



Koinonia... God's miraculous power of unity and community!

Psalm 133:1 *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!*

Our objective: For God to transform us into a people of deep unity and rich community.

Our prayer focus: For God to bring deeper unity and richer community, through a sudden and dramatic deepening of relationships. Specifically for God to break down all relational barriers through the power of The Cross.

Colossians 3:15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

Join in our winter/spring *Spiritual Life Campaign* as we focus on precepts from God's Word that build healthy relationships. All teaching will focus on the call of God's Word to live in harmony and unity, teaching us the attitudes and wisdom needed to build deeper richer relationships.

Regular Sunday Schedule

9 am Traditional Worship

Nursery/Preschool, Kids Church for K-5th grade and Jr./Sr. High Classes

10:15 am Spanish Worship Conducted entirely in Spanish and led by Daniel Hernandez

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Nursery and Sunday School for Preschool and K-5th grade

6 pm Converge (A FRESH Church Experience, geared toward Young Adults)

Pastor Jon and Connie will be attending a conference, January 11-22.

Children's Ministries...

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Nursery & Preschool offered only. The regular schedule will resume Sun. Jan. 10.

Sunday Mornings...

---**9 am** Nursery, Preschool and Kids Church (multi aged) focusing on learning Bible Basics.

---**10:30 am** Nursery and Sunday School for Preschool and grades K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 with an emphasis on Christian Virtues.

kidsJAM will resume on Wed. Jan 6, 2010 at 6:45 pm.

kidsJAM for K- 5th grade in the Clubhouse! (Nursery and Preschool is offered for kids with parents involved in any Wed. night ministries.)

Discipleship for Adults...

They committed themselves to the apostle's teaching, life together, shared meals and to prayer. Acts 2:42

Small Group Discipleship Ministry...

Pastor Ron will be leading small groups in interactive Bible teaching sessions focusing on *Developing Healthy Biblical Relationships*. The series will run January - April and will contain 8 studies; 4 at church and 4 in home studies.*

If you are not in a small group you are encouraged to join!

Stop by the small group display on Sundays, Jan. 3 or 10 to find out more and to sign up. Or if you like, attend one of the January church teaching sessions, we will help you find a small group that you can join.

January schedule:

Sun. 1/10 at 6:30pm; Tues. 1/12, Sat. 1/16 at 7 pm and Sun. 1/17 at 6:30pm.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to study God's Word together and become a community of believers experiencing Koinonia!

* Groups will begin meeting the week of January 10th, meeting one night a month at C of G for teaching in a large group setting with Pastor Ron and once a month in a home setting with your small group.

Opportunity for outreach through our Hispanic Ministry...

We've invited the Spanish speaking community to celebrate **3 Kings Day on January 9 from 12 noon - 3 pm** at Cross of Glory. Daniel Hernandez will present the gospel message. Hot chocolate and Rosca De Reyes (kings cakes) will be served and toys will be distributed to the children.

TOYS ARE STILL NEEDED!

[Did you know that if each "family name" in our congregation gave 2 1/2 toys we'd have well over a 1000 toys?!](#)

LAST CALL FOR DONATION IS JAN. 3!

Toys can be brought to the south entrance or the Kids Clubhouse.

Help is needed on Jan. 9

with greeting, food service, toy distribution & setup/cleanup. Contact: Daniel Hernandez or Pastor Ron.

On Mission with God!

Short-term mission trips are an exciting discipleship-ministry opportunity our church offers- designed to maximize ministry cross culturally in obedience to the Great Commission.

In February there are two trips going to Haiti. Please pray for those who are going. If you are interested in participating, please mark your calendars for next year. These two trips are past the deadline for accepting new participants.

Youth Ministries...

Sundays at 9 am

---Jr. and Sr. High classes will resume on Sun. Jan. 10, 2010 at 9 am.

Wednesday nights... starts up again on Jan. 6, 2010!

---Jr. High meets 6:30 to 8 pm

---Worship & fellowship together in between.

---Sr. High meets 7:30 to 9 pm

For more information on Jr. and Sr. High activities, check the Youth Ministry page at our very own web site- www.cog-youth.org

Coming up in February!

SNOWBLAST 2010!

Fri - Sun. Feb. 19-21

Early registration incentive: Register by Sun. Jan. 17 the cost is \$125. After Jan. 17 the cost is \$150.

--Covers main meals, lodging, transportation & lift tickets.

--Add: \$20 for ski's & \$40 for snowboard rental.

Bible Studies...

Wednesday --- 6:45 pm

----**English Bible Study** with Pastor Ron (Rm 2) beginning January 20th

----**Spanish Bible Study** with Daniel Hernandez (Rm 1)

--Women's Bible Study

beginning Monday, Jan. 18 at 6:45 pm and Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 9:30 am, featuring the study; *Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David* with Kay Arthur, Beth Moore and Priscilla Shirer. Information is available at the Information Center.

---The Purpose and Function of the Church (a membership class)

Would you like to know more about our church? Are you interested in becoming a member? You are encouraged to join Pastor Ron as he teaches the 1st session of 4 on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 10:30 am. This class will also meet on Jan. 31, Feb. 7 & 14.

Training Sessions for all those going to Haiti will be held, Sundays, January 17, 24 and 31. Please plan to attend each one. All participants will be commissioned on February 7th in both am services.

In March and April there are two trips going to Mexico. **These trips are still open for last minute applications if you are interested.** Please contact Pastor Ron.

Schedule and details for Mexico:

---March 19-26--- Immanuel

Baptist of LaPalangana

---April 5-12 --- El Divino

Baptist of Matamoros

Each trip's ministry will be involvement with VBS, prayer walks and outreach in partnership with each church.

Contact: Pastor Ron at rgullman@gloryonline.org

Various Events and Opportunities...

Let's Celebrate!

For all Women and Girls... Justin J. (our Youth Pastor) is getting married this month! Please come to a **bridal shower** for Maddy on **Tues. Jan. 5 at 7 pm at Cross of Glory.**

For everyone... Let's celebrate with an **Open House, Sunday, Jan. 24 from 3-5 pm** for Dan & Betsie F. (our former youth pastor & wife) in the birth of daughter, Tamsen! This will be an informal celebration at **Cross of Glory** to welcome Tamsen and reconnect with Dan and Betsie. There will be a dedication prayer led by Pastor Jon midway through the open house. Gifts are not expected.

For All Ladies...Sweet Life Ministries...

---**Bible Study** on Monday nights (beginning Jan. 18) at 6:45 pm and Tuesday mornings (beginning Jan. 19) at 9:30 am.

--**L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together)...** **Tues. Jan.19**, meet at Wendy's on Excelsior Blvd in Hopkins at 11 am for a casual time of visiting & lunch.

--- **Moms/Kids Learning & Play Group:** Meets the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday from **9:30 - 11 :30 am** in the Preschool Room. The 1st Wednesday of each month is an off-campus Field Trip. Contact person: Sandi C.

---Sweet Life Cafe!

It's all about savoring...Reserve **March 5-6** for a **Women's Retreat** at the Eden Wood Retreat Center in Eden Prairie. You'll love the Cafe menu that will include nourishment and pampering for your heart, body and soul! Cost:\$79

For the Guys...

Men's breakfast club meets for breakfast every Tuesday morning at 9 am. The restaurants vary.

Keenagers (Sr. Adults)... will not meet in January.

Spanish Conversation Class...

Learn conversational spanish with teacher Nydia J. and Pastor Ron, Mon. Jan. 11 at 2 pm in Room 1. This class is applicable to all levels. Class will be held every other Monday.

Volunteer Opportunities for Everyone:

- Office help on an on-call basis
 - Coffee Coordinator- to maintain Sunday schedule
 - Ushers needed for the worship services
 - Greeters needed prior to each worship service
 - Kitchen help-once a month for Keenager events
 - Dinner At Your Door Drivers- once a month
- To volunteer, contact the Church Office at 952-935-3696.

Electronic giving is available at Cross of Glory. Authorization forms are available at www.gloryonline.org or at the Information Center.

Finance Report: ending November 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
General Fund Income	\$ 419,694.34	\$ 378,555.84	- \$ 41,138.50
General Fund Expense	\$ 419,694.34	\$ 384,784.72	- \$ 34,909.62
Net Shortage:		- \$ 6,228.88	
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Faith Promise Missions Income	\$ 34,008.33	\$ 27,320.50	- \$ 6,687.83
Faith Promise Missions Expense	\$ 34,008.33	\$ 30,531.26	- \$ 3,477.07
Net Shortage:		- \$ 3,210.76	