

Weekly Events

Monday

- **Bible Study** —5:15-6:45p.m., 6:30-8:00 p.m., 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Library- Barb Miller, 382-1207
- **Women's Fitness Class** — 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Women's Walking Exercise** — 5:15 p.m. in Gym, For information call Pam at 380-3186
- **Caring & Sharing** Need a confidential listening ear or someone to pray with? Join Ella Mae in Room 101 at 7:00 p.m. Questions call 382-3047

Tuesday

- **Bible Study** —9:00-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

- **Bible Study**—6:45-8:00 p.m.

Thursday

- **"Free" Moms** — 9:00-11:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th Thurs. -Winnie Poland, 384-5234
- **Women's Fitness Class** —5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Gym - Contact Marylyn 382-7153

Looking Ahead

Fall Kick-off

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Lose It For Life

Begins Wednesday, September 9th (381-1489) or Thursday, September 10th (382-7153)
Call for more information

Ministry to International Students

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Women's Christmas Dessert Outreach

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Circles

Mary Martha Circle — Room 104

Beulah Nunnenkamp 384-1790 - Velma Fehr 382-2503
Meets 2nd Tuesday alternate months

White Cross — Room 104

Connie Jensen 382-1353 - Kathryn Holmberg 382-7048
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday - July - Oct.

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For all prayer requests, please call the church office - 382-1898 - or email ninas@giefc.org.

Women of the Light



Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world so if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12

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Sharing the Light...

Women's Ministries Leadership Team



Back Row L to R: Peggy Marker, Tami Bednar, Cheryl Dunagan; Front Row L to R: Winnie Poland, Marylyn Christenson, Laurie Clark, Connie Jensen; Not Pictured: Leanne Morris

The purpose of our GI EFC Women's Ministries is to encourage women in their pursuit of a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is to cultivate a safe and supportive environment, where women can deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and build godly relationships. To find out more about the opportunities available, check out the Women's Ministry link on the church website - www.giefc.org/womens/groups.php

"Women of the Light" exists for you to learn more about Women's Ministries at the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church. We hope it will help you feel more connected to what the Lord is doing through the Bible Studies, the outreach events, and the regular groups that meet together. Women's Ministries Leadership Team

Grand Island Evangelical Free Women's Ministries Website: giefc.org/womensministries

- National Evangelical Woman's Ministries website: efca.org/women

To receive the National Evangelical Free Women's newsletter, "Connections": efca.org/women/media/connections

Meet Mickee Neely

I grew up.....on a ranch on the eastern edge of the Sandhills - 80 miles north of Grand Island - north of Bartlett.

My family includes.... three adult children. Micole is a Physician Assistant in the Phoenix area. (A direct flight from GI sounds good to me.) Micah is in Omaha working & attending classes at UNO. His love for international culture led him to spend a year in China after high school, teaching, learning & traveling. He works in various ways with internationals in Omaha, especially with a ministry through his church. Morgan works in the Columbus area experiencing the ups & downs of finding his niche in life.

We took three babies into our home to love & care for. We continue to be blessed with involvement in their lives. Echo is now ten, WD (Dubby) almost eight, & Katelin almost eight, whom we've had since four weeks, is officially our very own. Rylan Christopher, our first grandson, is

five months & I might add has completely stolen our hearts!

Mike and I met.....when we were seniors in high school at Nebraska Christian. He had come all the way from Colorado, fishing for a wife.

He picked me out of the "school" after I borrowed his book during study hall. I put up a good fight but he finally snagged me after two years. The best catch of his life!! Or was that the other way around??

Most week days you will find me...in Grand Island, Columbus or somewhere in between. I work as a realtor in Columbus, work at maintaining two homes since we haven't sold ours in Columbus and as a wife, mom, and grandma!

My favorite way to relax is....time spent with friends & family while exercising, laughing, shopping,



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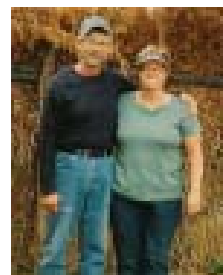


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Focus on Missions

“A Trust That Doesn’t Second Guess”

What Paul and Lori Schlick have done is huge. To pull up and leave everything, at a time of life when most people are



looking to settle down to a secure, comfortable retirement, may seem crazy to many. However, what I witnessed consistently in them was a simple confidence that trusts in the wisdom, love and faithfulness of God - a trust that doesn't second guess, but accepts the calling with joy and anticipation, and is content to leave other details in

God's hands. As is normal and necessary, they will grieve for home, friends and family left behind, but they will not get stuck in that grief. They are clearly looking forward to and are eagerly embracing the life that God has in store for them. For updates about their ministry go to <http://zambiatheistnextstep.com>

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drinking coffee, etc., snuggling with my grandson, joining my mom & sisters for a pedicure to name a few.

My hobbies include.....running, cooking, entertaining....

A fact most people don't know about me is....I hold the record for fastest old woman (50 & up) in the Columbus Downtown Runaround. I was trying to keep up with my daughter who won the fastest woman in Columbus a few years ago. I hope you find we both do have more honorable goals in life!??

If I could go anywhere in the world...I have traveled a lot of the US but have always thought someday I would like to venture out. A lot of places intrigue me such as England, Europe, New Zealand, or back to China sometime with my son, Micah. Micole, our daughter, just visited Greece & the Isle of Crete & Mediterranean Islands & had a great experience.

My biggest challenges right now are....watching my children flounder in learning to fly having just left the nest, caring for parents, keeping up with two houses.

The Scripture I love most right now is....(a question I always struggle to answer because there is no narrowing down). Right now I am feeling like I so desperately want to dig my heels in & refuse to be shaken (I know most, if not all, of you can relate). "God is my refuge & strength, a very present help..I will NOT fear, though the earth should change....." Psalm 46:1-2

Any parting shots you think we might need/want to know.....I love my role as your pastor's wife! I have always been amazed at how God has so prepared me & orchestrated my life including bringing me to GIEFC. I can hardly believe it's been almost a year. I feel like we've only begun our journey together & look forward to getting to know you all & ministering together.

Looking Forward to Fall...

You are Invited to Women's Ministries

Fall Kick-Off

What: Come and learn about our fall Bible studies and other ministry opportunities

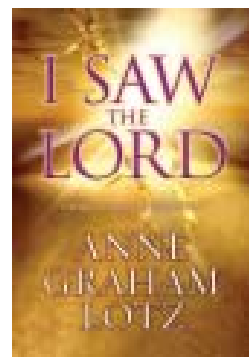
When: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

When: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Chapel

Please join us as we kick off our activities for another year.

Fall Bible Study



Pre-registration is required. You can obtain a registration form at one of the Information Desks or register at the Kick-off on August 19th.

Classes begin the week of August 24, 2009

- Ten week study
- Cost - \$12.00 - (\$15.00 after August 20th)
- Class Times:

Monday – 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

or - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. beginning August 24th

Tuesday – 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. beginning August 25th

Wednesday – 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. beginning August 26th

Questions - call Tami at 381-8297

Summer Highlights

Spa Night

On May 26th, Free Moms and the Young Life Café Adult Community Class hosted a spa night for single moms, new moms, and pregnant ladies.

Pedicures, manicures, facials, and massages were offered free of charge, as well as, free childcare. A relaxing environment with candles, soft music, etc... was made even better with a variety of chocolate desserts and fruit.

All the ladies were given a

bookmark entitled "God's Promises for Mothers..." and bath salts to take home with them. The ladies who enjoyed the spa night were thrilled. "It feels so good to be pampered" and "The massage was fabulous" were a few of the many comments. Our primary goal was to show the love of Christ through our service to these moms. It was a great night of serving and pampering!!



Taking the Next Step

On June 14th our Women's Ministries sponsored a tea for high school graduates and their moms. The theme was

"Taking the Next Step" signifying moving forward in life in the spiritual sense. College students, Dana Coddington and McKenzie Bednar provided useful and insightful information for

transitioning into college life. The advice included suggestions for living a life that honors God. The girls were presented with a personal devotional basket and a cookie decorated with the words "God bless your next steps." Our Women's Ministries is committed to praying for these young ladies as they head off to college or begin a vocation.

Food, Fun & Fellowship

It was "Girl's Night Out" July 16th at the home of Lori McMahon. Twenty-four women shared a wonderful salad supper and their latest summer vacation destinations. It was a relaxing night of fellowship with new and old acquaintances. We hope it will be an annual summer event, providing women with an opportunity to build relationships.

