

# GURNEE COMMUNITY CHURCH Connect

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

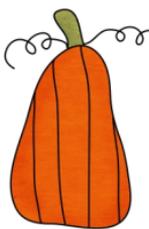
**2019 GIVING ENVELOPES:** If you haven't already signed up for 2019 giving envelopes, please do so **TODAY**. Numbered giving envelopes help our counters to process the offering quickly and efficiently each Sunday. Please indicate your preference on the back of the Welcome to the Worship form. You can also indicate how you would like to receive your contribution statements.

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:** Sign up **TODAY** in the Narthex to join us for the next New Member luncheon. This will be on **Sunday, September 23**, from 12:15 – 2pm and is for those who are interested in becoming a member of GCC or just finding out more about us.. At the luncheon, Pastor Chris Stephens will provide information about GCC and next steps to membership.



**MEN'S ADVENTURE TRIP:** Friday, **September 21** - Saturday **September 22** (or you can stay an additional night for no extra cost!). This year's adventure will be at Chain O Lakes State Park and includes an overnight stay. Last chance to sign up at our table in the Narthex **TODAY** or online at [www.gcchome.org](http://www.gcchome.org)

**PARK CITY HARVEST PARTY:** Saturday, **October 13** from 12pm – 3pm. Once again GCC will be working with the city of Park City to host a fall Harvest Party for the families of Park City. Volunteers are need for hayride, face painting, gospel bracelet craft, pumpkin decorating, bouncy house, games, snacks, and registration. This day is always a lot of fun and a great way to show how GCC is For Our Neighbors. Sign up **TODAY** in the Narthex!



**LINE DANCING:** Come join us on Monday nights from 6pm to 7pm in the gym for country line dancing. All dances are taught so no experience is needed. We will be starting with all new dances on Monday, **September 17** so it is a great time to join us if you are interested. Contact Lynn Kattner, [lakattner@gmail.com](mailto:lakattner@gmail.com) or 847-855-2823 with any questions.

**ALPHA:** A new ALPHA class will start on Wednesday, **September 26**. This is a great course for those who are new to the Christian Faith or are interested in finding out more about it. Signup at [www.gcchome.org](http://www.gcchome.org) or in the Narthex **TODAY**.



**PHASES MINI-RETREAT:** We will be holding a mini-retreat on Saturday, **September 29** from 3:00 - 4:30pm @ GCC. The event will feature the

Phases project: a synthesis of personal experience, academic research, and hours of focus groups with leaders designed to provide parents with exactly what they need to make the most of each phase in their kid's life. More information and signups at our website, in the insert, and in the Narthex **TODAY**.

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**BETH MOORE EVENT:** The Beth Moore women's event will be on



Saturday **October 6th**. The day will run from 8:30am - 3pm and the cost is \$30, which includes study materials and lunch. This event is open to all women everywhere. Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY**, or online at [www.gcchome.org](http://www.gcchome.org).

## PARENTING CLASS/GROUPS:

As your child passes through various stages of growth and development are there different tools and strategies you should be using to get the most out of each phase? After all,

isn't a three-year-old different from an eight-year-old? And what about teenagers?



Join us beginning the week of **October 7** as we launch a six-week class / study entitled **Parenting Through the Phases**. You must register for this program! Visit the table in the Narthex **TODAY** or register via [www.gcchome.org](http://www.gcchome.org).

## GO! TOGETHER MONTH OF PRAYER:

During October, the GO! Together churches will be praying every day for our friends and neighbors to be open to participate in an EXPLORE GOD experience. The aim is to have one or more people praying every hour of every day



at the Prayer Room (next to Dairy Queen). GCC has been assigned Wednesdays during the month. If you could sign up to go and pray for 1 hour on one or more Wednesdays in October that would be great. If you can't make a time on Wednesdays you can choose another day and help to fill the calendar. You can sign up to be a part



Our feature this time is the **Thursday AM Men's Study Group**. Meeting on Thursday morning from 6:30 to 8:00 am at the Panera in Gurnee this group of men selects a book – and, each week, chapters of the book are assigned, and the discussion is based on that reading.

In *Unoffendable* we will encounter a unique perspective: 'righteous anger' is a myth. As we learn to embrace this viewpoint we encounter a concrete, practical way to live life with less stress. We will come to replace perpetual anger with refreshing humility and gratitude.

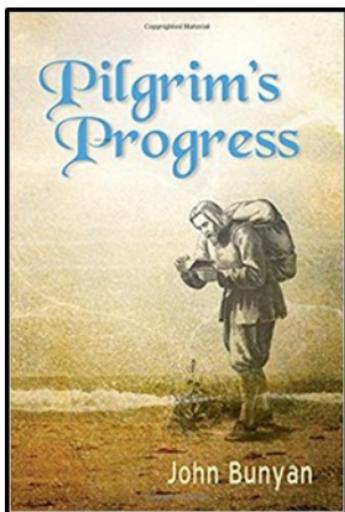
Through the author's winsome, humorous, and conversational style this book seeks to *lift* religious burdens from our backs and allows us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of our lives.

For more information on the Thursday AM Men's Group contact: [stephen.j.wantoch@saint-gobain.com](mailto:stephen.j.wantoch@saint-gobain.com).

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### **Monday Men's Study Group**

Meeting on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Panera in Gurnee this group of men selects a book – and, each week, chapters of the book are assigned, and the discussion is based on that reading.

Let's repeat: Panera (coffee and goodies) – reading cool books – men having fun talking about some important stuff. A night well spent! Of course, the discussion part only works if you read the assigned chapters so there is some homework for this group...

*Pilgrim's Progress* is a Christian classic written by John Bunyan during his imprisonment in the 1600's for preaching without a license! The story is an allegory for the gospel message and follows the journey of the protagonist (Christian) as he travels from the 'world' to the 'kingdom to come.'

For more information on the Monday Men's Group contact John Skillman ([ibresqone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibresqone@sbcglobal.net)).

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