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Calendar And Events

- March 2: Marriage Seminar @ 3:00 p.m., Handke
- March 3: Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m., (Agape Meal; No Sunday School).
- March 6: Student Ministry Gathering (grade 6-12) @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Handke.
- March 10: Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m., Sunday School.
- March 13: Student Ministry Gathering (grade 6-12) @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Handke.
• Deadline for Joni and Friends sign up.
- March 16: Foundation Builders 3 Parenting Class @ the Feders Home. 9:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- March 17: Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m., Sunday School.
- March 20: Student Ministry Gathering (grade 6-12) @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Handke.
- March 24: Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m., Sunday School.
- March 27: Student Ministry Gathering (grade 6-12) @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Handke.
- March 30: Foundation Builders 5 Parenting Class @ the Feders Home. 9:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



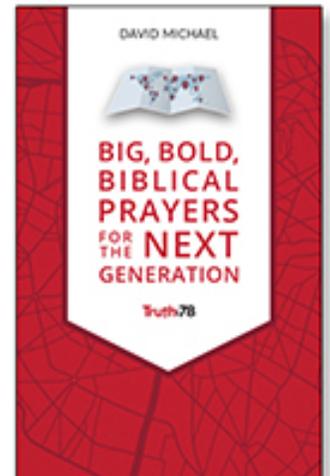
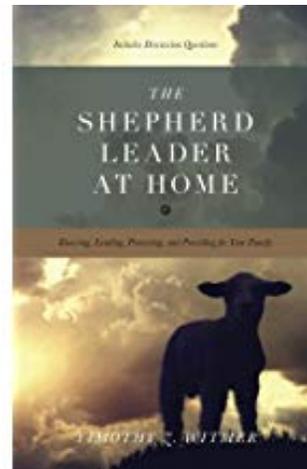
Looking Ahead:

- April 6: Feed My Starving Children mobile packing site (student ministries) @ River Of Life Church. 4-6 p.m.

Resource Highlights:

The Shepherd Leader at Home
by Timothy Witmer

This book was recently highlighted at our Act Like Men Seminar. This book is easy to read, clear and gives plenty of counsel to men looking to be good fathers who lead their family well.



Resource Highlights:

Big, Bold, Biblical Prayers for the Next Generation
by David Michael

This is a collection of prayers that are saturated in God's Word. As GCF strives to become a house of prayer the pastors invite you to use this resource in 2019 to aid you in praying for the next generation. Copies will be available on Sunday for \$5 each.

March Events and News

March 2 - Marriage Seminar - 3 p.m. @ Handke (Room III)

Marriage is about your holiness and not your happiness. True. But is there more? Is there biblical grounds to pursue happiness in your marriage? How? These are a few of the questions Pastor Charlie and Pastor Kevin will be wrestling with in our second annual Marriage Seminar on Saturday, March 2.

March 13 - Joni & Friends Mission Trip Sign Up Deadline

Students and parents are welcome to attend a mission trip this summer as we partner with an organization called Joni & Friends. This is an excellent opportunity for us to care for the needs of those with disabilities. Contact Pastor Kevin if you are interested.

March 16 Foundation Builders 4: Connecting With Our Child's Heart 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. @ the Feder's Home

Parents who desire to raise their children to become disciples of Christ must learn to connect with their hearts. We will address how not to provoke our children to anger and how to practically connect with our children's hearts in order that they will become disciples for the glory of Christ. Parents will be given a lot of practical advice on how to understand their child and how to connect with their hearts.

Babysitting will be available. Please R.S.V.P. to Pastor Kevin by Wednesday, March 13 if you would like to sign up for the class.

March 30 Foundation Builders 5: Ten Disciplines of A Godly Parent 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. @ the Feder's Home

This class focuses on the importance of the various disciplines which parents implement in the life of their home to guide their activity and decisions. Parents will also be equipped to think through the practical ways their home-life is structured (from how your parents that will instruct their children. Parents will also learn about the differing stages their children will go through as they grow up and the key milestone/events they can create to celebrate them.

Babysitting will be available. Please R.S.V.P. to Pastor Kevin by Wednesday, March 27 if you would like to sign up for the class.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Joni & Friends Mission Trip (August 13-18). We have the opportunity to serve with Joni & Friends this summer. We may need adults to partner with us in the opportunity to serve children with disabilities and their parents. The summer camp allows parents of those with disabled children much needed rest. Those who participate will get useful training. Contact Pastor Kevin.

Here is one of the prayers from the highlighted resource titled Big, Bold, Biblical Prayers for the Next Generation. This particular prayer is written by Sally Michael.

A Prayer for Our Grandson, Joshua, with Wording from Psalm 119

Dear God, may Joshua know the blessing of those who keep Your testimonies, and may he seek You with his whole heart. Help him to keep his way pure by guarding it according to Your Word. Help him store up Your Word in his heart so that he might not sin against You. Open his eyes, that he may behold wondrous things out of Your Law. Make Your testimonies his delight and his counselors. Enlarge his heart that he will run in the way of Your commandments. Give him understanding, that he may keep Your Law and observe it with his whole heart. Incline his heart to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn his eyes from looking at worthless things; and give him life in Your ways. Amen.

Loving God Through Loving His Gifts

If you were to ask just about any of our middle or high school students at GCF about loving God and what kinds of activities they think they should be doing in order to love him or experience him what do you think they might say? I have a feeling it would be something to this tune: Pray. Read the Bible more. Sing songs of worship to God. Go on a missions trip.

Let my fingers fall off my hand if my intention is to disrupt anyone from doing these things more. Thus, what I am angling at here is risky. I am not suggesting we change course from these things. I am suggesting that we have done a very good job emphasizing these habits of grace.

I am also saying something else that is important for us to hear. Starting with myself, we have not done as good of a job emphasizing other ways we are to grow in love with God. I am talking about the day to day activities that are practical, super practical at that. I am talking about stuff that we tend to really enjoy like smelling coffee beans, eating your favorite food, seeing a loved one, finishing a project, being warmed by a fire, being still on your favorite lake in the Boundary waters, catching a fish, raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens...wait, this has officially crossed a line. I hope you get the point. I ask you, what do we do with these things? Where, if anywhere, do they fit when we think of activities we do in order to love God and experience his goodness?

On the one hand, we don't want to become idolators and make idols out of these things. Still, on the other hand, these are the things we interact with daily. How do we make sense of them and synthesize them into our lives, our faith?

Why It Matters

Our children are a great blessing to us here. They force us to ask and answer these questions well. Youngsters who have been raised at GCF...

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