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Walking with the Living
and Written Word
The Connection



Cultivating God's Heart for Battle

Joshua, while certainly not so well-known as his predecessor Moses, was a faithful soldier and one of the most extraordinary military commanders of all time. Beginning February 12th at GCC, we will look together at his remarkable story which may be as relevant to our everyday living as any book of the Bible today. We'll begin near the end of the story with Joshua's challenge to a new generation of God's people after he had subdued all the great fortresses and cities of the Promised Land, when he was at least 90 years of age:

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24: 14-15).

From the lips of Joshua, leader of the Jewish conquest of Canaan, this was a substantial challenge to God's people, BUT it was backed up by a lifetime of faithful service to the Lord. The more I read the more convinced I become this 3,000 year old story contains a message very much needed in our time.

A primary reason for the lack of effectiveness of the Church in our culture today is that we have many professing Christians but not many Joshuas. We do not have many who, without trying to be novel or spectacular, determine to obey the law of God in every particular and then actually do obey it throughout a long lifetime of faithful service. I'm hoping, praying and trusting that what I just underscored is what sets Grinnell Christian Church apart and what God continues to use to draw those presently unfaithful unto Himself. I am equally convinced that the chief reason for the Church's failure today stems from our most basic failure to read, study, digest and obey the Word of God. We live in a literate age, but thousands of Christians are biblically illiterate. Put on your battle gear, dust off your Bible, bring it with you to GCC on Sunday mornings and let us together cultivate God's heart for battle!

-Craig

(Follow along each week in your 2012 Reading Guide. Get a copy at the Welcome Center or call us & we'll send you one)

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

With Dr. & Mrs. Robert Wilson - February 10th & 11th

- Friday, February 10th - 6:00 - 8:30 pm in the GCC GYM (Dessert provided)
- Saturday, February 11th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm GCC Youth Room (Lunch provided)
- Registration fee is \$40. Contact the church office to sign up. Sign up for the couples retreat and attend every session! Couples of every age can grow through this weekend.

Let us know when you register if you have childcare needs. We would like to help!



HAYWARDS are COMING: Come hear Steve & Rhonda Hayward during the combined adult Sunday School classes at 9:15 on **February 5th**. For nearly 30 years, our God has been faithfully and lovingly caring for them and the ministry of seeing His Word come alive for the Tay people in Papua New Guinea. Many of you have loved, prayed, and given to see this work completed. It is exciting, amazing actually, to anticipate the Tay New Testament in the hands and hearts of the Tay people, transforming their lives in the near future. See You Soon. -Steve, Rhonda, Jason & Carrisa

FAMILY & BABY DEDICATION - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12th (see pg.5)

FACTS & FIGURES

Bible School Average..... 324
 Worship Average..... 491
 Receipts.....\$ 53,252.78
 Expenditures..... \$ 72,571.66

Save the Date!

VBS

JUNE 6-10TH

BABY BOY

Jeff & Angela Clement are the proud parents of a new son, Jacob Toney Clement. Jacob was born January 23 and weighed 8 lbs. 7.5 oz. and is 21 inches long. He joins two big brothers at home. Proud grandparents are Skip & Kathi Clement and Bob & Marlene Toney. Great grandmother is Louise Doty.

CONGRATULATIONS!

GCC Family,

I would like to say thank you for the prayers and visits while I was ill. Also, A big thank you to the carolers who stopped by my house. They were great!
 Marlys Hopwood

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for making our holiday so much brighter this year. Thank you for making Grinnell such a special place to live. The smiles all around this Christmas were because of you!
 Love, Family 292

Dear GCC Family:

Your generosity in giving this holiday season has been such a huge blessing to our family. My children and I are so thankful to be a part of such a kind, compassionate church. We look forward to making it our ministry in 2012 to give more of ourselves and our time in service to others. Thank you and may God bless each of you in 2012. In Christ, Anonymous and humbled family
 (recipients of Christmas Tree Card gift)

Thank you to all the crew who helped us move! Thank you ~ Heather Burch & Donna Ulrey

ENCORE NEWS

OUT ON THE TOWN: Wow!!

We had a great bunch for last Sunday's lunch, the 29th. The fellowship was at its best. If you haven't experienced going Out on the Town with us, try it, you'll like it! This month we're headed to Who Knows Where and the good food at You Guess it. We will be going by bus on Sunday, Feb. 26th following our 10:30 worship. Sign up at the Encore Table or call 236-8867 or 5667 for reservations.

Both of our Bible Studies are off to a great start! Our Ladies had a full house Tuesday, but there's still room for you. Join our gals on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month. The study is designed for all ages. Our men will meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month digesting a lunch of your choice and munching on the changes we can make to be more and more like Jesus. This study too, is for men of all ages.

WATCH the news and keep your ears tuned to our announcement of this year's Branson Conference with the theme "BEHOLD". We will be going June 11th—14th. We've made room for you; see John for registrations and details.


Mark Your Calendars

ALL Ladies Invited to a KITCHEN SPRING CLEANING

Thursday, February 2nd! 8:30 am - ??

Join the fellowship as together we clean the church kitchen. Come anytime beginning at 8:30 and work as long as your schedule allows. We'd appreciate any help and we'll even provide lunch! ?'s call Joy at 236-7043 or Marvel at 236-7971

U&I Game Night

at John & Lucy Green's home
Saturday, Feb. 18th at 7:00 p.m.
 1902 4th Ave. 

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, February 24th!
 (we've changed to the 4th Friday)
5:00—11:00 PM
HERITAGE ROOM

*BRIDAL SHOWER For
 JESSICA DONATO
 (fiancée of Joseph Lang)
 Saturday, February 25th 9:30 am
 Friendship Room
 Registered at JC Penney and Target*



"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" Save the date—March 11
All Women—Sunday School Hour [Details to follow]

REMINDER: If anyone is cleaning out their closets they can donate clothing and shoes to Phase II and put it under GCC's account #1246. This helps us continue to raise money for short-term missions trips that our church takes every few years.

THANK YOU S

- 1 Marlene Toney
- 1 Jennifer Kriegel
- 1 Katie Guinane
- 2 Bryce Dekoning
- 2 Ben DeRidder
- 3 Erin Gersdorf
- 3 Bruce Kriegel
- 3 Tyler Leris
- 4 Levi Durr
- 4 Brenda Smith
- 5 Cheryl Cocking
- 5 Mary Long
- 5 Jackie Morrison
- 5 Jeff Sears
- 5 Marie Boggess
- 5 Alicia Mullholland
- 5 Nathan Towne
- 6 Tammy Creps
- 6 Heather Burch
- 6 Zachary Smith
- 7 Mayci Andrews
- 7 Ellie Durr
- 8 Floyd Campbell
- 8 Joni Recinos
- 8 Andy Johnson
- 8 Caleb Heinselmann
- 8 Sarah McCombs
- 9 Eugene Lang
- 9 Roy Story
- 9 Derek Heyveld
- 9 Robbie Mart
- 9 Colton Moline
- 9 Aliyah Fisher
- 10 Sharon Fowler
- 10 Paula Kellogg
- 10 Ronald Heyveld
- 11 Kaelin Martin
- 11 Kelly McNaul
- 12 Addison Gosselink
- 12 Aiden Gosselink
- 12 Caleb Criswell
- 12 Journey Riddle
- 13 Mary Dean
- 13 Lynn Schwarck
- 13 Craig Smith
- 14 Brady Conway
- 14 Zachary Leris
- 15 Ralph Quick
- 15 Jason DeRidder
- 17 Andrew Clement
- 17 Denise Kaisand
- 17 Lynnette Simbro
- 18 Reanna Campbell
- 19 Leila Maring
- 19 Aaron Beck
- 20 Tim Green
- 20 Crystal Havel
- 20 Hannah O'Polka
- 20 Josiah O'Polka
- 20 Sadi Flanagan

FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Moms on Wed. 6:15 IMPACT/Adult Classes 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elder's Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Kitchen Cleaning</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5th Qtr.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	
<p>5 Haywards</p> <p>8:00 Worship 8:35 "Christian's Calling" KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study at Anderson's</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Moms on Wed. 6:15 IMPACT/Adult Classes 7:15 OASIS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:45 Men's Encore Bible Study</p>	<p>10 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Celebration Weekend</p>		
<p>12</p> <p><i>Baby Dedication</i></p> <p>8:00 Worship 8:35 "Christian's Calling" KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 Women's Bible Study at Anderson's</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Moms on Wed. 6:15 IMPACT/Adult Classes 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elder's Mtg</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. U & I Greens BB-Gym</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>8:00 Worship 8:35 "Christian's Calling" KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study at Anderson's</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Moms on Wed. 6:15 IMPACT/Adult Classes 7:15 OASIS</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:45 Men's Encore Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Craft Night 5:00-11:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>8:00 Worship 8:35 "Christian's Calling" KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BB-Gym</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 Women's Bible Study at Anderson's</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Moms on Wed. <i>12:00 N Lenten Service GCC</i> 6:15 IMPACT/Adult Classes 7:15 OASIS Leap Year !!</p>				

- 22 Ethan Link
- 23 Luke Walker
- 24 Matt Guinane
- 24 Kyle Doty
- 25 Georgia Smith

- 27 Terry Lowry
- 27 Pam Sieck
- 27 Jon Stratford
- 28 Aaron Hudnut
- 28 Nathan Armstrong
- 29 Jerry Megel

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

ELDER UPDATE:

The Board of Elders and GCC staff strive to maintain a meaningful, reverent and inviting worship experience each and every Sunday morning. *Given the wide range of age and interest represented within the GCC family this is no small task.* Moreover, there needs to be an effort to make our worship experience inviting to people who may not have a personal relationship with Christ or who may be very new in their faith.

In an effort to achieve the above objectives the Board of Elders has formed a special “Worship Planning Team” to review our worship facility, our worship times, and our worship focus to allow the development of a plan for the future of corporate worship at GCC. Chris Roudabush is the elder representative on the team and Steve Carstenson is the staff leader for the group.

The current Board of Elders consists of the following men: Danny Carroll, Chair, Mike Anderson, Mark Hendrickson, Randy Lidtka, Jack Morrison, Chris Roudabush, and Brian VanRoekel.

Note: In 2010 the board changed the By-Laws for GCC to require that an Elder step down from the board for at least one year after 3 years of service, thus the reduced number of Elders and the change in the membership on the board.

HARVEST OF TALENTS UPDATE:

Set your calendars for this year's Harvest of Talents Saturday, October 20th.

H.O.T. Stuff:

-A Haitian family has been chosen for the home we raised money for through our farmers "First Fruits" program! The construction will begin in February and pictures are to come! Ironically, the family is a farming family! How cool!

-Bob and Gretchen are getting closer to purchasing a truck with the H.O.T. monies raised! Bob just arrived in Haiti and will begin shopping for the right vehicle for the mission to use. They are very excited to send pictures of that as well!

-We are still collecting pop cans. Please let us know if we can come to your home and pick them up for you!

-We have storage space for you to bring your finished craft projects to. So plan to work year round! If you are making a project, plan to make an extra and donate it to Harvest of Talents!

-Know anybody outside of GCC that is crafty? Ask them to make something for Harvest! It's a great way for us to involve our community in H.O.T. We need more of that!

-Join us at craft night if you want to fellowship while you craft! The next craft night is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24th in the Heritage Room.

Please contact Audra 990-9811 or Jamie 990-9635 if you have items to donate or if you'd like to store your finished items.



GUEST RELATIONS

We have had a few volunteers for our new, “Visitor Outreach Group,” with much success in seeking out and welcoming visitors to our services. If you would like to join this group of people who enjoy and have a heart for welcoming visitors in our midst each week, see Steve and he will share with you the procedures and get you connected.

Address Changes & Corrections:

Heather Burch & Donna Ulrey
324 11th Ave. Grinnell
236-1391

THOSE WHO SERVE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Feb. 5 Denise Kaisand & Cindy Barrera
Feb. 12 Marlene Toney
Feb. 19 Julie McCombs
Feb. 26 Shirley Conner & Ellie Renaud

NURSERY

2/5 8AM - Hollingsworth 10:30 Baby - DeRidder 10:30 Toddler - Havel	2/19 8AM - Kriegel 10:30 Baby - Dillman 10:30 Toddler -Davis
2/12 8AM - Hollingsworth 10:30 Baby - Dillman 10:30 Toddler - Davis	2/26 8AM - D. Pierce 10:30 Baby - O'Polka 10:30 Toddler - McGuire

Elder's Schedule

Feb. 5 - Randy Lidtka
Feb. 12 - Mike Anderson
Feb. 19 - Chris Roudabush
Feb. 26 - Jack Morrison



FAMILY & BABY DEDICATION

SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 12th

We are always excited when God blesses a family with a new life. We know God is excited when that family in turn dedicates themselves to raising their child(ren) to know and love Him.

The Bible is very clear that God entrusts parents with children who in turn train them in His Word, be an example of godliness, discipline according to His ways, and be a source of prayer and encouragement for them. (Deuteronomy 6)

As a Church we also have a great responsibility to these families to pray for and encourage them and do all that is in our power to assist these children to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Please come join these new parents as they dedicate themselves to establishing the home as the primary place where faith is nurtured!

Lenten Services

GCC Hosting the 1st Service & lunch on February 29th. 12:00 noon



The community is invited to attend



CHOIR CONCERT

March 22

HEADING HOME CONCERT

April 14th

Gospel Music is planned so Save the Date!

REAL MEN CONFERENCE

On Friday, February 24th, Real Men 2012 will host their annual conference at Rising Sun Church of Christ (6390 NE Rising Sun Dr., Pleasant Hill, IA 50327) from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The conference will include worship from Pathway Band as well as a round table discussion with radio personality Steve Deace and well-known Iowa Pastor, Jeff Mullen. Keynote speaker will be Mark Scott previously from Ozark Christian College. Real Men 2012 is about helping men answer God's call to be the men He is calling them to be. You can register by visiting them on the web at: <http://realmeniowa.org/events> or if you have questions call (515)285-1254

KID'S

Upcoming February Events:

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Children's Church (Preschool-4th Grade)

2nd Service Only

IMPACT (2's-6th Grade) 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1st

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2's, 3's & 4's - Awards Night! Parents invited 7-7:15

4's - K - Awards Night! Parents invited 7-7:15

1st - 3rd Grade - Valentine Craft Night!

4th - 6th Grade - Gladiator Night!

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Wednesday, February 8th

2's, 3's & 4's - I Am Special - Valentine Craft Night!

4's - K - Helping My Family - Valentine Craft Night!

1st - 3rd Grade - Delivering Valentine's to Nursing Home

4th - 6th Grade - Happy Valentine's Night!

E

Wednesday, February 15th

2's, 3's & 4's - I Am Special!

4's - K - Helping My Family

1st - 3rd Grade - What's In the Bible? Rules of Leviticus

4th - 6th Grade - Make your own pizza night!

R

Wednesday, February 22nd

2's, 3's & 4's - I Am Special - Awards Night! Parents invited 7-7:15

4's - K - Helping My Family - Awards Night! Parents invited 7-7:15

1st - 3rd Grade - What's In the Bible? Numbers & Deuteronomy

4th - 6th Grade - Romans vs. Christians (6:15-8:30)

Wednesday, February 29th

2's, 3's & 4's - I Can Be Kind - Beach Party Night!

4's - K - God Created - Beach Party Night!

1st - 3rd Grade - Leap Year Party!

4th - 6th Grade - SuperStart Night!

Moms on Wednesdays

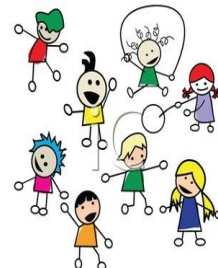
Wednesday Mornings 10:00 a.m.

Primetime Youth Basketball Leagues

1st & 2nd Grade Boys and 1st-3rd Grade Girls

Picture Day-Saturday, February 4th

Games start Saturday, February 11th



CIY SuperStart

Who: 4th-6th Grade **When:** March 2 & 3, 2012

Where: Bloomington, IL **Cost:** \$40 or \$50

Reg. Deadline: Early-Feb. 5th Late-Feb. 26th

What: SuperStart is a two-day event put on by Christ In Youth that is specifically for pre-teens.

LIFELINE SCREENING!

Do you have high Cholesterol or high blood pressure. Family member ailments, poor diet? If you answer yes, you may want to consider being screened at the Life Line Screening. Scheduled at **Grinnell Christian Church, Monday, March 19.** Register and/or call for more info. at 1-800-324-1851 ASAP. Or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

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Upcoming events for 7th - 12th Graders

February 3 Jr. High 5th Quarter

February 12 TEEN CHURCH at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Activities:

- **February 1** WRESTLEMANIA 7:15 p.m.
- **February 8** MINISTRY night 7:15 p.m.
- **February 15** THEME night LOVE !
- **February 22** Progressive Supper 7:15 p.m.
- **February 29** GO GLOBAL 7:15 p.m.

OASIS in February