

November 2009

e-connection

Alert - Daylight Savings Time ends... It's time to Fall back... Remember to set your clock back!

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**Come Near to God and He Will Come Near To You. James 4:8**

**November's Memory Verse:** Psalm 73:24-26

*You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

**Come Near to Grow!**

**Discipleship for Adults...**

**Finding Intimacy with God in Psalm 73**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to get into the Word and to get to know others at Cross of Glory! Held in the Adult Ministry Center, Rm 2, all are encouraged to attend any of these studies.

Psalm 73 will be meditatively studied on each of the following evenings at Cross of Glory:  
Sun. 11/8 at 6:30 pm, Tues. 11/10, Thurs. 11/12, Sat. 11/14 at 7pm or on Sun. 11/15 at 6:30 pm.

**In Bible Studies**

**Wednesday nights--- 7 pm**  
----**English Bible Study** with Pastor Ron (Rm 2) offered on Nov. 4 & 18.

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

--**Women's Bible Study**  
Mondays 6:45 pm or Wednesdays at 9:30 am, featuring the Beth Moore study, *A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent*. This study will conclude in November.

**Come Near to Give Thanks!**

**Sunday, November 22 at 4 PM**

Join together as a **CHURCH FAMILY** in a service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Praise!

--Worship music will be led by the Worship Choir and the Contemporary Worship Team.

--Pastor Jon will present a devotional, *A Thankful Heart - A Pathway To His Presence*.

--John Kelley from Epiphany Station (our church supported ministry in Thief River Falls, MN) will share a testimony.

--There will be an opportunity to give a gift offering toward 3 different mission ministries.

-- Celebrate baptisms. If you are interested in being baptized at this service contact Pastor Ron or Justin.

(Child care for Nursery - K will be available during the worship hour).

--All this will be followed by supper in the Glory Cafe! Pulled pork sandwiches and all the trimmings will be served following the service. Each family is encouraged to bring a pie to share.

**Come Near to Worship!**

**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)

**Upcoming Messages**

**November 1** Pastor Jon presents, *Surrender- Letting God Be God* Communion will be served

**November 8** Justin Jeppesen presents the message titled, *Refuel*

**November 15** Pastor Jon presents, *Drawing Near and Not Finding Him* (Psalm 42)

**November 22** Pastor Jon presents, *Drawing Near Through Worship* (Psalm 47)

**Advent Begins...November 29**  
*He became one of us to reach us!*  
Pastor Jon will begin the Bible message series, *God Incarnate*.

## Children's Ministries...

### 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.

**6:45 pm - 8 pm**  
**Wednesday Nights...**

**KidsJAM for K- 5th grade in the Clubhouse!**

Nursery and Preschool is offered for kids with parents involved in the Wed. night ministries.

**KidsJam** will not be held on November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday but will resume on Wed. Dec. 2.

**FamilyJAM will not be held in November or December.**

## Youth Ministries...

### Sundays at 9 am

---Jr. and Sr. High classes meet

### Wednesday nights...

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

(The overlap gives both groups a time of worship and fellowship together)

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

Youth group will not meet Wed. Nov 25.

### Special Events:

**Sun. Nov. 1 Sr. High Hayride** from 5:30 - 8:30 pm Cost \$12

**Fri. Nov. 20 Jr. High Scavenger Hunt** from 6-9 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](http://www.cog-youth.org)

### Coming up in December...

Planet Wisdom Youth Conference... Fri. & Sat., December 4 and 5!

## In partnership with our Hispanic Ministry...

### Childcare needed for an upcoming event:

We in partnership with the Hopkins Police Dept. will be hosting a workshop offered to the Spanish speaking community on **Sat. Nov. 14.**

This workshop is designed to communicate how C of G and the HPD are available to serve them. **Here's how you can help.** Childcare is needed from **9 am-2 pm on Sat. Nov. 14.** If you can serve, please contact: Eileen O'Leary at [eoleary@gloryonline.org](mailto:eoleary@gloryonline.org) or Daniel Hernandez at 612-483-0742.

## 3 Kings Day January, 9<sup>th</sup> 2010...

**3 Kings Day** is a holiday celebrated by Hispanics when children race out of bed to open gifts and delicious food is served. You might know this day as "Day of Epiphany", commemorating the story of the Magi who brought gifts to the new born Jesus.

**An event is planned for Sat. Jan. 9th from 12 noon to 3 pm** where the Spanish speaking community will be invited to celebrate at Cross of Glory. A gospel presentation will be given and toys will be distributed to the children.

Cross of Glory is invited to help our Spanish friends in the Hopkins area celebrate this special day...**BY DONATING A TOY!**

Collection will begin, Sun. Nov. 15 and continue to Jan 3. Toys can be brought to the south entrance or the Kids Clubhouse.

**You can also help on January 9** with greeting, food service, toy distribution, craft stations and setup/cleanup. Contact: Daniel Hernandez or Pastor Ron.

## Missions Highlight...

### Upcoming Mission Trips...Open to All!

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.

### 4 Trips are being planned for 2010:

**2 trips: God's Littlest Angels Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.**

Dates: Feb. 12-19 & 19-27

2 back to back trips.

8-10 people per trip.

Ministry will be to encourage and spend time with orphaned children waiting for adoption.

### 2 trips to Mexico:

**One with Immanuel Baptist of LaPalangana & one with El Divino Baptist of Matamoros.**

Approximate dates:

# 1 March 19-26

# 2 April 5-12

10-12 adults per trip plus any directly supervised children.

Ministry will be involvement with VBS, prayer walks and outreach in partnership with the Immanuel Baptist Church or El Divino Baptist Church .

Those interested must attend the Informational Meeting on **Sun. Nov. 8 at 9 am.** Information, details and application materials will be given out. Applications must be completed by Dec. and pre-trip training will begin in Jan.

Contact: Pastor Ron at [rgullman@gloryonline.org](mailto:rgullman@gloryonline.org)

## Various Events and Opportunities...

### For Guys

Meet every Tuesday at 9 am for breakfast (locations vary). Everyone is welcome!

### Sweet Life... For All Ladies

---Bible Study on Monday nights at 6:45 pm and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am

---L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together)

Something different... Tues. November 17, 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.

### For Keenagers (Sr. Adults)

---Field Trip, Mon. Nov. 9, Eat at the Original Pancake House in EP. Meet at church at 9:30 am to carpool. Sign up on the Sr. Adult Communication Board in the Annex.

---Regular Meeting, Thursday, Nov 19 at 12 noon-

Potluck and a turkey will be served. A presentation will be given by Roger Schindel (Pastor to Seniors from St. Andrews Lutheran Church)

### 1:1 Tutoring at Cross of Glory has begun, but you can still get involved!

Volunteer tutors work one-on-one with academically and/or socially at-risk children from Eisenhower Elementary School. The commitment is two hours each Thursday night at church through April. Training and materials are provided. Contact the church office for more information.

### Volunteer Opportunities for Everyone:

- Coffee Coordinator- to maintain Sunday schedule
  - Ushering needed for the worship services
  - Greeters needed prior to each worship service
  - Keenagers kitchen help- once a month
  - Dinner At Your Door Drivers- once a month
- To volunteer, contact the Church Office at 952-935-3696.

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Electronic giving is available at Cross of Glory. Authorization forms are available at [www.gloryonline.org](http://www.gloryonline.org) or at the Information Center.

### Finance Report: ending September 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
General Fund Income	\$ 299,781.69	\$ 266,640.84	-\$ 33,140.85
General Fund Expense	\$ 299,781.69	\$ 278,035.48	-\$ 21,746.21
Net Shortage:		-\$ 11,394.64	
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Faith Promise			
Missions Income	\$ 24,291.67	\$ 19,138.50	-\$ 5,153.17
Faith Promise			
Missions Expense	\$ 24,291.67	\$ 21,757.16	-\$ 2,534.51
Net Shortage		-\$ 2,618.66	

