



We joyfully greet our members and visitors as we come together to praise the living God who makes all things new. Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Let us glorify God with that reality in mind.

Join us for refreshments, between the services, in our fellowship hall.

February 5, 2012

OFFERING TODAY— General Fund

Next Sunday — Mission Fund

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS—Today we continue with Ray Vander Laan’s *Faith Lessons* series. Stop by and check it out! We meet at 10:20am in room 3 next to the library.

VISUAL ARTS—Abraham: Living between Promise and Reality. Living between promise and reality is represented on stage with a green tent. Green is the liturgical color of what is called ‘Ordinary Time’, the time between Epiphany and Lent. The tent reminds us that we are on a journey of faith, and this is our temporary home. We use maps and compasses to give us direction as we travel. In the same way, we use the Bible to give us direction in following God.

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!

EVERYONE is invited to our 2ND SUNDAY LUNCH! We’re having a baked potato lunch with all the fixin’s on Feb. 12 at noon. If you plan to attend, please sign up so we know how many potatoes to bake, and we’re asking you to bring one topping, or dessert, or pop. There are a variety of suggestions for toppings listed on the sign-up in the foyer, but if you have another idea, feel free to add it to the list! Everyone is invited!



GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP—On Feb. 18, **LeAnn Kooyenga** will once again be going to Guatemala. Your prayers for the preparations will be appreciated. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase medications to take with as we visit the villages in the jungles of Guatemala. Checks can be made out to Maranatha Chapel, the organizers of this trip. If you have any questions, feel free to call LeAnn at 708.275.6250. *Thank you!*

MEN’S LIFE resumes Tuesday, Feb. 7th, with a new study—‘Seven Steps to Success’. Join us at 9:30am!

LIBRARY NEWS—Come check out the new books in the library: ‘*The Sky is Not Falling*’ by Charles Colson; ‘*10 Myths About Calvinism*’ by Kenneth Stewart, IVP; ‘*Choosing to See*’ by Mary Beth Chapman; and more! See the list by the door.

SENIORS—We’re meeting at noon on February 23rd for a potluck. Martina Wessels will be our speaker. 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.



We give our sympathy to—the family and friends of Marian Weidenaar. Marian passed away last Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are pending. Jesus said: *"Because I live, you too shall live."*

—**Christian N. Beezhold** was transferred to Marian Joy in Providence Palos Heights for therapy following his hospitalization. We pray for God's strength and grace for Chris and Christine.

—**Byron Breems** abdominal surgery was successful in removing the cancer and he is now recuperating at home. 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** continues at Emeritus in Burr Ridge for rehabilitation. We thank God for his care and strength for Ella and pray that he continue to guide her and Bill.

—**Ange Dykstra** began chemo treatments this past week. We pray for God to bless and keep Ange through these treatments.

—**Theresa Ter Maat** has been undergoing therapy at Alden Rehabilitation in Orland Park. We pray for God's strength and grace for Theresa and John.

—**Joe Vloedman & Harry Beezhold (Jr.)** have returned from Alabama and the housing project work sponsored by CRWRC-DRS. **Dave Phillips** will return at the end of the week. Next weekend, **Dennis McNamara** will travel to Alabama 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 Orland Park CRC as they go to Alabama and continue the work. This is a 5 week project.

—**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.

—**MILITARY UPDATE**—**Dan Brucken**, son of Dan & Marilyn, was deployed again last Thursday, February 2nd. He is going to Djabuti, Africa for 6 months. Please pray for God's protection on Dan as he serves his country yet again. And pray for his family as his wife, Jessica, is in the midst of a high risk pregnancy, and for daughter Jasmine as she misses her father. Pray that this family will feel God's loving arms of comfort and protection while they are separated and that Jessica will come through her pregnancy with ease.

—**WE ALSO REMEMBER** those who are in continuing care or homebound, including: Lorraine Bakker, Jennie Beenes, 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.

—**"Pray to the Lord of Harvest"** : Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37b-38). During the winter, harvest seems far away; yet winter is a great time to pray and plan for the seed planting time and harvest yet to come. A prayer card can be found in your mail slot or on the foyer table. Use these cards as an encouragement to pray to the Lord to send out workers into his harvest field.

Thank You! *"Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and cards. And special thanks to Pastor Mike for his visits and to others who visited as well. They were very much appreciated."* —Lorraine Foster





Steve & Jan Michmerhuizen report from Romania, in Eastern Europe, that last week a severe blizzard occurred in southern Romania, closing off the capital city of Bucharest, stranding people in the countryside, and shutting down all forms of transportation. The storm also affected the neighboring countries of Serbia and Bulgaria. The Michmerhuizens are in the city of Targu Mures in central Romania where the weather is calm.



Please continue to pray for the Michmerhuizens and their ministry in Romania.

Community News

THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE AT PILGRIM FAITH CHURCH will be holding a 10 week weight loss/healthy living program for those who want to explore a spiritual approach to living well. The sessions are based on the book, *Craving Hope* by Joni Woelfel, which provides a practical yet spiritual framework for achieving weight loss and healthy living goals. There is no charge to join the program, although you must provide your own book if you choose to read it. The first meeting is Mon., Feb. 6, at 7:00pm in the lounge at Pilgrim Faith, 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn. (Please enter through the courtyard on 51st Ave.) For information, call 422-4200 or email office@pilgrimfaith.org.

SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENTS—

—**The Oak Lawn Campus will host an Open House** for interested families on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 6:30-8:00pm. The campus offers Pre-School—8th grade along with before and after school care. If you know of someone who may be interested in Christian education, please encourage them to attend. The campus is located at 10110 S. Central Ave. For more information call 388-7656.

—**Spring/Summer Children's Clothing & Equipment Resale** is just around the corner! The sale will be held in the Oak Lawn campus gym on Sat., March 10 from 9:00am-12:00pm. *Registration for sellers* will be held at the Tinley Pk. campus on Sat., Feb. 4 from 8:30-10am and the Oak Lawn campus on Tues., Feb. 7 from 3-5:00pm for a fee of \$8. Space is limited!! Register by phone on Feb. 8-15 for a fee of \$12 by calling Trisha Schutter at 499-3308. Questions? Call Lisa McClelland at 444-1135.

WONDERLAND TIRE HAS TWO JOB OPENINGS. A sales position and route delivery/service position are available. Wonderland values good employees with a Christian ethic. We are a multi-location, family-owned, successful tire company in business since 1978. See the notice on the bulletin board of this church for more information and details on applying.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IS ONCE AGAIN ASKING FOR DONATIONS to help fund scholarships for Trinity students by way of a letter that has been placed in your church mail slot this week. Any donations may be sent directly to Trinity Christian College Women's Guild by using the pre-addressed envelope attached to the letter. Thank you in advance for your donations!

The **MEN OF A-CHORD**, a christian male chorus of Chicagoland, is pleased to announce a combined concert with the Illiana Christian High School A Capella Choir for a "**Harmony of Generations**". The concert will be Sat., Mar. 17, 2012, and will begin at 7:00pm at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 S. Park Ave.). Proceeds from 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.

Serving with a Glad Heart...

GREETERS TODAY:

(No. entrance) Joe Cudecki
(Sanctuary)
John & Jean Rosier

USHERS TODAY:

Tom Huisenga—Bill Kamp
Rich Kooyenga

LIBRARY TODAY:

Elaine Kamp

INFANT-TODDLER NURSERY TODAY:

1ST—Sarah Huisenga
2ND—Martina Wessels

PROJECTION TODAY:

1ST—Ed Ritzema
2ND—Cheryl Wassenaar

SOUND TODAY:

1ST—Ed Ritzema
2ND—Chris Van Kuiken

REFRESHMENTS TODAY:

Pete & Yvonne Deckinga
Catherine Solle

REFRESHMENTS Next Week:

Tom & Darlene Huisenga
Adeline Molenhouse

SHARE-A-MEAL:

Helen Noort

The Week Ahead...

Sun-Feb 5	9:00 am	Worship Service — Abraham: <i>Standing on the Promises</i> Genesis 15:1-18 Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Marilyn Brucken & Bob Cooper</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—Abraham: <i>Standing on the Promises</i> Genesis 15:1-18
Mon-Feb 6	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	7:00 pm	Council meeting
Tue-Feb 7	9:15 am	Coffee Break
	9:30 am	Men's Life
Wed-Feb 8	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	9:30 am	Coffee Break
Thu-Feb 9	7:30 pm	Praise Team rehearsal
Fri-Feb 10	9:15 am	JAZZercise
Sun-Feb 12	9:00 am	Worship Service — Abraham: <i>God Picks Up the Pieces</i> Genesis 16:1-16 Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Pastor Mike & Gary Schutt</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—Abraham: <i>God Picks Up the Pieces</i> Genesis 16:1-16
	Noon	2 nd Sunday Luncheon
	6-9:00 pm	REACH Youth Group



SUNDAY SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE IN AN AUDIO VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE at www.gccrc.org!

Go to: www.gccrc.org/weekly_bulletin_audio_sermons to check it out!