

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

Baby Shower



Ladies, Blessed Expectation Ministries invites you to a baby shower on Saturday, September 18 at 10 am for Erica Venema.

Grant & Erica Venema are expecting their second child, a baby girl, in October.

Contributions toward a group gift are being accepted through Sunday, September 12. Checks should be made payable to Martha Countryman and put in the designated registration envelope in the Adult Bible Fellowship Class or at the Information Center.

Small Groups



PEACEMAKER
MINISTRIES

Small Group season is here again! GEFC Fall Quarter for Small Groups will be starting the first full week in October, and run through mid-December. Watch for announcements and sign-ups during services. Small Groups this fall will compliment the church-wide emphasis on The Peacemaking Church. Please join your fellow Believers in this fellowship opportunity. For more information, please contact Chris Kuster at krc@genese.net.

AWANA Organizational Meeting

A training and organizational meeting for all AWANA directors, leaders, and listeners will be held at the church in the Awana game room from 6:00pm– approximately 7:15pm on Wednesday, September 1st. Pizza and pop will be provided.

AWANA begins September 8

All children pre-school thru 5th grade are invited to attend AWANA children's ministry. Awana is a club setting that focuses on introducing children to Jesus Christ and then helping to develop their Christian walk of faith. This is accomplished through engaging messages, scripture memorization, workbook activities and an active game time. Our Awana club meets weekly during the school year on Wednesday evenings from 6:25-8 pm. For more information contact Dave Rose at 309/945-9494 or ddrose@mchsi.com.

MOPS Kicks Off New Season

MOPS is a place to find friendship, community, resources and support for you as a woman and mother so you're not alone. We are a non-denominational faith-based organization designed to help equip women to be the best mothers possible.



Meetings are from September through April on the second Wednesday morning of the month from 9-11AM (childcare provided) and the fourth Tuesday evening of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM (no childcare) here at GEFC.

For more information, please contact: Kristin Wilson, Coordinator: 944-3543 or frymouth@hotmail.com or Debra Jones, Mentor Mom: 944-6574 or debrakayj@gmail.com

Growing a Great Marriage

Our friends at Osco Community Church are hosting a Marriage Encounter Event called Marriage Works on Saturday, September 11 from 10 am - 3:30 pm. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes lunch and necessary materials.

This is an exciting course for married couples and will be presented by experienced United Marriage Encounter couples.

You will explore and develop healthy expectations, an improved understanding of your feelings, and positive communications skills including active listening and a simple technique for resolving conflict in everyday living.

For more information contact Osco Church 309/522-5561

Meet our new missionary family

Mike, Kelli & Javan Bicket

by Teri Walters, Mission Team

What do you do when God changes your plans? That's exactly what happened to Mike and Kelli. They felt led to go to Papua, New Guinea but God's plans were to send them to Indonesia (right next door). He changed the date several times, taught them patience, raised their support while they waited, and gave them their first son, Javan.

Mike's interest is to be a maintenance specialist with New Tribes Mission, working on planes and helicopters to keep them in good running order so missionaries can go to unreached people groups. He has spent time in the classroom as well as working on planes from various countries that fly in and out of remote tribal locations. He took a course on the PT6 turbine engine that the Kodiak airplane uses and will be working with a mission organization called helimission that provides aviation service to New Tribes missionaries. Kelli loves to teach and be Mom to Javan as she works alongside Mike.

They arrived in Indonesia June 13 after a long trip through Toronto, Honk Kong, Jakarta, Semarang & Salatiga, Indonesia. They will be in language school for a period of time before going on to Papua but are hoping to go quickly since the need is great.

A list of "things they are embracing about Indonesia" are:

- All the fruit available - they have an avocado and coconut tree in their back yard

- Many people stare at them wherever they go, but they do "stick out" as they are very white, and have a curly-haired little boy with them
- The Muslim call to prayer 5 times a day (even at 4 am every morning)
- Street vendors and restaurants
- Crazy traffic—driving on the left hand side of the road, very few rules, more motorbikes than cars (which zoom in and out and around)
- Gorgeous flowers and plant life everywhere
- The floors—no carpet, but with a little boy, the tile floor is best



- Incredibly friendly people everywhere—they love Javan and are always pinching his cheeks and wanting to hold him, they have big smiles, and are very patient with them as they stumble through a new and different place and language

- They share NTM's guest house with another couple who have a little girl, Nara, who is Javan's age. They have two

"pembontus" (house help) who are a tremendous help as they are in language study full time.

- Unlike in America—there is a very skinny table sandwiched between the kitchen and the road (which is about 4 feet away) and which is shared with several Indonesians
- Indonesian food (a favorite is Chicken Sate with Nasi (rice) - marinated chicken kabobs with this amazing seasoning, served with rice and incredibly delicious peanut sauce
- Westernized bathrooms—not necessarily with warm water, but really the cold water is very refreshing since it's very warm there
- Would you commit to pray for this dear little family as they begin a new journey with the Lord settling them in to serve Him in Indonesia as the newest members of our missionary family?

Why People Don't Give (More)

by Dan Leigh, Treasurer

Even though I'm the treasurer of the church I still struggle with giving. Lately our family has been hit with several unexpected bills after we were flooded and then the transmission went out on our vehicle. When we returned from vacation I found out the dogs were bored and chewed through my brake lines on the truck. Somehow through it all God performed his *fuzzy math* on our finances and we continued to pay the bills on time.

Trying to come up with a new article this year I searched the internet for a story about giving. I wanted a story I could relate to. The following study is interesting because it's not about why people don't give; it's about why people don't give *more*.

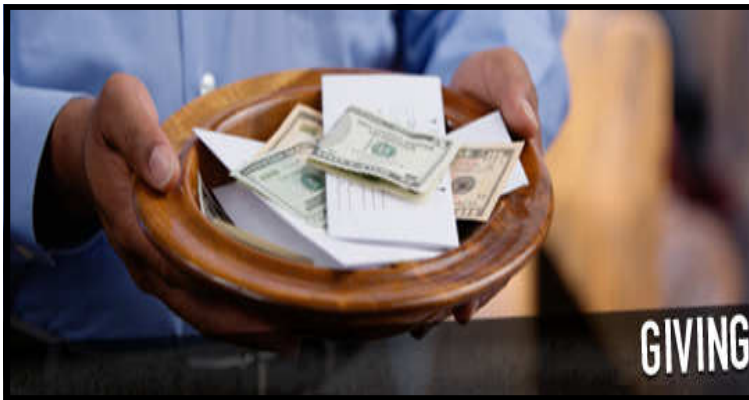
According to the Barna Group, people don't give *more* to the church because they are influenced by the following factors:

1. Some people lack the motivation to give away their hard-earned money because the church has failed to provide a compelling vision for how the money will make a difference in the world.
2. Some see their giving as leverage on the future. They withhold money from the church because they do not see a sufficient return on their investment.
3. Some people don't realize the church needs their money to be effective. Their church has done an inadequate job of asking for money, so people remain oblivious to the church's expectations and potential.
4. Others are ignorant of what the

Bible teaches about our responsibility to apply God's resources in ways that affect lives.

5. The final category contains those who are just selfish. They figure they worked hard for their money and it's theirs to use as they please. Their priorities revolve around their personal needs and desires, as opposed to building God's Kingdom.

GEFC is a congregationally governed church which means each member has an equal vote on how money will be spent. The main tool used to manage finances is a yearly budget. The ministry leaders, Administrative Council and the Elders all play a role in creating the yearly budget. Once formalized, the yearly budget is voted on and approved by the congregation which authorizes the expenses of those funds.



I can relate to the 5 factors the Barna Group recognized above which limit people's giving because I have experienced them and still do to this day. God convicts me when I am selfish with my money or when I fail to prioritize giving. But, God has also blessed my family when we've given from a cheerful heart as an expression of thanks for all he's done for us.

Although most of our giving goes to the church, we don't give to **A CHURCH**. We don't give to **THE PASTOR**. We give our offering **TO GOD ALONE**.

The Bible teaches us to give, for our own good and for our own blessing, from a cheerful heart. Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks to God from the heart, and not a legalistic obligation.

It's important that our church is wisely managing its financial resources for God's glory and for the growth of God's kingdom. We should do what we can to ensure that the church and the ministries we give to are good stewards of God's money. We don't always have control where the money will be spent but we shouldn't be overly burdened with this concern. Nor should we use this as an excuse not to give.

As the treasurer, I would like your input for item #3 if you feel the church has done an inadequate job asking for money and showing how it will be spent. This is one area which I can assist in as the treasurer for the church. A brief financial status is located on the back of the weekly bulletin and a detailed monthly report is located in the front foyer.

The picture of our financial giving simply reveals a reflection of our lives surrendered to God. When we truly recognize all that Christ has done for us, we will want to offer ourselves wholly to God as a living sacrifice of worship to him. Our offerings will flow freely from a heart of gratitude.

Food Pantry Update

by Nancy Noord

Each year in July and August, the Geneseo Food Pantry asks for donations of school supplies to help families whose incomes do not allow for the purchase of many needed back-to-school items for their children. All donations remain in the Geneseo school district for use by students who live in and around the community.



donate garden produce to the Food Pantry!

Needed food items this month are: rice (instant or raw), noodles, macaroni, instant potatoes, catsup, mustard, cake mixes, and frosting

Needed non-food items are: bathroom tissue, paper towels, generic Tylenol, and ibuprofen

School started August 17th and Food Pantry client children once again enjoyed having new supplies with which to begin the year. Thank you to the many people who made financial donations or items such as book bags, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, or calculators. These and similar items are on the school supply lists for every grade at every school. Your help makes a big difference in the lives of everyone involved. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

Light-weight clothing and gym shoes are still needed for school age children, from pre-school through high school. And, when cool fall mornings arrive, light jackets, long sleeved shirts, and jeans will be in demand. Please consider donating outgrown and no longer needed fall clothes to the Pantry. A large number of families and individuals consistently use the items donated by the community as a resource to reduce the dollar amounts necessary to clothe their children.

Many gardeners in the area have been bringing in surplus produce for enjoyment by clients. Recipes have accompanied some of the donations, and people are encouraged to take vegetables home and try new ways to prepare them for their families. Eggplant, crookneck squash, patty-pan squash, zucchini, sweet corn, and tomatoes are examples of the delicious fresh vegetables that are available. Thanks to everyone who takes the time to grow, harvest, and

GEFC Food Pantry Board

Member Needed

by Beth Dykstra

Due to work assignments, I have had to step down from being the GEFC Geneseo Food Pantry Representative. It is a fulfilling job to be a board member. You serve a three year term. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. Volunteers take turns bringing a delicious dessert to share at the meetings every month too.

Besides meeting representatives from area churches, you hear about all the wonderful help the pantry is providing to the community. Any special needs the pantry has is requested and then you share them with your church.

A monthly newsletter is sent out to you and your church from the pantry directors.

Each summer we sponsor one of the Tuesday ice cream socials. Board members all work at the ice cream social and find people from their church to bake and donate pies, cakes or other goodies. Please contact Beth Dykstra at 944-6786 if you are interested in filling this position.



Vonda Korpela in the loss of
her sister Donna Jokinen

on July 10, 2010

&

Myrna Williams in the passing
of her father Vernon Williams

on August 8, 2010

&

Fred Kadel in the loss of his
mother on August 10, 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AWANA Leader Mtg. 6pm Sr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 pm @Leighs Jr. Hi Youth 6:30 pm	2	3 Sr. High Tailgate party @ GEFC 3-5 pm	4
5 Partners-in- Prayer 7:45 am Sr. High Youth Group 6-9 pm	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 Reading Connection 10 am	8 MOPS 9-11 am Awana 6:25 pm Jr. Hi Youth 6:30 pm	9 Women's Bible Study 9-11 am 6:30-8 pm	10 Deadline for September Free News	11 CPR 8:30-11:30 am
12 Partners-in- Prayer 7:45 am Sr. High Youth Group 6-9 pm	13 Missions Team meeting 7 pm	14 Elders Meeting 7 pm	15 Awana 6:25 pm Jr. Hi Youth 6:30 pm	16 Women's Bible Study 9-11 am 6:30-8 pm Craft Night 6 pm	17	18 Venema Baby Shower 10 am
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WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

9:00 am at Two Quad City Locations:
Veterans Memorial Park, Bettendorf
Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline

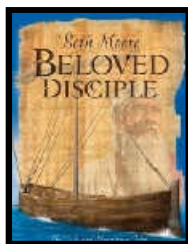


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www.cpcqc.org/events or walkforlife@cpcqc.org
Sponsor pledge forms available at GEFC!

Women's Bible Study: "Beloved Disciple"

“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?

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

Time: 9-11 am (childcare provided) & 6:30-8 pm

Location: GEFC

Cost: Membership guide \$20 if ordered & paid for after August 22

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