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**Grinnell
Christian
Church**

GCC

*Walking with the Living
and Written Word*

CONNECTION



Introducing a new GCC Mission (4G)...

Grow in Christ

Give to others



Glorify the Father

Go in the power of the
Holy Spirit

Come, hear more as we open the new year with a series of messages entitled: *Cultivating God's Heart*, beginning January 8th



ALL CHURCH SKATE NIGHT

Wednesday, January 11th

at Skate Castle in Newton!

Everyone is invited to beat the winter blah's by going roller skating Wednesday from **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

The **Bus & Van** will leave **GCC** at **5:30** with the younger kids, and will return at **7:45**. Cost is \$4.00 per person. [\$2.00 extra for roller blades]. This is a lot of fun for everyone so bring your family to join the GCC family for a fun evening!

FACTS & FIGURES

Bible School Average.....	375
December correction	328
Worship Average.....	527
Receipts.....	\$ 53,697.40
Expenditures.....	\$ 75,663.28

DEDICATION SUNDAY

February 12th. For Families who wish to commit to raising their new son/daughter to know and love Christ, our Baby/Family Dedication Service is for you. Please contact Andre at the church office, 236-5667 or 990-9810



BABY BOY!

Ryan & Jasmin Hendrickson are the proud first time parents of a baby BOY!
 Malachi Edwin was born on November 30th and weighed 6 lbs 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.
 Grandparents are Mark & Nancy Hendrickson.

CONGRATULATIONS!

And the Lord Added....

We are pleased to welcome Brett and Cole McGriff to the GCC Family. On Saturday evening, December 10th Brett was baptized into Christ, and on Sunday, December 11th Brett baptized his son, Cole into Christ. Brett, his wife Kellie and their sons Cole and Zach are familiar faces around GCC. Be sure to congratulate them on their important decision.

We also welcome...

...Linda Brown and Gary Sears to the GCC Family. Linda and Gary both placed membership at GCC on Sunday, December 10th. Please join us in welcoming them.

Mark Your Calendars

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Begins Jan 24th
9:30 a.m. in the
Heritage Room
Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday.
Led by Jan Epperson
Ladies of all ages are welcome!

U & I Potluck

U & I Members are invited to a potluck on Sunday, Jan. 15th at 12:00 Noon in the Family Life Center Gym to enjoy fellowship.
Rolls & Drink provided.
Hostess: Pat Lang

THANK YOU

G.C.C. Family,
 We wish we could have said goodbye to all the friends we've made over the years, but our house sold quickly and we were not able to see you all before we left. Thank you for your fellowship, prayers, and friendship throughout the years we have been at GCC. May God continue to bless you. If you're ever in Colorado, stop by! *Philippians 1: 3-6*
 Love & Prayers, Craig, Liz and Stephen Koon

GCC Family, THANK YOU for your generosity. The College Ministry filled **36 boxes and 35 bags** for our college students with yummy treats & snacks. The students are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.
 College Ministry

GCC Women's Ministry,
 You are so thoughtful and I am so thankful for the food and visit I had with Joann. Much appreciated. Love, Louise Crews

GCC Women's Ministry,
 I appreciated the birthday card, bookmark and fruit delivered by Joann Andersen. We had a nice visit. Thank you so much. Sally Johnson

Brian & GCC Family,
 Thank you so much for the plate of cookies you delivered. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year too. Chris Coppock

Dear Brian & Youth Group,
 Thanks so much for cleaning & washing my car. You did a really good job and I appreciate it very much! Cheryl Cocking

I really appreciate the care package you sent me! There were so many goodies I had to share them with my friends. I have been so focused on studying lately and it was awesome to receive a package to remind me of my hometown! Merry Christmas and thank you for everything. Sofia Recinos

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness.
 The family of Joseph Yearian

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vanessa Doty
- 1 Korie Jack
- 2 Adam Allison
- 2 Wade Chitwood
- 2 Carolyn Thompson
- 3 Jeanne Hueffner
- 3 Janet Neff
- 4 Shawn Deppe
- 6 Phyllis Van Es
- 6 Lisa Leris
- 6 Marsha Dunsmoor
- 7 Twyla McAtee
- 7 Charlie Stepanek
- 7 Greg Sieck
- 7 Brent Galbraith
- 8 Jane Thompson
- 8 Marvel LaCasse
- 8 Mackenzie VanErsvelde
- 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 Caedmon Carney
- 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
- 22 Brad Fisher
- 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
- 28 Mark Tedford
- 28 Chad Hollingsworth
- 28 Shauntea Doza
- 28 Samantha Moore
- 29 Gareth James
- 29 Maya Green
- 30 Dave Dale
- 30 Chris Hansen

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:30 ONE WORSHIP	2	3 5:30 Taekwando	4 10:00 am Moms 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elders Mtg.	5 3:30 Line Dancing 5:30 Taekwando	6	7 11:00 Open House J. Thompson "80"
8 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	9 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime Registration	10 Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	11 10:00 am Moms 5:30 pm FAMILY SKATE PARTY Primetime BB Gym	12 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	13	14 Primetime BB Gym
15 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship 12: N U & I Potluck	16 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime BB Gym	17 Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	18 10:00 am Moms 6:15 IMPACT 6:15 Adult Class 7:15 OASIS 7:30 Elders Mtg	19 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	20	21 Primetime BB Gym
22 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	23 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime BB Gym	24 9:30 Ladies Bible Study Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	25 10:00 am Moms 6:15 IMPACT 6:15 Adult Class 7:15 OASIS Primetime BB Gym	26 11:45 Encore Men's Study 3:30 Line Dancing Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando	27	28 Primetime BB Gym
29 8:00 Worship 8:35 Christian's Calling KGRN 9:15 Bible School 10:30 Worship	30 Primetime BB Gym	31 Primetime BB Gym 5:30 Taekwando				

30 Jonathan Eckerman 31 Andy Conn
 31 Lucille Tish 31 Chris Riddle

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

WORSHIP MINISTRY UPDATES:

What a great Christmas Season for music at GCC with Celebration Choir Musical, Children's Program, Christmas Eve/Day, Caroling, and everyone joining in on their favorite Christmas Songs during services! We are looking forward to a new season of great Worship starting with Craig's new series in January.

Many have commented on the new speakers in the sanctuary. Those are a temporary solution (they belong to me) to our sound issues and I appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience as we try to figure out how to deliver sound clearly, understandably, and with fidelity while being able to control it as well. So far the improvement in being able to keep volume down and increase understandability is very good. Since they are helping, we are going to try to use them on the platform so you will be able to see the screens better and pray this won't cause noise/feedback issues. I am working with a committee to investigate more permanent solutions to upgrade our sound system to current technology (like the new speakers) which would allow for much better clarity, coverage, and fullness of sound. This is out in the future still, but pray for guidance as we research and plan.

WANTED: Volunteers for Guest Ministries

Do you enjoy meeting people? Are you one of those who goes out of their way to greet new people and guests you see in Church? Do you notice and assist those visitors who are wondering where classes meet or where rooms are located in the Church? If so the Guest Ministries Ministry Team is looking for your help.

We are planning to commission a group of volunteers to expand our hospitality connection to visitors to our Church services to help make their visit more enjoyable and productive. We would provide training before starting this project so anyone with interest would be welcomed.

If you would be interested in serving with such a group would you please contact Steve at the church? There would be no significant time commitment other than using your normal in church time to help meet, greet, and assist visitors you might recognize.

Call Steve at the church or contact online, scarstenson@msn.com. Thank You.

THANK YOU: As we begin 2012 Millie and Steve Carstenson would like to take a moment to thank all of those who have made our move to Grinnell such a joy and blessing. Many have sent cards, brought by food, provided help, given special gifts and we so appreciate everything. GCC is truly a caring church and we have been honored to experience first hand the love, concern, and support from/ of this church family. We look forward to many years of worshipping together. We would like to offer a special thanks to the elders as well for their Christmas gift to our family.

ENCORE MINISTRY January is here and we step into a fresh new year with many opportunities to experience Jesus and enjoy His people. It's been a while since we've gone **OUT-ON-THE-TOWN** so mark your calendar on **Sunday the 29th** for a meal out. The month of January will take us to Westside Family Dining; sign up at the Encore table and let's plan to eat and meet together.

MEN'S BROWN BAG: Our "Brown Bag Lunch" and study will begin on Thursday, January 26th. Bring your Bible and join us for some all-men talk. Men of all ages are welcome!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Our ladies will continue their study of Philippians beginning on Tuesday, Jan 24th at 9:30 am. All ages are welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: During the months of January and February we will offer a choice of 3 different classes giving our Encore gang an opportunity to learn and grow with a Bible Study, Colossians: Small Letter, Large Message; Glorify, Grow, Give, Go; or Does God Exist?

Sign up this Sunday for an elective class. Here's a chance to meet with others of different ages.

SOMETHING IS COMING!! Watch for next month's Connection!

THOSE WHO SERVE

NURSERY

Jan. 1

9:30 - Lowry

Jan. 8

8:00 a.m. - Eckerman

10:30 a.m. Babies - McCombs

10:30 a.m. Toddlers - Clement

Jan. 15

8:00 a.m. - Susan Kriegel

10:30 a.m. Babies - B. Smith Family

10:30 a.m. Toddlers - Miller/Norman

Jan. 22

8:00 a.m. - McNaul

10:30 a.m. Babies - Thomas

10:30 a.m. Toddlers - Vander Leest/Andrews

Jan. 29

8:00 a.m. - Criswell

10:30 a.m. Babies - Knobloch

10:30 a.m. Toddlers - Epperly

ELDERS SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 - Chris

Jan. 8 - Jack

Jan. 15 - Brian

Jan. 22 - Mark

Jan. 29 - Danny

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jan. 1 Charlotte Burnell

Jan. 8 Sonja Morrison

Jan. 15 Joy Carroll

Janet Lidtka

Jan. 22 Angie Staroska

Jan. 29 Gloria Doty/Susie Jorth



TAKE IT HOME EVENTS

JAN. 15 9:15 Family Prayer
(For parents of children K-6th)

Brian & Carrie Lowry

JAN. 29 9:15 Baby Dedication
Class

Andre & Audra Norman

(For parents of children born in
2011)

Adult Sunday School Electives

We start new adult classes on Jan. 8th

SUNDAY MORNING 9:15

GLORIFY, GROW, GIVE, GO: *Craig Smith,
Jon Stratford & Jeff Hughes*

Faith At Home - Parents & Teens & Stuff:
Brian Chitwood & Paul Lang

DOES GOD EXIST?: *Danny Carroll*

CHANGE!: *John Epperson &
Chris Roudabush*

COLOSSIANS: Small Letter, Large Message:
Jeff Schwarck

WEDNESDAYS: 6:15 pm

GLORIFY THE FATHER - Worship Matters:
Steve Carstenson

**GIVE TO OTHERS - A Look At Your God-
Given Gifts:** *Craig Smith*

SIGN UP SUNDAY OR CALL THE OFFICE!!



**80th Birthday Party
OPEN HOUSE for
JANE THOMPSON**

**Saturday, January 7th
11:00—1:00 pm
G.C.C. FLC Gym
Gift of your presence only!**



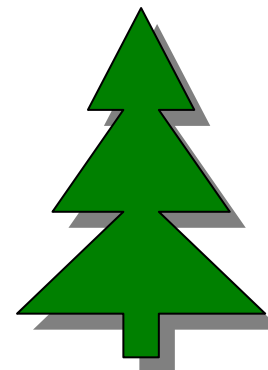
CHRISTMAS CARD TREE Those who sent greetings in 2011 were:

Jim & Joann Andersen
J.T. & Tara Anderson Family
Tim & Wanda Armstrong
Leon & Donna Beck Family
Cindy Barrera
Dennis & Pam Broadston Family
Charlotte Burnell
Danny & Joy Carroll & Family
Brian & Barb Chitwood Family
Jeff & Angela Clement Family
Skip & Kathi Clement
Cheryl Cocking
Aaron & Mike Corbin
Dustin & Katie Cummings
Grace Davidson Family
Joe & Irene Davidson
Tom & Dawn Dillman Family
Mike & Vanessa Doty Family
Louise Doty
John & Jan Epperson
Owen & Stephanie Fuller Family
Golightly Family

Ed & Jaye Grattan
Worthin & Maretta Grattan
John & Lucy Green Family
Mark & Nancy Hendrickson Family
Chad & Jill Hollingsworth Family
Bud & Jeanne Hueffner
Mike & Deb Johnson Family
Sally Johnson
Ron & Sharon Johnston
Jolene Jones
Chris & Malissa Juni Family
Dave & Denise Kaisand Family
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
Andy & Julie Pierce Family
Dave & Cathy Pierce
Matt & Sara Roorda
Scott & Kelly Robinson Family
Chris & Jody Roudabush Family
Clara Ryan
Barb Smith
Craig & Brenda Smith Family
Tim & Janelle Stahl Family
Lee & Angie Staroska Family
Charlie & Mary Stepanek
Marvin & Janna Stoker
Cindy Strobel Family
Don & Jane Thompson
Bob & Marlene Toney Family
Gary & Kathy Whitsell
Alan & Melissa Wickwire Family
Colleen Wiley
Gary & Marsha Wilson

\$1046.00 was gifted this year to help our family.



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JANUARY 2012

Upcoming January Events:

Children's Church (Preschool-4th Grade) During 2nd Service

Will meet every Sunday in January, except January 1.

Impact Winter Kickoff

Family Skate at the Skate Castle in Newton on **JANUARY 11th**
For everyone— Families and Friends!

Time 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost \$4 (\$2 more for Roller Blades)

* We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. for the younger kids!

* The bus will come back at 7:45 p.m. with the younger kids!

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

Wednesday, January 11th—Winter Kickoff (See Above)

Wednesday, January 18th—2's-4's—New Unit—"Children in the Bible"
4's-Kindergarten—New Unit—"Important to God"

1st-3rd Grade—What's in the Bible? Old Promise/New Promise
4th-6th Grade—Movie & Popcorn Night!

Wednesday, January 25th— 2's-4's—Backwards Night!!

4's-Kindergarten—Backwards Night!!
1st-3rd Grade—What's in the Bible? Leviticus
4th-6th Grade—Use your gifts well!

Moms on Wednesdays

Wednesday Mornings 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Primetime Youth Basketball Leagues

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

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, January 10th!

Pick up a registration at the Children's Ministry table.

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Upcoming events for 7th - 12th Graders

Jan. 4 7:15-8:15 p.m. OASIS in the youth room

Jan. 11 6:00—9:00 p.m. All Church Skating in Newton—Cost is \$4.00 for skate rental (add \$2 for rollerblades). Stay tuned for bus departure times!

Jan. 18 Go Global 7:15 –8:15 p.m.

Jan. 25 OASIS @ 7:15. p.m. In the GYM!