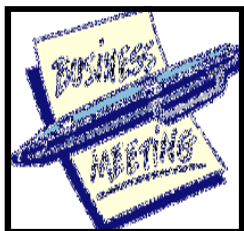


Reaching UP in our LOVE for God!
Reaching IN in our LOVE for one another!
Reaching OUT in our LOVE for the world!



In light of vacation and scheduling conflicts our regularly scheduled July meeting has been postponed to Monday, August 2 at 7 pm. Although voting privileges are reserved for members everyone who considers GEFC their church home is welcome to attend.

Baby Shower Luncheon

It's a girl for AJ & Rebekah Reynolds born on June 29. Blessed Expectations ministry is hosting a Baby Shower Luncheon on Sunday, July 11 at 12:30 pm To celebrate the birth for their baby girl. Registration for attendance and donations for a group gift are being accepted through July 4 at the information center in the foyer. Make checks payable to De Kosman. A sign-up for desserts and salads is available at the information center too.

July 26-30



5:30 - 8:00 pm

Kids, are you ready to ROCK out with music from the Go Fish guys? You can register for Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Backstage With The Bible" online at www.gefc.org, or in the church office during regular business hours. VBS is July 26-30 from 5:30-8:00pm and is open to children age 3 thru those entering 6th grade. Each family will receive a Go Fish cd at registration! ALSO, we are having a CONTEST to see which boy and which girl can bring the most friends to VBS!! The two winners will receive \$50 cash! Everyone who brings at least one friend will be entered into a drawing for a Go Fish CD/DVD prize pack. We encourage you to bring unchurched friends, and they will need to put your name on their registration as the person who invited them. Yellow postcard invitations are available at the information center in the foyer.

Children's Ministry: There Is A Place For You by Gary Dawson, Elder Board Chairman

Back in the very early years of GEFC a young couple (the Epps) taught the two and three year olds in Sunday School. Mary and Martin Harder followed them and it was early in their tenure that I started helping teach twos and threes as my own children came along. I progressed more slowly in Sunday School than my children. I graduated slowly to teaching 4 year olds and eventually to Kindergarten after nearly 18 years. I always enjoyed communicating Bible stories at a level where pre-school and Kindergarten students could relate to it. For adults, the simplicity of the Gospel can get lost in the complexity of circumstances. That doesn't happen to children.



Teachers present Jesus and the Bible to children in a positive way and children are left with positive feelings about Jesus, His work, and His church because of it. Assuming a teaching responsibility provides additional opportunities to be in the Word. Teachers learn themselves as they prepare lessons for the children and the Lord produces Christian character in teachers as they serve the smallest lambs in His flock.

GEFC is growing. We have been blessed with a growing number of young families and young children. There are always opportunities to serve in teaching children and there are current needs in administration as well. I encourage you to prayerfully consider if Children's Ministry is an area where the Lord would have you serve.

Children's ministry is an extremely rewarding place to serve the Lord.

CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS!

We will have a training meeting on Wednesday, July 21 from 7:00-8:00pm at the church. Please make every effort to attend! If you'd still like to volunteer for VBS, please contact Christy Sancken at 944-0239.

Missions Update: Dave & Patsy Alfors

by Kevin Dykstra, Mission Team

Many of you have met Dave & Patsy Alfors and if you haven't met them personally, you may have at least heard them speak during one of their visits here to GEFC. They are missionaries through ReachGlobal and are currently serving in Cameroon. Unless you get their newsletter or are on their email distribution, you no doubt haven't been able to keep current with their ministry so I would like to take this opportunity to do just that.

For those not familiar with the Alfors, a bit of background—they have been missionaries for about three decades. They served in the Congo for twelve years, church planting among the Water People, an unreached people who live in a swamp area of the Congo River. God richly blessed this work and sixteen churches were established. In 1996 they were able to turn over this ministry to African pastors who continue to serve faithfully.



In 1997, Dave and Patsy began a new ministry of evangelism and church planting among the Fulbé. The Fulbé people are semi-nomadic cattle herders who are Muslim. Currently, the Alfors are church planting among

people who speak the Fulbé language in northern Cameroon at the village of Mesquine. They also travel to other villages to share the gospel and have been blessed to find people who are open to hearing what

they have to say. Dave prepares Bible studies and tracts in the Fulbé language. As a result of these Bible studies, Dave has had the opportunity to disciple many people and to see them ask Christ into their lives and to grow spiritually. Some of these people have in turn brought family members to Christ. Patsy has found open doors to tell Bible stories to their Muslim neighbors and has more women listening to stories than she can handle.

Historically, tribal chiefs have been very reluctant to allow missionaries to come in to share the Gospel in their villages. As they passed on and younger, more educated, men became chiefs they have become more open to allowing missionaries in. Hopefully this will continue. Please pray for the ministry of Dave and Patsy and that they will be blessed with safety, open doors, willing hearts, and wisdom to see the opportunities that God places in front of them.

Book Review

The Note

by Teri Walters

If you were given only 3 minutes to share your most profound thoughts with your loved ones, what would they be?

In Angela Hunt's book, "The Note", Peyton MacGruder is given a 6-word note, believed to have been written by a passenger on PanWorld Flight 848 as it was falling from the sky and stuffed into a zip-lock bag. It survives the plane crash and is found and delivered to Peyton who writes for the Tampa Times newspaper. She takes as her assignment the task of learning who the note was meant for.

Have you visited GEFC's library lately? This is just one of the many books waiting for you.

Reading Connection: Book Club for Women

Ladies, *Once Upon A Summer* by Janette Oke will be reviewed on Tuesday, July 13 at 10:00 am.

If you ordered *Her Mother's Hope* by Francine Rivers it will be distributed then. This book will be reviewed on September 7th.

Orders will also be taken for the autobiography *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall & Denver Moore to be reviewed on October 5th.

All women are welcome to begin participating at any time. The environment is casual in nature and is designed so that you feel comfortable inviting your friends and neighbors to participate.

Used books in good condition are ordered whenever possible to keep the cost manageable. Books may also be obtained through the city library or our church library when books are available. Another option is ordering the book and sharing it with a friend to split the cost.

There are brochures available at the information center in the foyer that note all the books to be read in the upcoming season. You are certain to have a great time so give it a try.

Except for July the group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30am September through May.

Automated External Defibrillator Update

by De Kosman & the Wellness Team

In case you have noticed something new in the coat room off of the foyer, we now have an Automated External Defibrillator or AED for short for helping assist in cardiac arrest. It is located in an unlocked white cabinet and is very accessible in case of emergency. If the AED is used within the first 3-5 minutes of the onset of a heart attack, the survival rate greatly increases. Thanks goes to the GEFC Gifts and Memorial Fund for providing the Wellness Team with the funds for this purchase!

Should a cardiac arrest occur at church, CPR should be started as someone runs to get the AED. You just grab the red case from the cabinet and go to the scene and open it up. You do not need to READ any instructions. As soon as you turn on the AED, a voice speaks to you and tells you what to do! Easy as that. When you take your CPR class, the complete AED training will be included so you will become more comfortable with everything. There is nothing to be afraid of because if the

person does not need to be “shocked” the machine analyzes the heart rhythm and will not shock the victim if it is not needed.

What about using our AED for children? Our unit does work for children (defined as less than 55 lbs) also. There is a pink “Child Key” that



you merely insert into the AED and it converts the “shock” to be appropriate for a child. You use the same pads to attach to the chest as you do for the adult.

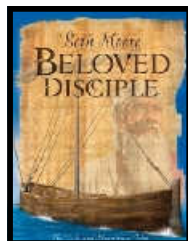
On May 30 a survey was passed out to the congregation with two questions: 1) Are you currently certified in CPR? And 2) If not, would you be willing to learn CPR for the cost of \$5.00? The response was that 22 people did wish to take CPR, and 17 are already certified with valid cards. Watch the bulletin for the announcement of when training will occur, as it will most likely be a Saturday morning sometime and will involve a sign-up with payment. Even if you did not show interest on the survey or missed the survey, you will have the opportunity to learn at the “CPR Saturday”.

As with all life-saving devices, please keep your children or teens from tampering with this expensive equipment. Should at any time you hear the unit “chirping” or making noise please report it to the office, a pastor, or De Kosman. This means that the battery needs to be replaced. It should always have a tiny green light visibly flashing but not make any noise.

Women’s Bible Study: “Beloved Disciple”

The Life & Ministry of John

“Beloved Disciple: is a study of the life of John the apostle and his relationship with Jesus Christ, the One who loved him. The goal of our study is to get to know John’s heart as Christ’s beloved disciple and let him lead us into the depths of Christ’s inexhaustible love.



In the first study video Beth Moore takes us to John 1:38 where Jesus asks two disciples “what do you seek?” She then asks us - “what is your truest desire?” Is it to grow, as John did, in our desire to follow our Master and to love Him with all our being? — to not just do another Bible study—but to go someplace we’ve never been before?

See you in September—bring a friend.

Date: Thursdays September 9 - November 18 (11 week study)

Time: 9-11 am (childcare provided) & 7-9 pm
Location: GEFC

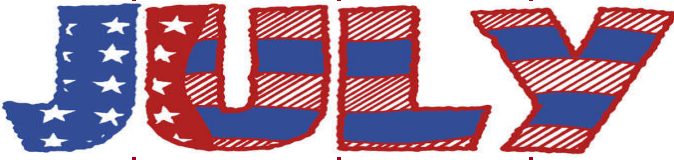
Cost: Membership guide \$15 if ordered by August 22
Membership guide \$20 if ordered after August 22


NOTE ** We don’t have leaders for either AM or PM yet, nor coordinator for childcare. Please pray with us for God’s direction. **



We are very fortunate to have so many Christian concerts available to us in this area. You might consider spending an evening with Casting Crowns, Friday, July 16th beginning at 7:30 pm at the Adler Theatre in Davenport, Iowa. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster Outlets, www.ticketmaster.com the Adler Theatre Box Office or by calling 800-745-3000. Consider suggesting this as a possible outing for your small group or ABF.

Reaching UP, Reaching IN, Reaching OUT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Small Group @ Ford's 6:45 pm	2	3
				Challenge Sr. High Trip		
4 Partners-in-Prayer 7:45 am	5 Missions Team meeting 7 pm Men's Softball 8:15 pm @ Richmond Hill	6 Boys Bible Study 5 pm @ Richmond Hill Elders Meeting 7 pm Men's Softball 7:00 pm @ Richmond Hill Girls Bible Study @ Stahl's 7 pm	7 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's Jr. Hi Youth Group 6:30 pm	8 Worship Band Camp 6-9 pm Small Group @ Ford's 6:45 pm	9	10 Men's Golf Outing 9 am @ Countryview
11 Partners-in-Prayer 7:45 am Reynolds Baby Shower Luncheon 12:30 pm	12 Men's softball 7 pm @ Richmond Hill Missions Team Training	13 Reading Connection 10:00 am Elders Meeting 7 pm Men's softball 7 pm @ Richmond Hill	14 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's Relay for Life Survivor Dinner	15 Craft Night 6 pm Small Group @ Ford's 6:45 pm	16	17
18 Partners-in-Prayer 7:45 am	19 Administrative Council Meeting 7 pm Men's softball tournament 7 pm	20 Men's softball 7:00 pm @ Richmond Hill	21 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's Jr. Hi Youth Group 6:30 pm	22 Small Group @ Ford's 6:45 pm	23	24
Colorado Father/Son Adventure Trip						
25 Partners-in-Prayer 7:45 am VBS set up	26	27 Elders Meeting 7 pm Men's softball 7 & 8:15 pm @ Richmond Hill	28 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's	29 Small Group @ Ford's 6:45 pm	30	31 VBS clean up
Vacation Bible School July 26-30 - 5:30-8:00 pm						

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1 Communion VBS Family Event following 2nd service	2 Missions Team meeting 7 pm Men's Softball Tournament Richmond Hill	3 Men's Softball Tournament Richmond Hill	4 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's Jr. Hi Youth 6:30 pm @ GEFC Men's Softball Tournament Richmond Hill	5	6	7
8 Partners-in- Prayer 7:45 am	9 Missions Team meeting 7 pm	10 Elders Meeting 7 pm Deadline for September Free News	11 Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leigh's Fireproof Firemen Outreach	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Jr/Sr Leadership Boot Camp leave 1pm Friday West Lake, IA Return 8 pm Saturday</div>	14
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A Word From The Food Pantry

Our annual Ice cream Social was cancelled due to inclement weather. Thank you to the many volunteers who baked pies, cakes, and cookies. Also thank you to everyone who signed up to work during the social. We know that much time and energy is donated to help make this fundraiser successful and we apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

The EFSP (FEMA) board met in May for the purpose of distributing state set-aside funds to the seven food pantries in Henry County. The total funded amount this year was down \$6,000 from last year. The amount distributed to each pantry was based on the number of clients served during the previous fiscal year. EFSP funds are to be used for food purchases only.

The community and surrounding areas have shown overwhelming support to the victims of the flood. Through your generosity we have been able to provide clothes and household items to all of those in need. At this time they are really in

need of gently used furniture, especially beds. If you have furniture to donate you may call Randy Franck, manager of Maple City Trailer Park, at 944-7165 to arrange pick up or delivery.

We are collecting new and used fans to help our clients stay cool during the hot summer days. Many of our elderly and disabled clients do not have or cannot afford air conditioning.

Just a reminder that we will be accepting donations of school supplies during the month of July and the first two weeks of August. School supply lists can be found at Wal-Mart or www.dist228.org. Supplies may be dropped off at the Food Pantry during normal business hours or at the Hostess Wonder Bread store. Last year 30 families were in need of school supplies and we are expecting that number to increase this year.

The staff, board members, and clients of the Food Pantry would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Thank you for supporting our ministry by helping us to be the hands of God.

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