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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

The angles rejoiced as Tori Staats was baptized last Sunday.
It was an amazing Sunday.



Welcome to the family, Tori!

THANK YOU

**To all our 8 Ministry Teams
and their Leaders**

**Benevolence - Danna Snyder
Education - Angel Thompson
Fellowship - Penny Ray
Missions - Jim Bradbury
Outreach - Matt Thompson
Stewardship - Glenn Hadlock
Worship - Matt Thompson
Youth - Rob & Annette Millard**

"The Ultimate Gift"

"it is a love effort and a
love accomplished.

**The Ultimate Gift is going to
touch every heart."**

- TOM BOSLEY

DINNER and a MOVIE


Saturday, February 13

6:00 p.m.

All adults are invited to a FREE evening of food and entertainment. here at GCC. We will be having dinner, watch the DVD "The Ultimate Gift" and then have dessert.

Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

January Activities

<p>Spread The Word Youth Group (grades 7 - 12) Join us on Sunday, January 31 From 4 pm - 6 pm For a <i>Mystery Dinner</i></p> <p>Sign up at Spread the Word or contact Tracy Bowling by Monday, January 25 (440) 466-8289 or bowling5@windstream.net</p> <p>Spread the Word Youth Group grades 7 - 12 meets every Sunday at GCC from 4 - 6 pm.</p>	
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Faithful Friends
 Group activities for grades K-6

Schedule of Events:

- January 31st- Church Night- Songs, Games, and Lessons- Bring your friends and favorite games.
- February 28th- Sled Riding, Hot Chocolate, and Lesson
- March 28th - Service Project- Nursing Home Flowers
- April 25th -Church Night- Songs, Games, and Lessons
- May 23rd- Service Project- Landscaping and Church Cleaning



WINTER JAM 2010
 TOUR SPECTACULAR!
 CHRISTIAN MUSIC'S LARGEST ANNUAL TOUR!

ONLY \$10 AT THE DOOR!
 NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

Attention Youth
WINTER JAM 2010
 with Third Day, Newsboys, NewSong, Tenth Avenue North, Fireflight, Sidewalk Prophets, Robert Pierre, Revive and special guest speaker Tony Nolan.
 January 29 - Cleveland, OH - Wolstein Ctr.
 COST \$10 AT THE DOOR
 Sign-up on the back table by Jan. 22nd

50 & OVER LUNCHEON
Monday, January 18 at Noon
Start the New Year off with friends, fun, food and fellowship!

B.O.B.
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.
All men are welcome.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Robin Peck and Charles Ellis have been in our prayers for many months now. They are both struggling to cope with a disease that is both debilitating to their bodies and to their spirits. We are asking each of you to send them cards of encouragement (not get well), and not just one, but as many as you can during January and February. Let's let them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them daily. Let's help to lift their spirits and make their day a little brighter.

Robin Peck, 3852 Wheeler Creek Rd., Geneva, OH 44041
Charles Ellis, 443 Eastlawn St., Geneva, OH 44041

**JANUARY
NURSERY SCHEDULE**

24	Tracy Bowling
31	Nicole Brunzman / Jessica Fishley

**JANUARY
GOD'S LITTLE JUNGLE SCHEDULE**

	TEACHER	HELPER
24	Linda Branford	Mark Bowling
31	Neena Hutchinson	Dalton Cayen

**JANUARY
REIGN FOREST SCHEDULE**

	TEACHER
24	Angel Thompson
31	Danna Snyder

**JANUARY
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PUPPET TEAM SCHEDULE**

24	Mark Bowling	Angel Thompson
31	Dalton Cayen	Danna Snyder

**JANUARY
COMMUNION and OFFERING SERVERS**

24	Larry Smith * Rob Millard	Ralph Rees Dave Foote, Jr.
31	Dave Foote, Jr. * Don Bowling	Nelson Johnson Dave Ray

Matt's office schedule

These are not set in stone they can be made flexible to anyone who needs me with in the best of my abilities. (If I can not get to you, I will send someone or make phone contact.)

Mondays - Usual Day off (sometimes this schedule changes) Once a month I travel back and forth to Canton for a NOAH Board Meeting.

Tuesdays - Meetings and counseling days

Wednesdays - Meetings and counseling days

Thursday - Study out of office day (sermon prep) I can be Accessed through my cell phone.

Friday - P/ T study finishing up office work

Saturday- Meetings, Serving events, preparing for Sunday (I try to have most everything done so that by 4 pm I can start to wind down and prepare mentally for Sundays message. Once a Month to every other a month I try to have a Saturday free for my family)

Sunday -We'll see you that day or at least I hope you do. I publish this so you, as a congregation, have an idea when is the best time to find me in the office. I am of the believe that it is always good for the people to know what there pastor is doing generally (for ethical reasons details are private.) I want to thank everyone who prays for me daily. I appreciate it very much.

**JANUARY
SOUND SCHEDULE COMPUTER SCHEDULE**

24	Jim Bradbury	Danna Snyder
31	Jim Bradbury	Mark Bowling

**JANUARY
SPECIAL MUSIC**

24	Teri Brunzman
31	None

JANUARY

	PRAISE TEAM	KEYBOARD
24	Teri Brunzman's	Annette Millard
31	Annette Millard	Annette Millard

**JANUARY
GREETERS**

	INSIDE DOOR	OUTSIDE DOOR
24	Bernie Steighner Rose Colvin	Jeff Snyder
31	Sarge Branford Linda Branford	Larry Smith

INFORMATION UPDATES

We would like for everyone to use the VIP tear-off section to give the office some needed updates (even if we already have them). We need you and your family member's birthdays, your wedding anniversary and your Email. If you would like to receive prayer requests, please check the box. There will be a box on the back table in which to put them.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kimberly Brunzman**
- 5 Tina Naftzger**
- 6 Ben Brunzman**
- 7 Jason Johnson, Jr.**
- 12 Tyler Wetzel**
- 10 Pat Brunzman**
- 21 Shirley Foote**
- 22 Quinlan Cayen**
- 24 Joey Ryan**



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None



From Matt

Church, I don't know about you but when Jan.1, 2010 came around I was amazed that we have completed a decade since Y2K. As I look back on the past ten years, I see how God has blessed me so greatly.

First is having an amazing wife, that on Feb.3rd, I will celebrate 9 years of Marriage with my greatest supporter, Angel. She is an amazing wife who always keeps me believing in myself. **Second**, is that we have 2 amazing children,; Joshua who is 8 and Faith who just turned 6. Being a dad and being a husband has been probably, at times, two of the most challenging and stretching things I have ever done, however, they truly are two of the most remarkable things in my life. **Third**, I have grown as a servant of the Lord, and I am amazed at where I have grown and where God has taken me. With all of that said, I can't wait to be able to be able to reflect back when it's 2020 and to see what God has done in my life. I look forward to seeing the plans of my heart and the Lord's will prevailing.

Goal #1: To help all of our people "sharpen their iron" this year

For 2010 the visions, dreams and plans that we have for Geneva Church of Christ, the Church of Second Chances.

First for this year is to make sure and encourage everyone to be in the Word Daily. To accomplish this goal we are setting daily devotions up so that everyone can be a part of making this goal happen. As we do this, each month I will be preaching on a certain subject, and for this month the subject is **GROWING Face to Face with God**. Over the next 30 days we will be getting to know God. Sunday mornings will highlight that message topic.

Second, we want to strive to see that everyone is serving in a ministry here at GCC. Sunday Jan. 10 we had an amazing Sunday where we showcased all of our Ministry Teams, and you were given the opportunity to sign up to be part of a ministry here at GCC. At this moment we are in the process of getting together with each person who signed up and getting you connected with that ministry. I always get excited when I get to share this number, that right now we have a 70% plus rate of people serving in at least one ministry here at GCC.

Third is to engage and motivate our church to be excited about seeing churches and ministries started in other communities and countries.

Fourth, we are striving to grow our outreach as we have more people coming through these doors with many "suitcases" filled with "past and current life baggage and issues". They are coming here to find a *second chance* and are seeking a place for help to overcome addictions, struggles and weights that are pulling them down. We want to be able to have counseling services and support groups for the people who walk through these doors and become part of THE FAMILY.

Fifth, Danna and I have worked our salaries to help make it possible to bring on more staff that we believe will be an important addition to our teams. With that said, we are excited to say that this summer we will be giving an opportunity to Kimberly Brunsman to become our summer intern where she will be working with our 6th grade and under ministry. We also desire to bring in a p/t worship pastor to help us with leading our worship ministry. I believe these are two important additions that will help us as a congregation.

Sixth, we are working towards growing our small groups this year where people can fellowship together.

Seventh, we are striving this year to offer different seminars and trainings for people to help them gain important knowledge in vital life areas (ex: marriages, finances and parenting).

Eighth, is casting and implementing a vision to see our facility paid off in the next three years.

I realize that these may seem like BIG goals and visions, yet we have a **BIG GOD**. The only way we can attain these goals is for God's hand and blessing. I do believe HIS blessing and hand is on us. We need everyone to be on the same page, so on January 31st, after church, we will have a congregational meeting and carry-in-dinner. During this time we will talk about our visions, budgets and much more. Goal # 2 will come in next newsletter.

Pastor Matt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 , THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND A POTLUCK DINNER AFTER CHURCH. EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND.