

*the*Will

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Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday School: 9AM
Service Time: 10AM**

**October is Pastor
Appreciation Month!**

**Happy Birthday to those
born in October.**

**Save the Date:
GWCC's 15th Anniversary
1.4.20**

Bible Reading: Psalm 89:15-16

"How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all the day, and by Your righteousness they are exalted."

By Inspiration Ministries

Many of the immigrants who came to America in the 19th century were overwhelmed with the freedom they found to worship God. G.D. Hall was one of those who ministered to these grateful immigrants.

In August 1899, Hall led a series of services in a small prairie town where he "found a hunger after God's Word so intense it was seldom found elsewhere.

They had a great appetite for the Gospel.” An 80-year-old man “was so moved with blessedness after one meeting that he stood up and sang a solo to honor God.”

These people lived in sod houses and had “endured many severe trials.” But Hall found that their faith “has given them power to soar above it.” Many of the people were “poor but they are happy in Jesus and satisfied with their lot.”

Christians can learn many lessons from those immigrants. In the midst of our modern conveniences, we easily can focus on material comforts and feelings. But, as those immigrants found, our joy should not be related to our external circumstances. We can experience the joy of the Lord no matter where we are. No matter what is going on in the world or how much money we have, we can rejoice in Him.

Today, think about your life. Are you so focused on your circumstances that you have forgotten about God? Don't let anything distract you. Let the joy of the Lord fill your heart and mind. Do not place your hope in the possessions, pleasures, and rewards of the world.

Commit your life to God and start praising Him now. Worship Him. Sing to Him. And thank Him for all He has done for you.

REMINDER:

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Member's Corner



This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother Chris Walker.

Who introduced you to Christ?

My mom when I was about 15 years old but I didn't understand the decision I made at the time in life. I rededicated my life at the age of 25 when I understood.

When did you join GWCC?

I joined GWCC in May 2018.

What ministries do you participate in?

I participate in the Greeters, Men's, and Youth ministries.

What do you do for a living?

I am a truck driver

What are your hobbies?

Bowling, Cooking, Watch collecting.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Being able to see others involved in service; being taught the word of God; and being able to be seen as someone who wants to help or support in the ministry.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

Don't be afraid of letting go of your old life, and embracing the new one in Christ.

Recipe Corner: Caramel Apple Crisp

INGREDIENTS

- *Filling:*
- 8 cups sliced apples (5-6 large apples, we like Granny Smith or Honey Crisp)
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 14oz caramels (2 1/4 cups)
- 6 Tbsp. milk
- *Topping:*
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup oats
- 3/4 cup butter, soft 1 tsp cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. Peel and thinly slice the apples. Toss with the sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Pour into a greased 9x13" pan; set aside.
2. Mix caramels and milk in a glass bowl. Microwave until melted, stirring occasionally. Drizzle about half of the caramel sauce over the apples.
3. Combine topping ingredients in a small bowl till crumbly and spread evenly over apples and caramel.
4. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes, or till topping is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve with vanilla ice cream and the remaining caramel sauce.

Our Daily Bread

Who Am I?

Exodus 3:10-17

Dave enjoyed his job, but for a long time he'd sensed a pull toward something else. Now he was about to fulfill his dream and step into mission work. But strangely, he began to have serious doubts.

"I don't deserve this," he told a friend. "The mission board doesn't know the real me. I'm not good enough."

Dave has some pretty good company. Mention the name of Moses and we think of leadership, strength, and the Ten Commandments. We tend to forget that Moses fled to the desert after murdering a man. We lose sight of his forty years as a fugitive. We overlook his anger problem and his intense reluctance to say yes to God.

When God showed up with marching orders (Exodus 3:1–10), Moses played the I'm-not-good-enough card. He even got into a lengthy argument with God, asking Him: "Who am I?" (v. 11). Then God told Moses who *He* was: "I am who I am" (v. 14). It's impossible for us to explain that mysterious name because our indescribable God is describing His eternal presence to Moses.

A sense of our own weaknesses is healthy. But if we use them as an excuse to keep God from using us, we insult Him. What we're really saying is that *God* isn't good enough.

The question isn't *Who am I?* The question is *Who is the I am?*

By Tim Gustafson

Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call
Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number: 712-775-7031
Access Code: 443-268-839