and would like to be part of this Christmas outreach in music. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights at 7pm and there are no auditions to be a part of this group. Steve has music and CD's of the songs to help you learn the music and he would be glad to offer individual instruction as well. Come join us and invite others as well.

**\*Guest Relations** is a new ministry that has been developed to determine how best to greet and minister to guests, visitors, and members of GCC during Sunday services. This group has been collecting ideas and suggestions and will soon be sharing results with the church. Many opportunities will be unveiled for GCC members to live their faith through service. Specifically we will be looking for those who enjoy meeting and greeting visitors and guests, answering their questions, and offering help with directions and information about GCC.



**FOR THE GLORY OF THE KING**  
**DECEMBER 18TH**  
**at 9:15 AM**

## Singing Rehearsals for Christmas Program

Sundays 20, 27, 4, 11 during Sing & Praise

All K-6<sup>th</sup> grade (Songs)

All 2's-4's practice in Toddler Sing & Praise On Nov. 17, Dec. 4 & 11

Wednesdays - in Worship Center

Nov. 30 5:45-6:15 - before Christmas Party

Dec. 7 6:15-7:15

Dec. 14 6:15-7:15

Speakers - in Worship Center

Sunday, Nov. 27 10:00-10:15 (#1-9)

Dec. 4 10:00-10:15 (#10-21)

Wednesday, Dec. 7 5:45-6:15 (1-21)

Dec. 14 5:45-6:15 (1-21)

Solo - in Friendship Room

Sunday, Nov. 27 10:15-10:30

Dec. 4 10:15-10:30

Dec. 11 10:15-10:30

Saturday, Dec 17 in Worship Center

9:00-9:30- 2's, 3's, 4's

9:30-11:00 - K-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**The program is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM during the Sunday School Hour.**

## THANK YOU NOTE



GCC has certainly exemplified the spilled over life! Harvest of Talents was, yet again, an absolutely amazing day, which never ceases to amaze us! We give God all glory, honor and praise for how He's moved ahead of us through this Harvest of Talents process! The Harvest Committee

would also like to thank you, the body, for your faithful love, support and encouragement! It overwhelms us with joy to see how God's people have embraced Harvest of Talents and Lifeline Christian Mission! You are a blessing to so many thousands of lives in Haiti through your giving, prayers and support! Thank you for all the ways you contributed to HOT this year! It would not be a success without you! We are seeing GCC AT ITS BEST when it serves!

It was also such a blessing to have Bob and Gretchen DeVoe with us. How helpful it is to put some faces to the name Lifeline Christian Mission. We hope you were able to share a greeting with them while they were here. They are so appreciative for what this community has done to help the mission and its people they serve!

Our 2nd Annual Grinnell Area Shoe and Peanut Butter Drive, that Phyll Van Es so graciously spearheaded, has accumulated 1,058 jars of Peanut Butter and over 1,500 pairs of shoes - Most of which have already made their way to Ohio thanks to Phyll and Susie Sondag!

"First Fruits" has been an incredible addition to Harvest of Talents and we look forward to how this might grow in the future thanks to our generous farmers! This program, through the local Co-ops, allowed our farmers to give of their first fruits and donate grain toward Harvest of Talents and to the cause of Haiti! The Co-op has requested these monies donated from the grain be put toward purchasing and building a home for a needy family in Haiti through Lifeline's home building ministry! A home that Lifeline helps build costs \$4,000 and currently our farmers have helped us raise \$4,000! Thank you farmers! We appreciate you! This has been incredible to witness and we look forward to seeing a needy family get chosen for this gift of a home.

We have yet again broken our annual record by raising over \$10,500 toward a new pick-up truck for Lifeline to continue to do effective ministry! Thank you hardly seems enough to show our appreciation!

In total, with RAGBRAI earnings and First Fruits and Harvest of Talents, God is blessing Lifeline with over \$18,000!!!

**To God be the glory! Thank you!**

Just as a reminder, we will be selling brand new Harvest of Talents cookbooks until they sell out for \$10 each...all proceeds going toward HOT, so please let us know if you would like to purchase one. They would make excellent Christmas gifts or Stocking Stuffers!

## K I D ' S

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### IMPACT (2's-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

\* **November IMPACT Service Projects**—Every group for IMPACT is bringing Thanksgiving food items for families in need! Details will be given at IMPACT.

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#### November 2nd -

2's 4's - Jesus Loves Me  
4's - K's - Growing Like Jesus  
1<sup>st</sup> -3rd Grade—What's in the Bible?  
4th—6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Missions Night—Gym

#### November 9th -

2's 4's - Jesus Loves Me—Lifesaver Party  
4's - K's - Growing Like Jesus—Lifesaver Party  
1<sup>st</sup> -3rd—Scavenger Hunt Night  
4th—6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Parent's Night! *Minute to Win It*

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#### November 16th -

2's 4's - Jesus Loves Me— *Thanksgiving Project*  
4's - K's - Growing Like Jesus— *Thanksgiving Project*  
1<sup>st</sup> -3rd Grade—Family Night  
4th—6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader - *Thanksgiving Project*

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#### November 30th—

2's—3rd Grade—Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
4th—6th—Christmas Party—Making Cookies / Gift Exchange

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### Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal

See page 4 with schedule of times.

During Sing & Praise time in November & December and Wednesdays before IMPACT.

### Children's Church

2nd Service November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th!  
Ages 4—4th Gr.

### Moms on Wednesdays

Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

### Primetime Youth Basketball

Sat., November 12th—Picture Day  
Sat., November 19th—First Game  
Mon., Nov. 21st—Thanksgiving Basketball Clinic  
- Craig Sladek—AIA Guest Instructor!

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## Upcoming events for 7th - 12th Graders



# NOVEMBER

- November 2nd** 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. *WrestleMania*  
**November 9th** 7:15—8:15 p.m. **GO GLOBAL** with Brad Lang (Uganda)  
**November 13th** **TEEN CHURCH @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**November 16th** 7:15—8:15 pm **Progressive Dinner**  
**November 23** **NO OASIS**

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- BIBLE SCHOOL** November 6 Philippians chapter 3  
November 13 Philippians chapter 4  
November 20 “flipped” #1 **STUFF** Matthew 6:19,20  
November 27 “flipped #2 **ACTING RELIGIOUS** Matthew 23:25-28