

News From Around the GPC  
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Over the past three months, GPC churches are finding ways to reach *out* to those in their communities. Pastor Larry Sadowski reports that the Macksville FMC successfully hosted a Fried Chicken Dinner and entertained 75 guests. Watch out KFC!! Golden Plains in Newton is involved in making sleeping bags for the homeless in their area. 100 people attended a Family Skate night held by the McPherson FMC Children's Ministries Department. Good job, People, in discovering new ways to become *entangled* in your neighborhoods!

God is at work *within* the body of believers, too! Pastor Terry Stafford and his congregation at Pratt rejoice in the physical healing of a young woman who has been declared "cancer free". Another individual made a remarkable recovery after a hip replacement. Pastors Hink and Kristen at Wichita Northwest reported on their FB page that they received three new members and baptized four people on Easter Sunday. Several churches combined had more than 200 visitors to worship services—*pre-disciples* to be loved and drawn in to the body.

Pastors within the GPC were privileged to experience two quality training events over the past two months. Dr. Stephen Gray led workshops highlighting four topics: *Falling in Love with the Church*, *Proper Ecclesiology*, *Vision Drift*, and *Outreach and Visibility—Critical Issues*. In their evaluations, participants expressed the desire for similar training on a regular basis.

Central Christian College's *Cheney Lecture Series* hosted Dr. Jerry Walls as the guest speaker. His presentations: "*What's wrong with Calvinism?*" and "*Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*" were excellent, and generated great academic discussion.

Pastor Lewis Smith and his congregation in Manhattan are excited to have renovations beginning on their building. Some of their improvements include a new roof and the installation of a chairlift.

Welcome, Pastor Roger Harris! Roger has been approved by the Ministerial Education & Guidance Board to serve at the FMC in Bucklin, KS. After several years of rotating pulpit supply, the congregation is excited to receive consistent preaching and leadership.