

Words Can
Hurt 
 or  **Heal**
What Did Yours Do Today?

We extend a warm welcome to you!
 May you feel God's presence as you worship with us today
 and may God's grace fill and strengthen you for the week ahead.
 May our fears be dissolved and our spirits given courage
 as our God offers us hope and guidance.

*Join us for refreshments, between the services,
 in our gathering room.*

February 19, 2012

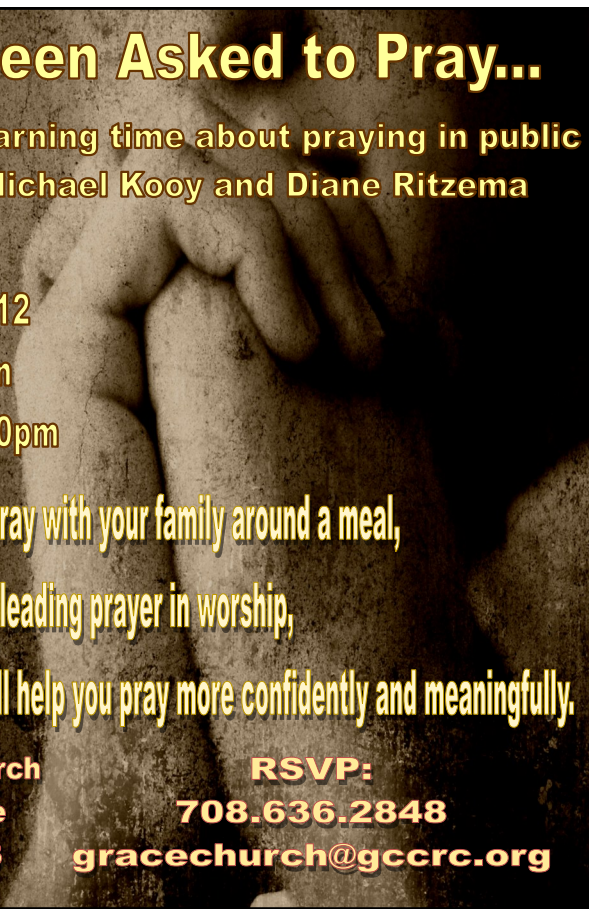
OFFERING TODAY—Benevolence Fund

Next Sunday — Christian Education Fund

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS—Ray Vander Laan's *Faith Lessons*. Join us for a walk in the desert.
 We meet at 10:20am in room 3 next to the library.

Today, Pastor Kooy is participating in the baptism of his grandson, William Van Allen.
 We will welcome *John Klompaker* today, who will lead us in worship.
 Early this week, Pastor Kooy will be out of the office visiting family.
 If a need arises, please call the church office (708) 636-2848 or your district Elder.

Reflections of Grace Newsletter—We are currently putting together a March edition of the newsletter.
 If you have an item you would like to submit, please give it to the office, in hard copy, or by email to
 gracechurch@gccrc.org. **Have your submission in by Feb. 26th!** *Thank You!*



So You've Been Asked to Pray...

A discussion and learning time about praying in public
lead by Pastor Michael Kooy and Diane Ritzema

Wednesday
February 29, 2012
Dinner - 6:00pm
Discussion - 7-8:00pm

**Whether you pray with your family around a meal,
 or in leading prayer in worship,
 you will gain insights that will help you pray more confidently and meaningfully.**

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-ART CONNECT-
MARCH 3RD, 1:00-2:30PM

Art Connect is a way to connect with people from our community at an enjoyable learning time. This session will be led by Lynn Klockner and Barb Thompson, making jewelry and doing a paper project. Invite a friend and enjoy an hour together trying your hand at a new skill.

WE'RE PLANNING ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE FOR THIS YEAR!

We've had 2 successful sales in the past and now we're ready for another one. If you would like to help plan and/or work the sale, please talk to Barb Wassenaar at 423-9339 or barv857@hotmail.com, as soon as possible. Meanwhile, start your spring cleaning early! Date to start bringing items to church will be announced when known.



—**Byron Breems** continues his recuperation at home after abdominal surgery. We thank God for his care and pray for God's healing and restoration of energy and vitality as Byron & Carol wait on the Lord.

—**Ella Bruinius** was able to return home this past week following therapy and **Chris N. Beezhold** returned home last week as well, after therapy. We thank God for his healing mercy and pray that he will guide and bless Ella and Chris as each one rests in him.

—**Theresa Ter Maat** has continued to receive therapy this past week. We thank God for his strength and care and pray for God's blessing on Theresa.

—**Ange Dykstra** is scheduled for another chemo treatment this coming week. We pray for God to bless and keep Ange through the treatment and as she recovers from it.

—**Harold Wierenga** has been undergoing radiation treatments for cancer. We pray that God will give hope and healing and strength to Harold and Janet as they wait on the Lord.


—**Dan Brucken, Denis McNamara, Rich Mulder, Jim Wassenaar, and John & Laverne Yff** are traveling to Alabama this weekend to continue the work on the house being built for a tornado victim. Please pray for God's traveling mercies, strength and protection for these volunteers from Grace Church and those from Orland Park CRC as they go to Alabama and continue the work. This is the 5th and final week of the project.

GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP—Yesterday, Feb. 18, **LeAnn Kooyenga** began her trip to Guatemala. Your prayers for safe travel will be appreciated. Please also pray for the volunteers that they may be a shining light of Jesus' love to those they minister to.

—**WE REMEMBER** those who are serving in the military, that the Lord may watch over them and their families: Stephen & Dan Brucken, Elizabeth Boldt, Ernest Soderlund, and Thomas Tate. Ernie Soderlund has returned to Afghanistan for service. Dan Brucken is deployed to Djibuti.

—**WE ALSO REMEMBER** those who are in continuing care or homebound, including: Lorraine Bakker, Helena Creaney, Millie De Vries, Florence De Wit, Jeannette Fischer, Grace Ozinga, Rose Pels, Nell Ridderhoff, Julius Sias, Elsie Sluis, Tina Stovall, Theresa Ter Maat, Bill Van Wyk, Jeanette Veen, Angeline Vloedman, Evelyn Vloedman, and Harold & Janet Wierenga.

ROGER VAN DELLEN will celebrate his 91st birthday on Feb. 24th. Birthday greetings can be sent to Roger at: 1600 NW Christa Shores Lane; #127; Silverdale, WA 98383. Dad would love to hear from you! Thank you! —Joyce Van Dellen

 **NEW ADDRESS**—PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF IT IN YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY! Harold & Janet Wierenga, Smith Crossing—Room 1423, 10501 Emilie Lane, Orland Park, IL 60467. (No new phone number yet.)

SENIORS—We're meeting at noon on February 23rd for a potluck, here at church. Martina Wessels will be our speaker.
Everyone is invited—you don't have to be a 'senior' to join us!

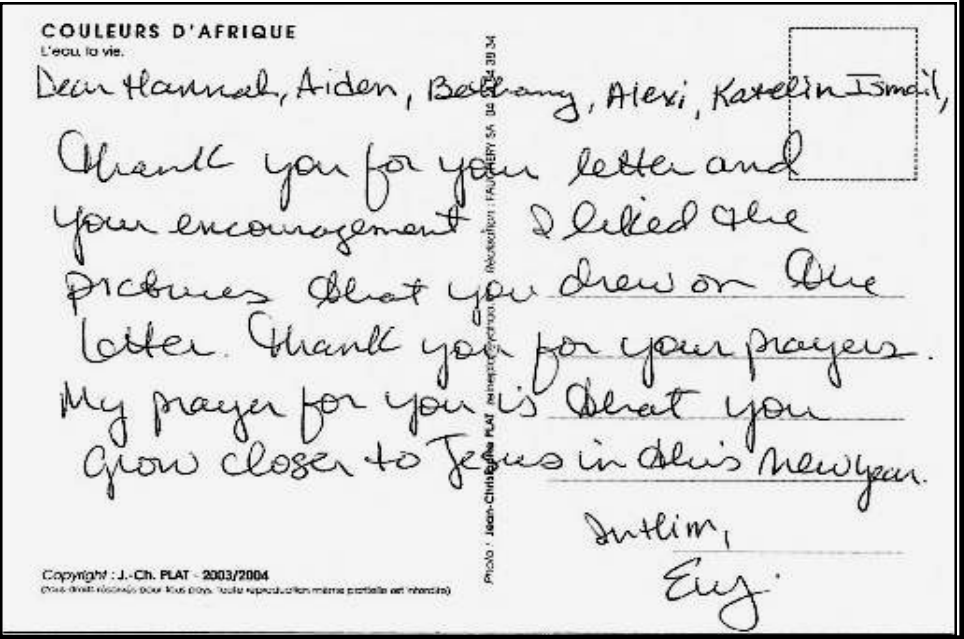
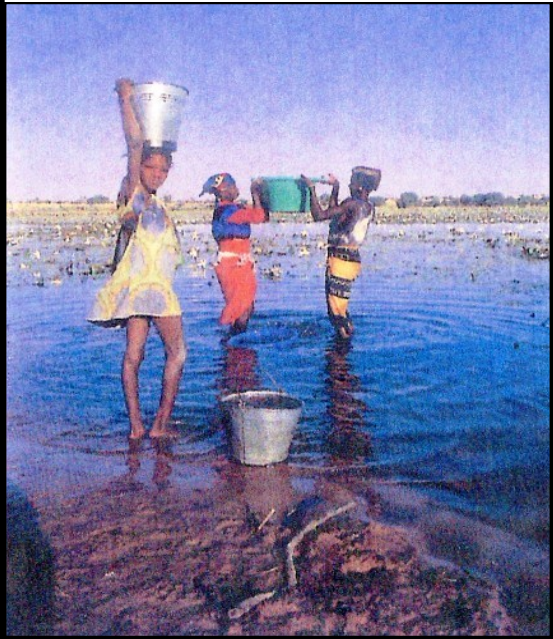
BOOK CLUB—Join us Tuesday, Feb. 21st to discuss, 'Love Wins' by Rob Bell. We'll meet at the Evergreen Park campus (3450 W. Maple) at 7:00pm.



The Deacons are sponsoring an "Ongoing Food Drive" for Operation Blessing. Operation Blessing is a food bank located in Midlothian that offers help to those in need, whether it be through receiving food or praying with them. Recently they lost government funding because of their willingness to pray with those who ask. They are now in need themselves. Please help stock the shelves by bringing what non-perishable food items you can to our kitchen and help Operation Blessing help others. The deacons will be periodically delivering what is collected. Thank you!

W.O.W. is under re-construction. Plans are underway for monthly gatherings that are inspirational, educational and to which you may invite a friend. Evenings would include a meal and a time for fellowship. We look forward to opportunities to make new friends!

Recently, Sue Weidenaar and the kids in Children's Worship wrote a letter and drew pictures for Evy Smith, our missionary in Mali, Africa. Below, is a copy of the postcard Evy sent in reply....



Community News

The **MEN OF A-CHORD**, a Christian male chorus of Chicagoland, will present a combined concert with the Illiana Christian High School A Capella Choir for a "**Harmony of Generations**". Concert is Sat., Mar. 17, at 7:00pm at the 1st CRC of South Holland (16248 S. Park Ave.). A free will offering will benefit the Illiana Christian High School Choral Dept. For information please contact Gary Hooker (532-8224) or talk to any member of the Men of A-Chord.

SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENTS—

—**Chgo. Christian High School Theater Dept.** presents the 2012 production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. The show will be held in the school auditorium on Friday, March 7, at 7:00pm, and Saturday, March 8 with a matinee show at 2:30pm and a show at 7:00pm. The matinee show offers discounted tickets and all shows offer reserved seating. Tickets go on sale Feb. 13th and can be purchased in advance by calling the school office at 388-7656. Tickets are \$7 for students /seniors, and \$10 for adults. The matinee show prices are \$5 students/seniors and \$7 adults.

—**Chgo. Christian High School Alumni Association** will be processing their 7,000+ annual appeal letters on Mon., Feb. 20 at 8:30am in the Media Center (12001 S Oak Park Ave). If you are available to help, please join us for a few hours of easy work and good conversation.

—**Mark your Calendars Now!!** The **4th Annual 'Bowling for Bucks & Silent Auction'** will take place on Friday, May 4 at the Orland Bowl located at 8601 W. 159th St.—Orland Pk. Doors open at 6:15pm, bowling begins promptly at 7 pm and should conclude around 9 pm. Cost is \$40.00/person, \$75.00/couple and \$225.00 if you fill the whole lane. Cost includes 3 games, shoe rental, pizza, salad, and pop. Sponsored by the CCHS Athletic Boosters, benefitting all 3 campuses! If you have questions, want to make a donation, or volunteer to help, please contact Joann Pittman (361-3941) or pittero32@yahoo.com.

The Oak Lawn Clergy & Religious Workers Association invites everyone to the 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE on Sunday, March 25. This celebration will feature worship leadership and preaching by several area clergy, musicians and music groups from area churches, and a combined choir. The service is at 3pm at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., in Oak Lawn, and is followed by a reception. If you would like to sing in the combined choir, please contact Pam Diaz (424-0074).

PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES TRIBUTE PACKET—Honor someone special, a special occasion, or the memory of a loved one or friend, by making a donation to Providence Life Services. A Providence Tribute donation offers you a way to honor a loved one while contributing to making life better for our residents. To request your Tribute Packet of envelopes that can be used for donations: please contact Joan Schutt at 342-8108 or jschutt@provlife.com.

Serving with a Glad Heart...

GREETERS TODAY:

(No. entrance) Vince & Nancy Sommer
(Sanctuary)
Pete & Yvonne Deckinga

USHERS TODAY:

Rich Mulder—Joe Vloedman
Rich Boersema

LIBRARY TODAY:

Clareen Sluis—Annette James

INFANT-TODDLER NURSERY TODAY:

1ST—Helen Noort
2ND—Adeline Molenhouse

PROJECTION TODAY:

1ST—Ed Ritzema
2ND—Ed Ritzema

SOUND TODAY:

1ST—Sytze Nauta
2ND—Jim Kamper

REFRESHMENTS TODAY:

Dan & Marilyn Brucken
Wally & Kim Ottenhoff

REFRESHMENTS Next Week:

Pam & Phyllis Johnson
Carol Den Besten

SHARE-A-MEAL:

Helen Noort
(448-9241)

The Week Ahead...

Sun-Feb 19	9:00 am	Worship Service — John Klompmaker “Grace-filled Speech” Colossians 4:2-6 Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Rich Kooyenga & Jestine Ivy</i> will be available, after the service, in the Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots) to have a time of prayer or reflection with anyone who wishes to join them.
	10:20 am	Adult Sunday School class
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service—John Klompmaker “Grace-filled Speech” Col. 4:2-6
Mon-Feb 20	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	7:00 pm	Small Groups Team meeting
Tue-Feb 21	9:15 am	Coffee Break
	9:30 am	Men’s Life
	7:00 pm	Revitalization Team meeting
ASH WEDNESDAY		
Wed-Feb 22	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	9:30 am	Coffee Break
Thu-Feb 23	12 noon	Seniors Potluck with Speaker: Martina Wessels
	7:30 pm	Praise Team
Fri-Feb 24	9:15 am	JAZZercise
First Sunday in Lent		
Sun-Feb 26	9:00 am	Worship Service — Abraham: <i>Our Covenant God</i> Genesis 17:1-27 Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Tom Huisenga & Bill Weidenaar</i> will be available, after the service, in the Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots) to have a time of prayer or reflection with anyone who wishes to join them.
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	12 noon	Worship Team meeting
	6-9:00 pm	REACH Youth Group



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