

GURNEE COMMUNITY CHURCH Connect

DECEMBER 10, 2017

NEW ADULT CLASSES STARTING: We have several new adult classes starting up in January. Please visit the Adult Education table in the Narthex **TODAY** for information and signups. Two of the new classes are featured in today's NEXT STEP insert (see below).

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Sunday, December 24

10:45am

5:00pm

7:00pm



MEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3, 2018

SAVE THE DATE 2/3/18

Registration is now open at the GCC website

FAMILY EVENT: Caroling and Cookie Decorating : Saturday, **December 16.** 3-5pm.

Singing to seniors at Heritage Woods, then back to GCC for cookie decorating and hot chocolate!



Please register online at the GCC website

<http://gcchome.org/connect/family-ministry>



NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY EVENT: Sunday, **December 31** we will be having a New Year's Eve party and sleepover (optional!) for families with children aged 0 thru 5th grade. The party will go from 5:00-8:00 pm. There will be dinner, a missional outreach project and games. Those that stay for the overnight will have gym equipment, video games, movies, snacks, live countdown, breakfast in the morning and more! (Bring a tent to put up or just some sleeping bags). What a fun way to spend time with each other and avoid driving late at night! Sign up online or at the TruKids check-in desk.

SAVE THE DATE: At 6pm on Sunday, **January 14**, there will be a Service of Ordination for Pastor Paul in the sanctuary at GCC. All members and friends of GCC are invited to attend. Following the service, there will be a cake reception in the Family Life Center . More information coming next week.

VERITAS RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS: Veritas has it's youth Winter Retreat January 5-7 at Camp Timberlake, WI. Several students need financial help to be able to attend. Would you consider providing a \$100 scholarship to allow a student to attend? Checks should be made out to Gurnee Community Church and passed to Josiah Goering or the Church Office, clearly marked as Veritas Scholarship. Thank you

PANAMA SPONSORSHIPS: GCC youth have participated in several mission trips to Word of Life camp in Panama. The camping session is about to start there and scholarships of \$75 will provide a week of Christian Camp for a local needy child in Panama. GCC is providing several scholarships, but if you would like to sponsor a child, please visit give.wol.org/location/panama and select "Panama Camp Scholarship Project". Thank you!

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers for the following open positions. If you can help, please contact Janet Jorgensen at janetjorgensen@comcast.net

- volunteers to help set up and take down coffee bar.

- Bakers:

4th Sunday

- Ushers:

9:00 am - 3rd Sunday

9:00 am - 5th Sunday

10:45 am - 3rd Sunday

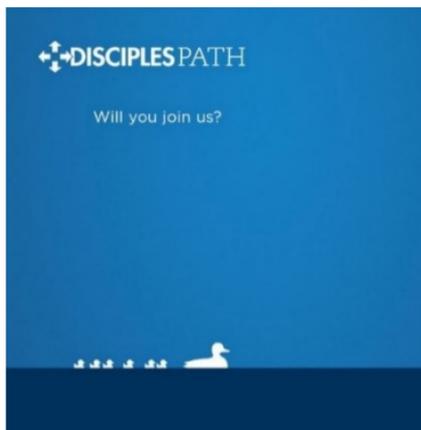
10:45 am - 5th Sunday

GCC POLOS ON SALE: Get the first shirt for \$20 and the second for just \$10! They make a great Christmas gift. Adult sizes Small to 3XL.



Order online at: <http://gcchome.org/resources/polo-shirts>.

Featured **NEXT STEP** Opportunity



A **Disciple's Path** is:

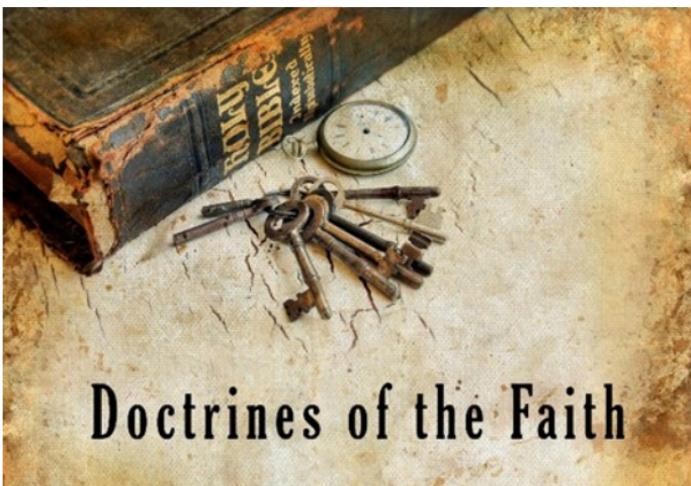
Progressive, Disciplined, Relational, Replicable

Salvation is not an event – it is a relationship with the God who saves. And this is a relationship that can grow and mature. That is, as believers, we are going somewhere – or at least we should be. This is not aimless wandering. A Disciple faithfully follows the path of Jesus.

Disciple's Path is a series of 5-6 week small-group based studies that will teach you what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. Eminently practical, this series explores the questions of: How do I make Jesus the center of my life? How do I connect with God in a deep and personal way? How do I model Jesus in my everyday life? Disciple's Path will strengthen your faith, deepen your understanding of what it means to truly follow Jesus Christ, and equip you with the tools to live faithfully in this life.

To register for Disciple's Path, stop by the table in the Narthex or visit gcchome.org. For more information contact paulkattner@gcchome.org.

NEXT STEP



[Doctrines of the Christian Faith](#)

What does Scripture teach us about the nature of God? What about humanity and our relationship with the God who created us? Did Jesus really have to die and how does atonement actually work? What is the means by which we come to faith and what confidence can that give us for our salvation? For that matter, is the Bible even reliable?

Join us beginning **January 11, 2018** for an in-depth **34-week** study of the Doctrines of the Faith. We will take a deep dive into Scripture to uncover the essential teachings of our Christian profession and consider how these beliefs shape the way we live in the world today.

In addition to a Thursday evening class session, this course requires out-of-class reading and study averaging a few hours per week (\$25).