

Welcome Guests!

Please see page two for important information about today's service and how to get the most out of your visit with us.

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the Power of a Simple Gift



"Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need of hope."

—Franklin Graham
President,
Samaritan's Purse

2008 NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 17-24

Christmas...Beyond Ourselves



By Mary Tesser, Children's Ministries

It's time! While brightly colored leaves still cling to some of our trees and that first hard freeze hasn't brought the growing season to a grinding halt, it is time to think about Christmas. This year First Federated will have two main Christmas giving opportunities—one with a worldwide emphasis and one for children in our own area.

Operation Christmas Child

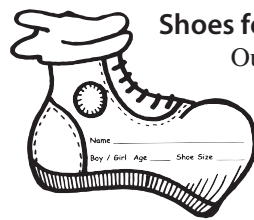
Today we kick off Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, the international relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has distributed over 61 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in 138 countries—children who have suffered the effects of war, poverty, disease and natural disaster. Last year 540 of those boxes came from FFC!

So, what difference can one small box make to a child who desperately needs so much? Your gift can bring love, joy and hope in the midst of the most desperate circumstances imaginable. It brings a message to a child that says "I am loved." While the toys and gifts are a wonderful expression of kindness, Operation Christmas Child is ultimately about sharing much more. It is about offering a true and lasting treasure—the message of God's greatest gift to mankind through His Son Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 18:16 says "A gift makes way for the giver..." and that has proven true with shoe box gifts. Shoe boxes open the door for local churches to share the Gospel message, distribute Bible study materials, and offer follow-up discipleship programs to children who receive the shoe boxes and to their families. Entire communities have been introduced to the love of Jesus through this ministry. Over and over shoe box distributions have been welcomed in countries that are otherwise closed or hostile to the Gospel.

Packing a shoe box can be fun for anyone, whether as part of a family or as an individual. Pick up a shoe box and brochure at one of the tables today and follow the simple instructions. (Yes, our own Larry Jones has pre-wrapped over 600 boxes, so you won't have to fuss with wrapping paper and tape!) Remember to include \$7 or more to cover shipping costs. Return your completed box by Sunday, November 16.

For more information (and inspiration!) about Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org or contact Mary Tesser in the Children's Ministry office at 255.2122.



Shoes for Oakridge Kids

Our second Christmas project will be Shoes for Oakridge Kids.

We will be providing tennis shoes for needy children who live in the Oakridge apartments here in Des Moines. On Sunday, November 23, Christmas trees decorated with paper shoes will be displayed in the church foyers. Each shoe will have the name and shoe size of an Oakridge child. You will have the opportunity to either shop for shoes for that specific child or provide funds to purchase shoes for a child.

Perhaps you've been thinking of cutting back on Christmas contributions this year? While these may be uncertain financial times, we as Americans still have been blessed abundantly more than most of the world's population. As Christians, we can be making investments in the lives of children—investments that won't fluctuate with the stock market and will have huge eternal returns. So, have a Merry Christmas...and pass it on!

Show Your Love

- 1) Pick up a pre-wrapped shoe box (or provide your own) and Operation Christmas Child brochure
 - 2) Pack a shoe box
 - 3) Complete envelope found in brochure and enclose in shoe box with \$7 or more to cover shipping costs.
 - 4) Attach shoe box label found in brochure
 - 5) Return completed shoe box to the church by Nov. 16.
- Three weeks from now!

Questions?

Contact Mary Tesser, 255.2122.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

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We prefer that items be submitted electronically!

E-Mail: NEWSPAPER@FirstFederated.org

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Singers Needed for Federated Family Christmas Choir

Teens, college students, and adults are needed for this year's Federated Family Christmas program, "Do You See What I See?" We are preparing three songs for this presentation. The good news is that one of the songs we did last year will be repeated this year. "Do You See What I See?" will take the congregation on a journey through the eyes of each participant of the Christmas story: Joseph, Mary, the Magi, Simeon, etc... and remind us how each individual played an important part in the birth of Christ. Come help paint the big picture to the congregation for our Dec. 21 presentation.

Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30–3:30PM

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:30–3:30PM

Saturday, Dec. 13, 9AM–Noon—run through of the entire presentation

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1:30–3:30PM

Saturday, Dec. 20, 9AM–Noon—run through of the entire presentation

Sunday, Dec. 21—Final sound checks/run through that morning.

Come join us and encourage others in our congregation to join the choir. We need you! Please check the box on the Care & Communication Card so we know you are interested.

Thanksgiving Celebration

*Join us as we
give God thanks
for the many things
He has done for us.*



**Sunday
November 23
10:45AM
Auditorium**

*9:00am no regular activities
10:00am fellowship in foyer
10:45am combined services*

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ADULT GROUPS

Sunday Mornings | 9:15–10:30AM

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABFs)

Once you've joined us in worship, our Adult Bible Fellowships are a great next step to connect with others and grow in your faith. We have a variety of opportunities available that include:

The HUB (ages 18-24) | Room 244

STUDY: Life applications from God's Word

The Channel (ages 25–35) | Room 149

STUDY: Related to *The River's* message

Connections (born in the 1970s) | Room 1224–1226

Homebuilders (born in the 1960s) | Room 1250–1251
STUDY: Way of the Master: Learn how to impact the eternity of others

Cornerstone (born in the 1950s) | Room 1240–1241

STUDY: Revelation: The Apocalypse--book of blessing & cursing

Koinonia (all ages) | Room 1252–1253

STUDY: "One Another" series

Ezra (all ages) | Room 1118

STUDY: I & II Timothy, Titus

Galilean (born in the 1930s) | Room 1244–1247

STUDY: Prayer study

Immanuel (born in the 1930s) | Room 1105

STUDY: Things which become sound doctrine

Friendly Fellowship (born in the 1920s) | Room 1254–1255

STUDY: One anothers

W.H.O. (born before the 1920s) | Room 1116

STUDY: II Chronicles & Daniel: Develop Solomon's wisdom and Daniel's faith

Women (all ages) | Room 208

STUDY: *Having a Mary Spirit or Beyond the Masquerade*

Men (all ages) | Room 210

STUDY: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*

Worship Team | Room 1125

STUDY: *Facing Your Giants*

Prayer (all ages) | Room 100

Ecclesiastes | Room 1238–1239 | *Biblically Measured*

STUDY: Learn about life and faith from the wisest man who ever lived.

Other Groups

Experience, investigate, build and grow in your faith. We have opportunities available during the week that include:

Alpha

Mondays | September 8–November 10 | 6:00–8:30pm | Back Door

Women in the Word

Life Principles from the New Testament Men of Faith

Tuesdays | September 9–April | 9:00–11:00AM | Rm 100 & 131 (Library)

MOPS—Mothers of Pre-Schoolers

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month | 9:00–11:00AM | Fellowship Hall
\$6 per meeting | Facilitators: Miriam Hager, 251.6964, & Lisa Rhodes, 274.0832

Beth Moore Study

Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John

*Thursdays | September 11–November 20 | 9:10–11:10AM | Rm 108

Thursdays | September 11–November 20 | 6:30–8:00PM | Rm 108

*Childcare Provided

Wednesdays | 6:30–8:00PM

Join us in prayer, fellowship and fun as we connect with others and grow in our faith. We have a variety of opportunities available that include:

Parenting Is Heart Work

September 10–October 29 | Rm 1238-39

The Way of the Master

September 10–October 29 | Rm 1254-55

For Women—Vision of His Glory

September 10–October 22 | Rm 1240-41

For Men—Quest for Authentic Manhood

September 10–December 3 | Rm 1250-51

For Men—Winning at Work and at Home

September 10–October 29 | Rm 1252-53

For All—Prayer Community

Ongoing | Rm 1244–1247 | Facilitator: Pastor Mike Rose

For Moms—Moms' Prayer Group

Ongoing | 5:30–6:15PM | Rm 100

For Women—Falling in Love with Jesus

Beginning October 29 | 6:30–8PM | Rm 1240-41

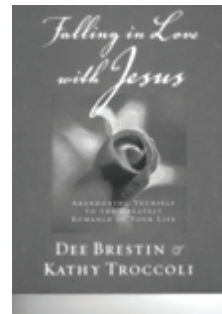
Card Ministry

1:00-3:00PM | Rm 139

UPCOMING GROUPS

For Women—Falling in Love with Jesus

Wednesdays | Beginning October 29 | 6:30–8pm | Room 1240-41
Study Guide \$12 | Facilitator: Sharon Johnson



If you are not in a deep love relationship and feel like flipping the switch when the topics of romance, weddings, and marriage come up—don't! Though love songs will be sung and romantic stories told, we are using these as parables to help you understand the best romance, which is your relationship with Jesus, the ultimate bridegroom for all believing women, whether you are single or married. Sign up on Care & Communication Card.

The HUB (ages 18–24)

Sundays at 9:15AM— Meet in the HUB for breakfast, worship and fellowship with a great lesson thrown in for good measure!

Monday at 7:00PM—Bible studies.

Girls meet at Friedrichs Coffee, 4632

86th, in Urbandale.

Guys meet at Friedrichs Coffee, 1821 22nd, in WDM (by Blockbuster).

Wednesday at 7:00PM—HUB band practice - Come and play!



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

The contents of this page have been removed to protect the privacy of those in our congregation.

Printed copies of this page can be obtained at the church.

Items found on this page include:

Pray for Those Who Grieve

Happy Birthday!

(Birthdays are listed for Federated members & missionaries)

Pray for those with Physical Needs

(In the Hospital, Upcoming Surgery/Procedures, Partial List of the Ongoing Needs of Our Members & Regular Attenders)

Pray for Those Who Serve our Church

Our Encouragement

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

1 Timothy 6:7-8



MISSION ONE

Reaching others for Jesus Christ

Alan & Helena

Closed Country

What do they do? This couple is pioneering a work that seeks to reach people from the country's many thousands of villages and towns. As both are full-time language students, their contacts are made through the university where over 19,000 students are from rural settings. They question students on their perception of Christianity and leave Bibles—very sensitive work due to the political and religious situation.

Praises:

- They are expecting their first child the end of March.

Prayer Requests:

- For Helena, who is having a difficult pregnancy with a number of complications---for her health and for that of their baby.
- For their search for other opportunities to serve in their area of the world as they have been ministering recently without coworkers.
- For partnership of a likeminded team to work with.
- For plans to have the baby in Europe, then visit Canada, before returning to their new country of service.

Michael & April

Closed Country

What do they do? As tentmakers, Michael and April participate in ongoing survey and translation work focusing on reaching a specific unreached minority people group with the Gospel. The complicated language, along with trade languages, must be mastered to reach those in remote areas. They are part of a strategic partnership between various organizations seeking to serve the same language group.

Praises:

- For beautiful mountains, good relationships, renewed visas, an almost finished house, funds for a car, experienced teachers for their sons for 2 ½ months.

Prayer requests:

- For friends for their sons in the village.
- For their sons (5th grade and high school) as they are home schooled in the village.
- Increasing needs for their boys' education.
- For their village daughters who are struggling through young motherhood.
- For pending challenges regarding their visas.
- For the many demands on their time.
- For addressing weaknesses in their village home.

Beth Hanna

Mission Board: CAM International

Location: San Juan del Rio, Qro., Mexico

What does she do? Beth's ministry involves Bible studies, speaking at women's conferences, creating and providing new Spanish ministry resources to Christian workers in Mexico including lessons, Christian music, books, Bibles, etc. at discounted prices. Beth and her late husband Ken served for many years in Mexico. After his death she returned to serve alongside her Mexican and missionary friends.



Praises:

- For compliments on her web page (Obrerofiel) from Spain: "Your new web page is one of the best in the Spanish speaking world—maybe the best. The content is faithful to the Word of God and now you have made the design and presentation so attractive."

Prayer Requests:

- For wisdom as she uploads new materials, writes to authors, keeps in touch with editors and edits Obrerofiel.
- For the 9 ladies in her Bible study—for facility in memorization.
- For preparation for Oct. 31-Nov.3 as she gives three workshops for single women at a women's convention in Tasquillo.
- For finances for Obrerofiel as they continue to be very tight; for more editors.

Vic & Gwen

Closed Country

What do they do? Having ministered for 19 years with another mission, Vic and Gwen now provide Biblical training for Christians serving across cultures. They serve multiple agencies and organizations through workshop coordination, coaching and mentoring. They focus on working with emerging Asian organizations and facilitators as well as supporting established North American partner organizations working in the region.

Praises:

- For an excellent women's ministry conference that Gwen led recently.

Prayer Requests:

- For participants who have registered for their workshop in November in a neighboring country.
- For Vic as he coordinates 2 workshops in the upcoming months--for wisdom and guidance.
- For several facilitator reunions in November and December--for details and for those who attend.
- For their two adult sons living and working in the States.

Hangtimes

Oct 26—Paintball
 Nov 2—SMT Meeting
 Nov 9—Madagascar 2—Movie Night
 Nov 16—Turkey Fest
 Nov 23—None, Turkey Weekend
 Nov 30—Howland Home—FOOTBALL!



TODAY:

Paintball today!!! 2-5PM

Paintball today!!!! 2-5pm

This is what you've been waiting for! Meet us at Action Jacks at 1:30PM (Colfax, IA 1-80 exit 155), or meet at the church at 1:00PM if you need to carpool. Cost \$35 includes rental, air, 500 paintballs. Extra ammo \$20...for the diehards! And, don't hurt Howie too badly.

Have You...

The clock is ticking for those of you who have NOT done the following:

- Have you turned in your \$35 for JH Blitz? If your answer is no and you plan to attend, see Howie TODAY! You must have your money in before you can attend on Nov 7!
- Have you turned in your \$25 deposit for SH Turkey Trek? If your answer is no and you plan to attend, the deadline for turning in your deposit is Nov 1!

Don't miss these great events, gang!

What's Going On?

Heirborn Prayer Cards

Would you like to know how you can be praying for the students in Heirborn? Pick up a prayer card! Each card has the student's picture, name and interests. You can be praying for each one throughout the year! Our students need our prayers in their school lives and as they grow in their walk with Christ. Contact Howie today! mhowland@firstfederated.org or 255.2122

Dodge Ball

Mondays | 6:30-8:00PM *NEW TIME*

Yep! We're bringing it back! We have weekly match-ups on Monday nights, 6:30-8:00PM. Parents and youth leaders are welcome too! (basically anyone who loves dodge ball). Look for Heirborn vs. Hub match-ups during the school year!

For Moms—Moms' Prayer Group

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:15PM | RM 131 (Library)

Facilitators: Lori Blake & Julie Harper

If you are a mother of a senior / junior high youth, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to get together with other moms for encouragement and to pray for our youth. You can pick up a meal in Fellowship Hall and join us in prayer.

Turn in Your Schedules

Parents and/or teens please turn in, email, or call Howie with fall event schedules. The Howlands want to see your ball games, show choir concerts, etc... but we need to know when the events are, MHowland@FirstFederated.org

Wednesday Night Study | *It's Not About Me*

Teens may purchase their own copy of *It's Not About Me: Teen Edition* for \$8. See Howie or Julie to purchase the book. This is our study on Wednesday nights, beginning Oct. 8. We make every effort to summarize the book to students who do not purchase them, but the study is all the more valuable if the teens participate on their own as well.

In November

Truth About Guys

Nov 1 | 6:30PM

Join an awesome panel of godly ladies, watch Chad Eastham's "The Truth About Guys" DVD and come eat mass quantities of chocolate! For the ladies only!

Blitz!

Nov. 7 | 8PM

Have you ever wanted to go roller skating, rock-climbing, play broomball, and bowl all in one night? Throw in a mega rally, a stellar band and about 300 kids and you're well on your way to the fantasy-come-true known as BLITZ! The cost is only \$35 for all this crazy fun. Get all your friends together and sign-up! JH

MADAGASCAR 2

Sunday, Nov. 9

We like to move it, move it!!! Join us immediately following the 10:45AM worship service, and carpool together to Jordan Creek Town Center. Here we will eat at the food court and go see a 2:00ish showing of Madagascar 2.

It should be awesome! Cost:\$6

Turkey Fest!

Sunday, Nov. 16 | 4:00PM

This is something new - sign up to bring turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffin' and pies, all the good stuff that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner. We'll eat & have a great night of fellowship together with the folks from 60 plus. Then we'll have a time of worship and thankfulness together singing hymns they love and songs we love.

Turkey Trek! | Nov. 14-16

The winter retreat has moved! It is now back where it belongs as the beloved TURKEY TREK! We are going to Hidden Acres for an awesome retreat. Be ready to encounter the Lord and work together. Now included: gym, pool, and so much more! Sign-up in the Back Door! (SH Only) Chaperones / youth parents needed for this event. **Cost is \$75.** Deposit due Nov 1: \$25

Upcoming

November

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KZ Church

We all know the saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Today in KZ Church, we talked about lemons and how we handle the difficult things life sometimes tosses our way. Are we making lemonade? Or are we turning sour? Hmmm.



We also learned about Operation Christmas Child and we're excited to start packing shoe boxes for other children around the world!

All K-4th graders are invited to join us in KZ Church, whether your family is attending the Celebration Service or The River. Follow the colored footprints up the stairs to Room 240.

Do You See What I See?

Rehearsals begin TODAY for this year's Christmas production. All K-6th graders are invited to be a part of the choir—no auditions necessary. Rehearsal will be held in Room 240 (that's the KZ Church room) from 10:30 to 11:15AM. Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School and bring them directly to the KZ Church room for rehearsal. KZ Church will take place directly following rehearsal.



The performance date is Sunday, December 21.



We Love New Babies!

We love to pray for expectant parents and we love to celebrate the birth of each Federated baby. If you are expecting a baby, CONGRATULATIONS! Our Great Expectation Ministry (GEM) is ready to serve you. Please let us know your good news by writing a note on your Care and Communication Card or calling Mary in the Children's Ministry office at 255.2122.

WORLDVIEW WEEKEND'S

CODE BLUE RALLY

Renew Your Christian Worldview
 Saturday, November 15 | Auditorium
 5:30-9:00PM | Code Blue Rally

Admission to the rally is free, however you must register online and print a ticket for admission. Go to www.FirstFederated.org to register.

Got?

questions

the River
 a fresh-water worship experience

series begins October 26

- 10.26 Where Did I Come From?
- 11.2 Why Am I Here?
- 11.9 What's Wrong with This World?
- 11.16 Why Can't the Human Family Get Along?

Sundays | 10:45AM | Franklin Hall

The Road to Renewed Relationships

Sunday Mornings | 8:00AM & 10:45AM | Auditorium

- 10/19 When Giving Up is Winning
- 10/26 The Power of Forgiveness
- 11/2 The Purpose of Forgiveness
- 11/9 The Process of Forgiveness
- 11/16 The Platform for Forgiveness
- 11/30 A Rock that Blocks God's Blessing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Meal

Fellowship Hall | 5-6:15PM

Children (age 2-12) \$2 | Adults \$3 | Family \$10

Make reservations on the Care & Communication Card or call the church office before noon on Mondays.

Oct. 29: Tacos, Corn, Dessert



Daylight Saving Time

Be sure to change your clocks this Saturday, November 1! Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour.

Fall All-Church Clean-Up

We Need You & Your Family!

Saturday, November 1 | 8:00AM - 12:00PM

By Gary L. Jaehnel, Facilities Manager

That's right. We need you, your family and your tools to help with the Fall All-Church Clean-Up. We'll be hard at work on Saturday, November 1st from 8:00AM until noon. We have many work projects required to have our large facilities and 9 acres of grounds ready for the winter season. Projects will include raking, trimming, edging, filter changing, sweeping, cleaning, hauling, moving, etc. We have a multitude of outdoor and a few indoor projects to keep the entire family busy.

We also need some tools and equipment to help make the day a success. If you own any of the following, PLEASE bring it with you:



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hedge Trimmers (gas & electric) | Pruners (large & small) |
| Hand Saws | Weed-Eaters (gas) |
| Sidewalk Edgers (gas) | Leaf Blowers (gas) |
| Leaf Vacuums (gas) | Shredders (gas) |
| Chain Saws (gas) | Step Ladders (6' & up) |
| Rakes (leaf) | Shovels |
| Push Brooms | Buckets |
| Generators | Extension Cords |

Pick-Up Trucks (for hauling of tools and yard debris)

Open Top Trailers (for hauling of yard debris)

NOTE: In the event of rain, the Clean-Up will be rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8.

October

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OTHER NEWS

Thank you

The leaves are starting to fall and the temperatures are dropping, letting us know that summer has ended. I would like to say a special thank you to the few that gave of their time and talents to keep our 9 acres of grounds looking great this year. That includes the mowing teams, flower teams, spring clean-up participants, etc. All efforts helped with first impressions of people seeing and using our facility. If you didn't have the opportunity to plug in this summer, we hope you'll consider giving a few hours of your time next summer to help with our grounds maintenance.

Gary L. Jaehnel, Facility Manager

Men's Tuesday Night Basketball League

Sign-ups for the Men's Tuesday night basketball league will be held on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 following each of the morning services. Look for the sign-up table in the gym hallway.



Deacon of the Month

Paul Olson, 255.2122 ext 139

Our Deacons stand ready to help with the physical needs of the members and attenders of this fellowship. Should you have a short-term, emergency need, do not hesitate to call the church office and leave a message for the "Deacon of the Month." This ministry is made possible by your gifts to the Deacons' Fund.

Deaconess of the Month

Denese Gable | 255.4727

Our Deaconesses are available to the women of the church in areas of encouragement and spiritual support. If you need a listening ear and someone to pray with you, please call Denese.

Financial Report

Attendance 10/19/08

8:00AM 234
10:45AM 789

Budgeted Missions:

Year to Date: 9/1/08-present
Need \$37,962
Offering \$28,714
Shortage . . (\$ 9,248)

Mortgage

Current Balance \$355,628
Next Payment November 25

General Fund Offering

Last Week
Weekly Need \$34,419
Offering \$32,895
Shortage (\$1,524)
Year to Date: 9/1/08-present
Need \$240,933
Offering \$228,163
Shortage (\$12,770)