



# Grace Notes

SEPTEMBER 2008



## DIRECT ACCESS IS BACK!

### The Fall Season of Direct Access Kicks Off September 13

My favorite season is summer. If summer is your favorite season you're probably dreading the fact it's coming to an end. But with the end of the summer season we begin a brand new season... and I'm not talking about fall. On Saturday, September 13, we kick off a new season of Direct Access. I'm looking forward to the exciting new season of Direct Access. Direct Access meets the second and fourth Saturdays (6-7 PM) of the month. Our mission *is to lead our community into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.* We need you to partner with us to make this mission possible. Here are five ways you can be involved in Direct Access this season:

#### Invite your friends! Whom can you invite to Direct Access?

It's always amazed me that although I want to invite my friends and family to church, I still feel nervous when inviting them. Maybe it's the fact that we all feel a bit nervous when talking about things that are important to us. The truth is, when you invite a friend to join you for church they very often will come, and even if they cannot, they'll appreciate the fact that you thought of them. Be bold and share an invitation.

#### Come to Direct Access! Have you visited Direct Access?

Please come and enjoy the outstanding music, enjoy the sweet fellowship, and be challenged in the Word. Direct Access is built to be a **meaningful worship experience for folks at all points of their faith journey.** We want to see new and seasoned believers like you encouraged and challenged at Direct Access! Please come and experience it for yourself.

#### Help out in any way that you can. Can you serve at Direct Access?

Your helping hands and servant hearts would be valued in so many ways at Direct Access. You can serve at Direct Access as a greeter, hospitality attendant, childcare volunteer, utility person, etc. If you see ANYTHING that needs to be done - a piece of paper that needs to be picked up, a person who needs a question answered, a restroom that needs to be cleaned - I encourage you to "just do it."

#### Please be Praying. Will you pray for Direct Access?

Just think of it: Because of Christ our past is forgiven, our life is worth living and we have a future in heaven! Romans 3:22 says, "We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done." (NLT) What a message we have to share. Pray that all of us would be moved out of our comfort zones and invite people to church. Pray God would be glorified through the Ministry of Direct Access.

#### Stick around after Direct Access (9/13) for pizza and a lot more.

#### Are you in a small group?

Following Direct Access on September 13, join us for a pizza extravaganza and the first ever small group mixer! This is a *great* way to plug into a group for the fall. You can talk to the leaders, find out about the groups, and figure out what works for your schedule. Then go home knowing your connected to a small group and ready to go!

### Special Dates

- ♦ **September 7**  
*Church Picnic  
GTI Kick-off*
- ♦ **September 9**  
*Council Meeting*
- ♦ **September 13**  
*Direct Access*
- ♦ **September 16**  
*Missions Committee Meeting*
- ♦ **September 26 & 27**  
*Women's Ministry Workshop*
- ♦ **September 27**  
*Direct Access*
- ♦ **September 28**  
*Missions Luncheon*

### Sermon Series: Real Values for Real Ministry- Core Values for Glenview EFC

#### How do core values contribute to ministry success?

They encourage commitment, enthusiasm, and effort among the members. They give people incentive to work harder. They promote innovation, creativity, and risk-taking. They facilitate better communication, decision-making, and evaluation.

That is Aubrey Malphurs answer. He writes extensively on church leadership. We are going to take seven weeks to learn the seven values that we as the Elders and staff have prayed, talked, argued, sautéed and baked through the summer. It all starts next week with **Biblical Authority.**

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## PRAYER WALK UPDATE

This month our Prayer Walk depends on **YOU**.

I'd like you to take **one hour** to walk your neighborhood to pray.

I'm going to make a special challenge for **September 14**.

Just pick up the instruction card **next Sunday** and set aside one hour this month.

We can cover more than **100 miles** in prayer, but we need you.

Pastor Manny

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## CHURCH PICNIC

*Come out for food, fun and fellowship after the 11am service.  
Join in some family games, softball and volleyball.*

*JOHNS PARK  
2101 Central Road, Glenview*

*SEPTEMBER 7  
12:30 - 6:00 pm*

*If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish.*

*If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.*

*The main dish will be provided.*

*Everyone should bring their own beverages.*

*Grab your lawn chairs, blankets and outdoor toys.*

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## Living a Life of Joy In An Upside Down World

Enjoy a fast-paced spiritual / practical and  
fun  
two-day conference

Friday, September 26 and  
Saturday, September 27



Introducing our new Band  
**Heavenescence**

Meet our Speakers: *Annette Horton and Ardie Johnson*

**Annette** for the past nine years, has been serving as AIM's US African Ministries Team Personnel Coordinator. Her current responsibilities include leading the team, working with Africans who has come to America as refugees, immigrants and students, and running the home she lives in (owned by AIM) as a guest house.

**Ardie** went to South Africa with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) and worked at the Hospital and Clinic for 15 years. Then there was a need for a bookkeeper at the headquarters in South Africa and Ardie moved to Johannesburg to fill that need. In 1994, following furlough, Ardie worked at TEAM in Wheaton as the Medical Benefits coordinator. Following nearly 40 years of service she retired in 2007.

### Schedule

#### Friday - Sept. 26

Registration 5:30 - 6:15

- 6:10p Welcome
- 6:30 Dinner - *Giordano's Pizza*
- 7:00 Dessert / Announcements
- 7:15 Skit
- 7:30 Testimony -
- 7:45 Worship Team
- 7:50 Guest Speaker - Annette Horton**  
*"Receiving a Beautiful Gift in an Ugly Wrapping"*
- 8:50 Worship Team
- 9:00 Close
- 9:15p - 11:15 - Games, Fellowship & snack

#### Saturday - Sept. 27

- 7:00a - Prayer Breakfast Ardie Johnson
- 7:30 - Registration
- 8:00 - Worship Team
- 8:15 - Skit
- 8:30 - Testimony
- 8:45 - Worship Team

- 9:00 - Guest Speaker - **Annette Horton**  
*"Turning Daily Disappointments Into Joy"*
- 10:00 - 11:00 Workshops on Track I**
- 11:05 - 12:05 Workshops on Track II**
- 12:15 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Worship Team
- 1:15 - Guest Speaker - Ardie Johnson**
- 2:15 - 3:15 Workshops on Track III**
- 3:20 - Afternoon Tea in Gym
- 3:25 - Worship Team
- 3:40 - Guest Speaker - Ardie Johnson**
- 4:50 - Closing

#### Track I at 10:00 Saturday

Workshop A - *Raising a large family with a small budget in a small family with a large budget world.* Julie Kirby is the speaker meeting in Room 201.

Workshop B - *Living a Life of Purity in a Dirty World.* Keyla Arzet is the speaker meeting in Room 202.

Workshop C - *How to Invest Biblically in a Chancey World.* Rita Gaskins is the speaker meeting in the Hospitality Room.

#### Track II at 11:05 Saturday

Workshop A - *How to Raise a Happy Family in a Hectic World.* Wendy Pritchard is the speaker meeting in Room 201.

Workshop B - *Living a Life of Retirement in a Leisure Minded World.* Barb Blasco is the speaker meeting in Room 202.

Workshop C - *Ethics and Legal Issues in a Drug Based World.* Alma Labunski is the speaker meeting in The Hospitality Room.

#### Track III at 2:05 Saturday

Workshop A - *Living a Life of Frugality in a Wealthy World.* Betsy Schweers is the speaker meeting in Room 201

Workshop B - *Promoting Cultural Competence in Dealing with Cognitive Changes.* Alma Labunski is the speaker meeting in the Hospitality Room.

Workshop C - *Dressing Modestly in an Undressed World.* Grace Zaya is the speaker, Meeting in Room 202.

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## MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Our latest Joshua Center visit—what a thrilling time for all of us visitors to our Women’s guest “Home”. Flanked by six colleagues, women guests and staff, we experienced a most unique evening of testimony from Keith Valenziano and a dynamic gospel message via Bud and Ellen Swanson’s role playing. Our guests were mesmerized, impacted and apparently blessed by their ministry that night. We need YOU to join us. Please mark your calendar NOW, take one evening and join us on our next visit, November 11, 2008.

Other exciting ventures to report are that all school supplies for Salem Christian School were submitted and delivered the week of August 18. Again, many, many thanks for your continuing generous support for these needy children.

New Moms (another missions agency) celebrates their 25th Anniversary celebration dinner and program at Moody Bible Institute on September 12, 2008. Make your reservations to attend. Church family members can travel together pending your availability.

Looking further ahead, Kalman and Annamarie Dobos (our missionaries with Transworld Radio on furlough) will be visiting Glenview on September 21. Newcomers can get to know this dynamic couple by joining us for a Missions Committee hosted luncheon following the second service. Just bring a side dish, contribute \$3.00 and come to Room 201 at 12:30 pm.

Also, save the following dates for other upcoming events; specific details regarding participation will be forthcoming:

**9/25/08:** *Lydia Home Association* (another one of our mission agencies) is hosting a fund raising “coffee and…” at their Chicago facilities at 4300 W. Irving Park Road at 7:00 pm. Come and join us for a fun evening with many others guests.

**10/19/08:** *Carl Johnson*, Trinity International University’s Vice President for Development and Church Relations (one of our mission agencies) will give us an updated report that morning at the Church..

**11/09/08:** *Dr. Keith and Judy Anderson*, missionaries with EFCA ReachGlobal will present an updated report of goings on in Costa Rica with the Latin American training Network.

**01/11/09:** *Nick and Keyna Castellucio*, missionaries with Campus Crusade at Northwestern University, Evanston, will provide us with a report from their ministry.

**02/15/09:** *Clyde and Becky Porter*, missionaries with EFCA Reach Global in Mexico, will join us for the weekend.

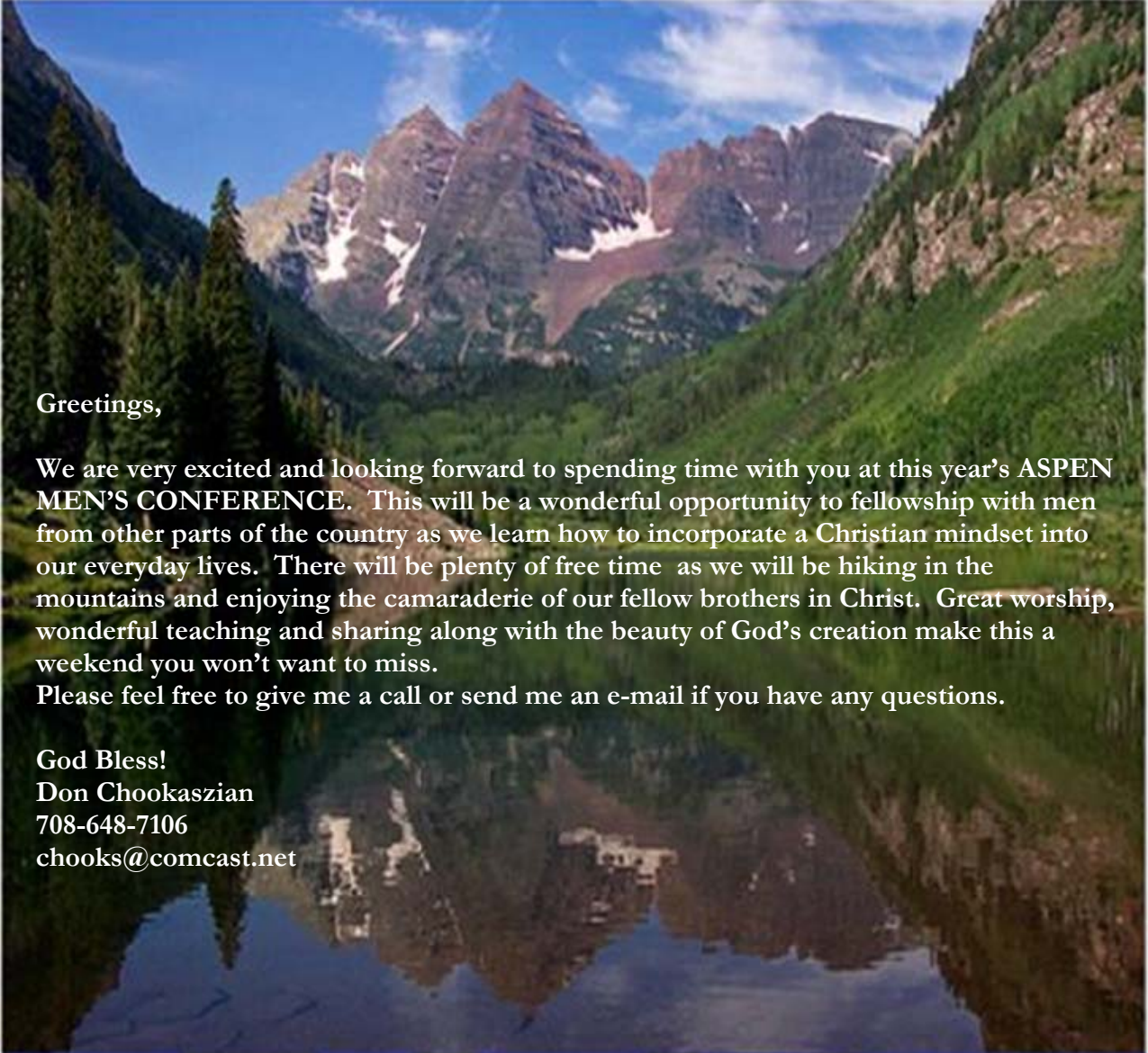
**March 2009:** We look forward to having the *Slaytons* (missionaries with AIM in Mozambique) visit Glenview, specific dates to be determined.

**April 25-26, 2009:** *Glenview EFC* will host our Annual Missions Conference which highlights ASIA—including India, China, Japan, Korea, Philippines and more.

Although we eagerly anticipate many initiatives ahead, we know that you will want to consider those dates and join us for as many of those as you are available. Dr. Alma J. Labunski, Missions Chair

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## MEN'S MINISTRIES



Greetings,

We are very excited and looking forward to spending time with you at this year's ASPEN MEN'S CONFERENCE. This will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with men from other parts of the country as we learn how to incorporate a Christian mindset into our everyday lives. There will be plenty of free time as we will be hiking in the mountains and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow brothers in Christ. Great worship, wonderful teaching and sharing along with the beauty of God's creation make this a weekend you won't want to miss.

Please feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail if you have any questions.

God Bless!

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**aspenmen's conference**

conference for men Oct. 16-19, 2008

**[www.aspenmensconference.wordpress.com](http://www.aspenmensconference.wordpress.com)**

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## September Birthdays

09/01	Darlene Schofield	09/14	Danielle Appel
09/03	Rich Blasco	09/16	Beth LaGioia
09/04	Paulette Andrea	09/16	Haley Toter
09/04	Ron Gaskins	09/18	Kristin Johnson
09/04	Chris LaGioia	09/18	Adam Olen
09/04	Nancy Schroepfer	09/20	Eric Macwan
09/04	Michael Simons	09/21	Lauren Hildebrand
09/06	Joy Ens	09/21	Johanna Rocha
09/08	Marie Pedersen	09/22	Andre Colorina
09/08	Naomi Makino	09/25	Sue Brown
09/08	Art Noll	09/25	June Smith
09/10	Andrew Tener	09/26	Luke Brenner
09/11	David West	09/27	Florence Svenson
09/12	Pam Ajami	09/28	Mary Jane Van Dyke
09/13	Brendon Anthony	09/29	Rita Gaskins
09/13	Tyson Anthony	09/29	Tom Robertson
09/13	Stephney Bazi	09/30	Sarah Wagner
09/13	George Schroepfer		
09/13	Tori Toter		
09/13	Mea Toy		

## September Anniversaries

09/06	Thomas & Akiko Langford
09/07	Lewis & Peggy Townsend
09/12	Jack and Renee Diamond
09/15	Hiroyuki & Hitomi Hirunuma
09/17	Ed & Lorraine Calahan
09/20	Arthur and Beverly Brown
09/22	Douglas & Crystal Offermann
09/22	Jack & Denise Clark
09/25	Frank & Grace Tessien III
09/27	Don & Karen Moorad

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## ODDs and ENDS

September 20 -Yuki Ohigashi & Stephen Lee Wedding

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### Information

If you would like to include information in next month's Grace Notes, please send an email to the church office by the 20th of the month. Send information to [gefc1@comcast.net](mailto:gefc1@comcast.net) or drop it off in the church office. Please be sure to put "Grace Notes" in the subject line.



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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 am Men's Prayer 8:00 am Womens Ministries Workshop/Prayer 10:15 am Ladies Bible Study
7 <b>Communion Sunday &amp; Benevolence</b> 8:15 am Service 9:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Service 6:30 pm High School Impact <b>CHURCH PICNIC</b>	8	9 9:30 am MOM's Group 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 6:45 pm Prayer & Bible Study	11 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm Middle School Accelerate	12 7:00 pm Assyrian Bible Study	13 7:30 am Men's Prayer 10:15 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 pm Direct Access and Small Group Mixer
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