

Upcoming Membership Class for those interested in joining or learning more about GCAC membership...



Sundays April 15th, April 22nd & April 29th

9:00 am

Café Crème classroom

If you are interested in participating in our next session of membership classes, please complete the contact information form below and place it in the offering plate or in the Main Office Drop Box. Thank you!

NAME(s):

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Class space is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

Tear off here

■ Young Adult/College

BIBLE STUDY — “THE PERSON OF JESUS”

Sundays at 10:45 am - Student Ministry Facility
 Leaders: Cherri & Merle McAnallen. Please join us for this College/Young Adult group study about the person of Jesus. Together, let's discover a Christ so personal and rich in love! All you need to have is your Bible. More questions? Check out the website at www.SeeJesus.net where you can read more about the material. We are looking forward to what the LORD has for this class!

COLLEGE FAMILY SUNDAY LUNCHES

Sunday, April 29th, after church
 College Family Sunday Lunches are an opportunity for students and families to develop relationships and to bless the students through hospitality. Families are connected with a group of students to invite over for lunch on a College Family Sunday.

Families sign up with the number of students they would like to host on the upcoming CFS. Students sign up as individuals or in groups. Each family contacts the students to invite them over for lunch after church. When contacting the students, be sure to communicate the logistics of which service you'll be at, when you'll have lunch, and how they'll get to your house. Students without cars may need a ride to your house and back to college.

When students and families sign up, they are signing up for only one particular Sunday afternoon. Students and families can participate as they are available each month. **To sign up or get more information, contact the church office or email gcac.cfs@gmail.com**

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGE BONFIRE

April 21st 7:30 pm, GCAC Grounds
 Come cookout and worship with us around the bonfire. Bring a camp chair if you have one! Rain date: April 28th

■ Seniors' Ministry

APRIL “YOUNG AT HEART” SENIORS' EVENT

On Thursday, April 19th our seniors will visit the Maritime Museum on the waterfront in Erie. We will then have lunch at the Cracker Barrel. To reserve your spot, please sign up in the office by Sunday, April 15th. Questions? Call Pastor Ed (814-786-7669). We will leave the church at 8:30 am.

Received Last Week		ACCUMULATED TOTAL	
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 15,641.51	Carry the Vision	\$587,953.02
General Fund	\$ 12,348.17	Great Commission Fund	\$27,203.97
Other Funds	\$ 7,071.29		
Great Commission Fund	\$ 1,487.68		
Other Missions	\$ 0.00		
Total Giving	\$ 20,907.14		

■ Heart to Heart Women's Ministry

www.hearttoheartgcac.com

Spring Conference with Tammy Trent!

Saturday, May 5th 9 am-3 pm

Tickets: \$35 Adults; \$20 Student Rate (lunch included)

Purchase in main office or at our website online—limited tickets!

Volunteers needed to help—please sign up in the Narthex!

ALLIANCE WOMEN

Time For the Alliance Women Retreat!

This year's AW Retreat promises to be an exciting one. Join us on **June 15th-16th** at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, as we hear from speaker Gwen Smith of Girlfriends in God along with missionaries: Cathy Howard, Becky McCabe, Christina Walker and Christy Volstad. Cost is \$85. Sign-up April 29th and May 6th in the Narthex.

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN INTERNATIONAL CHILD?

Join the Alliance Women on Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm in the Children's Worship Center. Adrienne Orris will be presenting information and actual stories of children from Guatemala that you can choose to sponsor. You can pick up your Walk-a-thon T-shirt, and we will be going over details of the walk and praying for the event. Hope you can join us!

NEW BIBLE STUDY—JESUS PRICELESS TREASURE

Jesus once told the story of a man who stumbled upon a treasure hidden in a field—a treasure so vast and so valuable that in his joy he sold everything he had to possess it. I hope you are a woman who has lived out the meaning of that parable, a woman who has found the treasure that we have in Christ and abandoned it all for him. In this four-week study, we will begin a task it would take eternity to complete—taking inventory of the riches we have in Christ. It's a treasure heaped high and broad and deep!

Tuesdays, April 17th-May 8th, 9-11 am No workbook required—Bible only! Childcare provided by pre-registration.

RADICAL PRAYER

Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm & Wednesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Come join us as we meet every week to pray for revival for ourselves, the women of our church, our community, and the world. Prayer does make a difference!

MOPS

Next meeting **April 12th from 9:00-11:00 am**—(no MOPSHOP this month)



MOPS FUNDRAISER FRESHLY BAKED PEPPERONI ROLLS - \$2.00

Orders taken until April 15th in the main office or from a MOPS mom!

Pickup will be Sunday, April 29th after each service.



Monthly Events Bulletin

April 2012

■ Easter Events

YOUTH LED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES:

Friday, April 6th - 2 services...4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

Saturday, April 7th at 6:30 pm

Sunday*, April 8th at 9:00 am and 10:45 am

**(No CORE services, please join us in the sanctuary!)*

For all Good Friday and Easter Services, childcare will be provided for children ages birth-kindergarten only.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

Our annual Easter offering is designated to help our Youth and Adult Short Term Ministry Teams ministering in Wisconsin and Gabon. These teams serve, minister and pray in a partnership style. Our adult team this year will return to Gabon to continue partnering with the national church there, focusing on social and medical ministries near the capital.

If you would like to help our teams in this Great Commission outreach ministry, simply use the special Easter offering envelope or note on your regular offering envelope “Easter 2012”, along with the amount that you are designating.

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■ From the Pastor's Desk

As you are well aware, Grove City Alliance Church (GCAC) is in the midst of a transition. The transition is mainly in the area of searching for the next senior pastor. There are other elements in this transition that are important for you to know about. Perhaps you have seen and experienced some of the transitions occurring. Many of these areas are focused on securing our present position and enabling us to move forward as the new senior pastor assumes his leadership at GCAC. I will briefly explain the transitions that the church leadership is addressing. The areas of transition have been identified by me, along with the elders and staff.

GCAC has a very gifted and talented pastoral/leadership team and support staff. In order to continue the development and implementation of strong ministries, a new level of staff is being developed. We call this staff level, coordinators. People who serve on this level provide focus in specific ministries. An example of this is Kelly Owrey. Kelly serves as the coordinator for AWANA. She works part time but has a full time impact as she over sees the AWANA ministries. This level of staff will be developed in many of the areas of ministry as the church continues to grow. Pastor Bill now serves full time in the capacity of a coordinator in adult ministries. His focus is on discipleship ministry and oversight for the CORE (Sunday morning's alternative venue in the fellowship hall).

A second area identified is the building and grounds. In preparation for building expansion, we have identified the need to update, repair, and enhance the building. There are maintenance issues that have not been kept up to date. Due to the expanding ministries and staffing, there have been maintenance matters that have been deferred. The Building and Grounds Team has walked through the building. Through their observation and study, they have identified areas that need to be repaired and updated. They have identified maintenance areas and developed a plan outlining when repairs will be necessary. This area has become a priority for the church. In addition, there is an emphasis to pay off the mortgage for the building.

The next matter is to increase the financial reserves for the ministry budget. It is typically recommended that a church have cash reserves. Presently, we have one week of cash reserves. The elders have established a goal to have one month cash reserves. As a result, the finance committee is working on a plan to save monies that will build up the cash reserves. This is necessary in order to properly take care of the financial obligations of the church and to better care for the staff in the event that there is a sudden reduction in giving (i.e. a snow storm on a Sunday morning reducing giving).

The church ministries continue to be developed. A strong emphasis upon Children and Youth Ministries continues. In addition, a Young Adult Ministry is being developed and strengthened. Life groups are being established, with a greater emphasis on all GCAC attendees being involved in a life group. Worship Ministries continues to grow. There is a stronger emphasis upon short-term ministry trips.

Finally, the church is building a stronger focus upon missional thinking and activity. Upon arriving at GCAC, it was clear that God was moving people out of the church structure to serve in various areas in the community. There are GCAC believers that are serving in the prisons by way of bible studies. We are serving in various community mission organizations. There are a group of people praying and serving in the Acts 29 ministry in Hamtramck, MI. We also continue to strongly support Heart to Heart Ministries.

As you can see, GCAC is in a good position and is securing resources in order to be ready for the next senior pastor to lead the congregation. The leadership team is excited about what God is doing and is preparing during this transition.

All of this requires a foundation of prayer. Thank you in advance for your continued support of GCAC through your serving, prayers and faithful giving!

■ Churchwide Events

NEW SPECIAL FOCUS GROUP

Missional Class: *Cultural Captivity* with Dr. Bruce Jackson
Mondays at 6:30 pm, beginning April 16th for 10 weeks

The goal of the *Cultural Captivity* group is to build an awareness of cultural addiction and learn a process of freedom. A participant in the previous missional class commented, "This was transformational". Cultural Captivity influences us more than we realize. Often, as we reflect on this, we come to realize that culture controls our lives more than we remember giving it permission to do so. Come explore with others how freely you make decisions and how many of your decisions are controlled by culture. Find out how it might feel to be truly free and what steps you might take to move toward freedom.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE THIS SPRING!

Join one of our Marriage Life Groups! For details or more information, contact Todd or Patrice VanDyke at (724) 376-7331.

DO YOU WANT TO CONNECT?

Check out the life groups on our website, then visit for a while to see if it's a fit for you. Find them under the 'get connected' tab.

PRAYER RETREAT - APRIL 20th-21st

This is a special time that you will not forget. Time is running out to sign up. Please grab a brochure off of the black kiosk in the entry area and sign up in the office today.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY 2012 - PHOTO SIGN UPS:

We are pleased to announce that Lifetouch will be helping us compile a 2012 GCAC pictorial directory that won't be complete without YOU!

Please sign up for your portrait:

1. **Online at: www.grovecityalliance.org**
Go to the 'news & events' tab, then the 'adult/family' tab.
2. **On Sundays, before & after services, in the GCAC narthex.**
3. **For assistance, please call DeAnna at 724-967-4005**

Photography will take place here at GCAC for 10 days during 2 separate weeks: **Tuesday - Saturday, May 8th-12th and June 5th-9th**

There is no fee to the church for the directory service and **no cost** to the families being photographed. Every participating church household photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free directory!

On the day of your appointment, bring in a canned good for our local food pantry and receive a \$5 off coupon toward your portrait package, should you choose to make a purchase.

PRAYER SHIELD MINISTRY

We are looking for people who will join us in this critical task of providing a prayer shield for the leaders and ministries of our church and in doing battle against the spirit of compromise. If you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there are various ways for you to be involved that will fit almost any schedule. We meet every four weeks on Sunday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Espresso/Cafe Creme room. Watch for meeting dates in upcoming bulletins. Daisy Townsend is our Prayer Shield Coordinator. For questions, please contact her at (724-373-8445 or doda@certainty.net). Thanks!

■ Children's Ministry

AWANA

April 4 ...Talent Show for T & T Clubs
April 11...Around the World Night
April 18...Pie in the Face Night
April 25...Closing Ceremonies

Special Needs Ministries Informational Meeting/Training

Thursday, April 12th 6:30-8:00 pm

Outfitters Peak/Sporting Goods Classrooms

If you have your "Buddy" application filled out and are eager to start, or if you still have some questions about the program, this meeting is for you. You can also contact Miss Kelly at khaux@zoominternet.net with any questions.

BIG Change Weekend

May 11th-12th, 2012—Teen Quest Ranch—Somerset, PA

5th & 6th Graders...This is for YOU!

Registration fee is \$70. The GCAC Children's Ministry is offering a \$15 discount for each attendee, reducing your cost to \$55. Return your registration form, Teen Quest Ranch Release Form and a \$20 non-refundable deposit to Miss Kelly by **April 15th**.

Club 56 Movie Night

Saturday, April 14th at 6:30-9:00 pm

Location: Church Gym - Cost: \$2.00

Will it be *Dolphin Tale* or *Mr. Popper's Penguins*? You get to decide. Sign up in the Main Office or Candy Store classroom. Or you can email Miss Kelly at khaux@zoominternet.net if you plan to attend. Don't forget to invite a friend in 5th or 6th grade!

■ Youth Ministry

M&M TUBES DUE TODAY!!

If you have received a tube of M&M's, please fill it with quarters, cash or check, **please leave the number on the tube** and put it in the designated basket in the main office today (*will also be accepted later*). All proceeds go to the ENvision: Wisconsin Mission Trip. Thank you for your support!

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

Begins Sunday, April 15th

The students attending the ENvision: Wisconsin Mission Trip this June are offering services for auction to assist in raising funds. The auction starts on Sunday, April 15th in the narthex, continues thru April 22nd and ends April 29th with a Pepperoni Roll/Hot Dog Picnic Luncheon outside. Help support our youth by bidding on the services they have offered. All monies earned will be directly deposited into each students' trip account. For more information, please contact Jen Kimble at 724-458-8497 x 112 or Jen.Kimble@zoominternet.net

SAVE THE DATE!

2ND ANNUAL YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA

COMING SATURDAY, MAY 19th

You and lots of other families will have the opportunity to hold your own yard sale in the church parking lot, while supporting youth missions at the same time! You can pick up a sign-up form with all the details in the main office or download it online at

www.grovecityalliance.org

MINISTRY OF HELPS - A FIT FOR YOU?

The deaconesses of our church oversee many ministries of helps to our body. One of those is delivering meals to those who are going through a challenging time or new mothers. This team of volunteers makes meals and delivers them to those who can benefit from this ministry during challenging times. We have grown as a church, and we are in need of several more to join the team.

The engagement is simply this: Be willing to make up to two simple meals a year for someone or for a family experiencing a time of additional need.

When your help is needed, you will be contacted in advance to see whether you can arrange a simple meal for the intended. If you are available, then details will be shared. This very simple ministry of helps can be very meaningful to those who receive it. Please consider this way to help one another.

For questions or more details, please contact Deanna Bain at 724-458-0273 or via e-mail at dbain43@yahoo.com

To help in this manner, providing one or two meals to our families during the year, just complete your name and contact information below and place this information in the offering plate or the Main Office Drop Box (to the right of the main office door).

NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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