



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

As I crawled into my own bed last night, I realized that the last time I had laid my head on a pillow was in our room at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Amman, Jordan. Jet lag is having its way with me: after 6 hours of sleep I was wide awake at 3 a.m. The aftermath of our home-bound travel has left me feeling disoriented. But, as I reflect on two weeks in Israel, Palestine and Jordan, my growing realization is that this trip was a profound reorientation for me. I have seen ancient things: the tombs of Aaron, Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Rebekkah... the Western (Wailing) Wall, the churches of the Nativity and the Holy Sepulcher... the Sea of Galilee. These are ancient things... eternal things.

Compared to these monuments to a faith that is millennia old, our monument – the Glenview Community Church – is brand new: a momentary flurry of faith and praise that will celebrate its 75th birthday in two years. Yet the history and the hope of our faith at GCC did not begin in 1941. Indeed, it reaches back to those monuments that bore silently profound witness to me in these last weeks... a witness that is reorienting me and forcing me to put the story of our faith together in new ways. My guess is that you'll be hearing reflections on this experience from me for a long while!

Reorientation is a good word for the work of faith. Faith reorients us. It gives us new perspective, new purpose and new promise. It helps us to find our way into the life that is life indeed: a life that echoes Jesus' own and puts love to work in our own human flesh. In the words of our Stewardship theme: **We are blessed to be a blessing.**

But the reorientation of God's grace isn't meant to change us only on a personal level. It's also meant to change us on a

corporate level. For a number of years the Glenview Community Church has wrestled with (and sometimes obsessed over) its financial health. As I've listened to this struggle, I've often heard it expressed as a problem with spending... that we need to spend less. **After 20 months as your Senior Pastor, I've come to know that that's not true. The Glenview Community Church's financial issue isn't excessive expense. It's insufficient income.** My guess is that that's so because we're hesitant to believe that we are abundantly blessed... and to trust that God will use us to provide a blessed abundance.

The financial challenge of our reorientation is this: in number and amount, we need to grow our financial commitments to the Glenview Community Church for 2015 by approximately \$250,000 over the congregation's financial commitments for 2014. If we do not, we cannot sustain and grow the ministries that God has trusted to us. But the spiritual challenge of our reorientation is even deeper: to believe that we are truly abundantly blessed, and to resolve to be a blessing for God's people in this time and place.

In the last two weeks I have been in the most anciently holy places of our faith. Yet I am also aware that, without the vitality and the faithfulness of our present ministries, those monuments are nothing more than empty rock and dust. In the words of the letter to the Hebrews:

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

**COMMUNION SUNDAY
FOOD ON THE FIRST**

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 106, Exodus 32:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon:
The Blessing of Humility
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 24, Genesis 12:1-3
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon:
Blessed to be a Blessing
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 90, Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon:
The Blessing of Investing
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize



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It is up to us to complete the work. It is up to us to give durability and meaning to what has gone before us as we embody the present and future blessings of God's grace. **Blessed to be a Blessing:** that's who we are. Trust it and believe it as you make your financial commitment for the future of the message, ministries and mission of the Glenview Community Church on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 9th.

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Have you been attending GCC and thinking about becoming a member?

Would you like to know more about our ministry and what we believe? Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, November 9 after worship and Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. Come to one or come to both sessions. Child care is available if requested ahead of time. Please join us for an informal discussion about Glenview Community Church. New Members will be received into the church during worship on Sunday, November 16. Contact Rev. Mize or Rev. Keckler if you would like to attend or if you have questions.

WANTED: MORE USHERS!

We are looking for individuals and families who would like to help serve on an usher team for Sunday mornings. It's a great way to get to know people as you greet them and hand them a bulletin, along with helping collect the offering. If you would like to help or be a leader, please contact David Spaulding (847) 577-8381 or Rev. Keckler (847) 724-2210 ext 224.

MYRA LORIS

"Uniquely American" is an in-depth look at buildings and structures that are exclusively American and their significance.

NOVEMBER 12: "FREEDOM'S TOWER" is an in-depth look at the 13-year process of the re-building of the World Trade Center, including the new 9/11 Memorial and Museum and the new 5 building office complex. Full of interesting anecdotes, details and powerful stories of triumph over tragedy.

DECEMBER 9: "LONG, TALL AND STRONG" reflects on the history of the construction and importance of the Brooklyn and Golden Gate Bridges as marvels of American technology and ingenuity.

DESSERT 7:00 p.m.
PROGRAM 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
TICKETS: \$15 per lecture

Tickets can be purchased following worship on Sundays, or call Beryl Bills (847)724-1694.

AMAZING GRACE

The Fellowship Board has reserved 20 tickets for the Musical Premiere of "Amazing Grace" on Sunday, November 2 for the 2:00 p.m. show. It is at the Bank of America Theatre in Chicago. Ticket prices are \$40.00. Transportation option is available to and from the theatre for an additional cost of \$40. Please call Tom Thuresson at (847)998-6150 or E-mail tabinc1@comcast.net if you are interested in attending. The event is being sponsored by the Fellowship Board.



COMMON GROUND

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room
Jim Kenney
Spirituality and / or Religion?

What is "spirituality?" What is "religion?" What's the difference? More and more Americans describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious (SBNR)." What does this phrase mean? What does it portend for the future of faith in America? Join Jim for a scintillating exploration of this topic. Will the answer say something important for the future of faith in America?

FAITH IN ACTION LISTENING CIRCLE

Where does your faith inspire you to build a more equitable and compassionate community in our village, county or state?

What issues of social justice do you think interested GCC members should tackle?

Come share your ideas with other GCC members on Sunday, November 2 after church in the Founders Room from 11:30-12:30 p.m., or drop by the Founders Room to fill out a card to indicate your interests and concerns. Light refreshments will be available to jump start the conversation. For more information about this event, contact Kristine Voelker at 847-832-9242 or Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595.

PAGEANT CHILDREN OF ALL NATIONS

PARENTS OF 4TH - 6TH GRADERS

On Pageant Sunday, December 7, your children will have the opportunity to be the **Children of All Nations** who dress in country-specific costumes and bring gifts to the Baby Jesus. They will be picking out their costumes during church school class on November 9. If they are not in class that day, they will have another opportunity to select a costume during class on the 16th. Please talk to your children about this opportunity in advance and encourage them to participate! You will receive more information from us via an e-mail on November 1 and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact C.J.Sultz (847)657-7079 or Christine Foley (847)224-3513, *Children of All Nations* coordinators.

Turn Back Time

Sunday, November 2, 2014:
1:00 AM back to 12:00 Midnight



NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD

Children Held in Military Detention is the presentation by Gerard Horton and Salwa Duaibis, co-founders of the **Military Court Watch in Israel**. Join us in the Founders Room on Sunday, November 16 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Their organization is grounded in the rights and protections guaranteed under international law to Palestinian children. Our speakers work with Palestinian children detained by the Israeli military.

INTERGENERATIONAL CAMP AND MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in a Family / Intergenerational Camp experience? Or an Intergenerational / Family Mission Trip of some sort? If so, Elizabeth would like to invite you to an information gathering meeting on November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (located on the lower level).

PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 4-6 PM

NOVEMBER 2/ MUGGING

Join us for this favorite PYF tradition. Bring a soup mug, and a utensil and we will enjoy a walking progressive dinner. Vegetarian options will be provided.

NOVEMBER 9/ MISSION PROJECT

We will assemble hygiene kits for the Night Ministry. Please bring some of the following; small soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

NOVEMBER 23 / IRON CHEFS!

PYF will be divided into groups and each group will cook a meal with a secret ingredient. The secret ingredient this year is Join us to find out!

DECEMBER 14 / MISSION PROJECT

We will be assembling new mother kits for the Night Ministry. Please bring in any of the following; diapers, onesies, pacifiers, baby blankets, baby lotion, baby soap, diaper cream, bottles, etc. 4-6 p.m. Youth Room.

DECEMBER 21 / CHRISTMAS PARTY!

POW (PYF on Wednesdays)

Each Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will finish Revelation 11/5 and start a new book of the Bible 11/12. Please join us!

PYF WINTER TRIP!

1/23-1/24: Cascade & the Kalahari. Cost is \$110 for tubing, and \$160 for skiing. Deposit of \$75 due 12/10. Attendance requirement is 4 times.

PYF MISSION TRIP!

6/14-6/19: Marvell, AK. Cost of the trip is \$320 and the deposit of \$75 is due January 10th. Attendance requirement is 8 times.

HEIFER IS BACK!

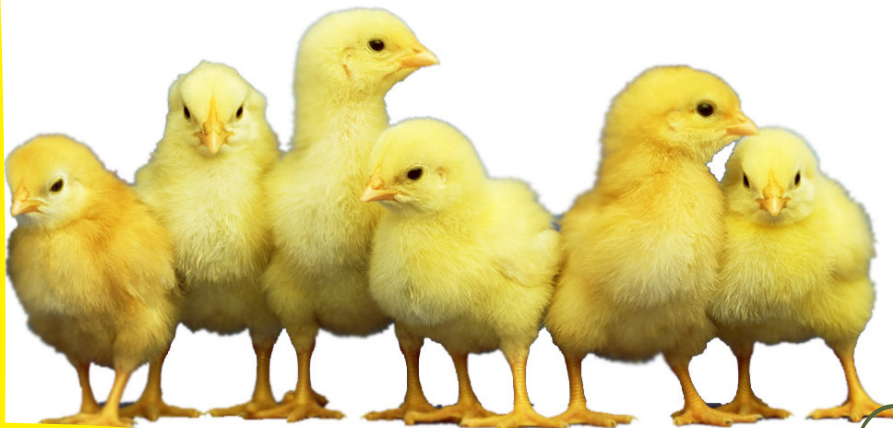
ADULT EDUCATION, SUNDAY 9:00 AM, NOVEMBER 2

Join us in the Chapel for The Adult Education program which will bring to you two Heifer guests. Beth Gunzel is our region's Heifer Coordinator and Audrey Veath is our area's #1 Volunteer. Beth has just finished organizing Heifer's 70th Birthday celebration and Audrey has spoken and traveled to more places around the world to witness "passing on the gift" ceremonies than any other volunteer. She is also our "quilt lady" who collects our quilts for auction. They will speak on why we should also be "passing on" our gifts. Please attend and let them know that our congregation has not lost its enthusiasm for Heifer.



PASSING ON THE GIFT

For the next two Sundays, November 9 and 16, you will have the opportunity to donate to Heifer (cash, check, or IOU) in any amount and receive a gift to "pass on" to someone else. Please come to the coffee hour and visit the Heifer tables to make your choice. Bring the children and let them make a choice of a gift. You can make a difference for families around the world by donating to provide chickens, sheep, pigs, llamas, cows, camels or water buffaloes.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 30 October 2014			Monday, 10 November 2014		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
7:30 AM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower Room A
Friday, 31 October 2014			11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Fellowship Mtg	Room 213
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Board Mtg	Library
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Family Fun/ Pizza	Plymouth Room
Saturday, 01 November 2014			11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	New Members Class	Founders
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	678 Club	Youth Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Sunday, 02 November 2014			4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room	Tuesday, 11 November 2014		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel	9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Adult Ed Mtg	Library
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Room 210
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower Room A	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Confirmation and Youth Bd Mtg	Youth Room
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	FIAT Meeting	Founders	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	WA Board Mtg	Parlor
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	Wednesday, 12 November 2014		
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	GCCNS Conferences	Library
Monday, 03 November 2014			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called To Care	Founders	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Faith In Action Team	Parlor	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders	3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Caring for the Caregiver During the Holiday	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201	4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
Tuesday, 04 November 2014			5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Bd Mtg	Room 210	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
Wednesday, 05 November 2014			7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Room 5
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	Thursday, 06 November 2014		
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Caring for the Caregiver During the Holiday	Library	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7	Friday, 07 November 2014		
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Room 5	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym	Saturday, 08 November 2014		
Thursday, 06 November 2014			8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Heifer Market Set Up	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Heifer Quilt Meeting	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Friday, 07 November 2014			Sunday, 09 November 2014		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Heifer Gift Market	Mayflower
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library			

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AT 9:00 AM

FOOD ON THE FIRST

Just a reminder that this Sunday, Novmeber 1st is the **Food on the First** collection.



STEWARDSHIP 2015

Sharing God's Bountiful Blessings

STEWARDSHIP 2015

I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (Genesis 12:2-3).

MISSIONS OUTREACH BOARD AND FAITH IN ACTION TEAM ARE A BLESSING TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE WORLD.

In addition to sharing Jesus Christ's message of love, inclusion, forgiveness and grace, and;

In addition to sharing God's radical hospitality through the many ministries which GCC provides to its members and to those we welcome,

We have the incredible opportunity to engage the larger community and the world by sharing in Christ's mission to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide shelter for the homeless and seek justice where the world and its institutions are unjust.

Your Missions Outreach Board is engaged in the formidable task of dispersing 10% of last year's financial commitments received to support UCC and locally-sponsored charities.

The Faith in Action Team (FIAT) of our Missions Outreach Board works tirelessly pursuing the cause of social justice in Glenview, Chicago and Springfield, addressing such issues as gun control, fair housing and prisoners' rights.

How can we ensure that GCC will always be a voice for Christ's mission in the world? By giving thanks for God's blessings in our lives, sharing those blessings with others—in our church, our community and our world, and becoming a blessing for all God's people.

WHAT WILL YOUR SHARE OF OUR \$1.1 MILLION STEWARDSHIP GOAL BE? CONSIDER GOD'S BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE.....AND PASS THEM ON BOUNTIFULLY!

Your Stewardship Board

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Glenview Interfaith Thanksgiving Services



Mark your calendars now for Tuesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. GCC will be hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, including bells and choirs! A reception will be held in the Mayflower Room following the service. We will need cookies and help in serving for this event. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Keckler.

