

General information

For Your Kids - Infant Nursery is caringly staffed for newborns to age 2 during the Sunday School hour and Worship hour. The toddler room is available for children ages 2 - 5 during the worship hour. Sunday School is offered for children ages 2 through grade 6 from 9:00 - 9:50 every Sunday morning. In addition, there is a worship time for kids ages 5 through 3rd grade! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. It is a time for children to experience a "worship gathering" geared for their age group. We have a Bible story, singing, prayer and share time, and crafts.

Wednesday Night BLAST - BLAST meets at the Together Community Center. Registration opens at 6:45 pm, program starts promptly at 7 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. This year BLAST will maintain the same age groups (preschool, K-1, 2-3 & 4-5 grade) and will introduce some new elements. In addition to the teaching & snack time, there will be science lab & minute-to-win-it game time for kids to choose from.

Spotlight is a Middle School Ministry. In addition to Sunday School every Sunday, we provide Bible studies on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We plan one social activity a month and service/mission projects throughout the year.

Sr High Student Group provides great teaching each Sunday at 9 am and caring leaders for Wednesday nights (7:00-9:00 pm) include fun, small groups and missional activities.

For Adults - Adult life stage groups average 15-40 people in attendance each Sunday and study a Bible-focused curriculum. They provide opportunities for socialization and friendship as well as service.

Sermon notes

This Week

November 19, 2017

Announcements

Church Host: Fred & Mim Martin

Ready to show your Christmas spirit? The Inspire Team is looking for 3-4 volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday morning, Dec 2. A volunteer who is able to climb ladders to hang lights would be especially helpful! Please contact Deb Smoker or Corrie Eby if you are able to help.

The GPC worship team is looking for musicians! If you play acoustic guitar, drums or bass and would enjoy using your talents on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office.

Please join us for “A Rogers Family Christmas” and enjoy an evening celebrating our Savior’s birth. Christmas carols, yummy treats and fellowship for the whole family at the Rogers’ home on Thurs, Dec 7 or Mon, Dec 11 at 6:30 pm - OPEN HOUSE

This Christmas we are excited to partner with The Factory Ministries to help provide gifts for children in our community. The parents will come to the Together Community Center to purchase the gifts at a reduced price and to wrap them for Christmas. Our role is to purchase the gifts and donate them to the Factory Ministries. Cards with gift requests are available at the Welcome Center. **If you would like to help, please purchase the gifts and return them to the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 10.** Each card has two gifts that should be purchased at about \$25 each. The gifts should be unwrapped and the **card with the gift idea should be attached to the gifts** so that we can give it to the correct family. Thank you for helping to care for our community in this way!

Looking for a way to plug-in at GPC? We are in need of volunteers to serve in the sound booth to run the sound system, as well as volunteers to operate the slide presentation. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Todd Zimmerman or Jen Rogers.

Breakfast Buffet - Join The Factory Ministries for pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, baked goods and coffee on **Saturday, November 25, from 7-10 am** at Kinzer Fire Hall, 3521 Lincoln Highway East. Cost is freewill donation. Eat good food and support a great cause!

On February 23, 2018, GPC will be hosting a **Work as Worship Retreat** by RightNow Media. Join other business leaders who want their faith to impact their work as we learn from several speakers throughout the day, including Matt Chandler, Anne Beiler, Patrick Lencioni, Phil Vischer and many more. The retreat will be simulcast from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend and register for the event at <https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/registration?id=313184860> Please contact Jen Rogers with any questions - WORK

Thanks for your participation with Operation Christmas Child. We collected 85 filled shoe boxes to send to children around the world.

Looking Ahead

Thurs Dec 7 or Mon Dec 11 - Christmas Open House at Tim & Jen’s, 6:30 pm

Sun Dec 24 - Children’s Christmas Program, 9 am

Sun Jan 7 - Appreciation Breakfast, 9am hour

Fri/Sat Feb 2 & 3, 2018 - Women’s Retreat at Kenbrook Bible Camp with guest speaker Sharon Wegman

Fri Feb 23 - Work as Worship Retreat at GPC, 8:30a - 3:30p

Financial News

	Weekly Need	Weekly Received	Year to Date
11-12-17			
General	\$6,448	\$5,564	\$11,555
Missions	\$1,924	\$2,266	-\$3,982