

NICC Weekly August 13, 2025
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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.
Colossians 2:6-8

Spiritual Fullness in Christ

The foundation of all of Paul's teaching was the sufficiency of Christ and Christ alone for salvation. Yet in the early church Judaism continued to push the ritual and adherence to the law. New Gentile converts attempted to establish their own rules and traditions as well. A move that only serves to diminish the blessings and salvation that Jesus purchased for us. If we have spiritual fullness in Christ then to add anything to our salvation we must ignore or reduce what he has supplied!

It is an easy trap to fall into and many today are lured into it, sometimes unaware of the depravity that goes along with it. Every few years there seems to be a surge in the revelation of "hidden" or "ancient" wisdom. By following this path or way of thinking one can become righteous, or perfect or good. It lures you into thinking that you are worthy of salvation because of who you are and what you are capable of rather than what Christ did and accomplished for you.

Paul rightfully cautions the church to be aware and wary of the ways of the world and their philosophy. Instead encouraging the church to seek to live within the sufficiency and fullness of Christ. There is nothing you can add to or take away from it.

Rather than chase after these other things Paul encourages us, if we have received Christ Jesus, to continue to live our lives "in Christ." Being built up, strengthened in the faith and flowing with thankfulness. Filled with that why would we try to add anything else?

Blessings

Pastor Ken

**The 164th Children's Fair
Saturday August 16, 2025!**

The fair begins at 10am. Come and see all that this community fair has to offer. A children's area, food, books, plants, baked goods and live music! We are still looking for a few more volunteers for the 130-330 time slot for the Children's Area (games/facepainting) Please message Jennifer Sikkila through FB Messenger to sign up. Make sure you grab your free backpack to hold all your treasures.

Church Calendar

Thur 8/14	Fr 8/15	Sa 8/16	Su 8/17	Mo 8/18	Tu 8/19	08/20/25
5-9pm Boy Scouts		9-3 NICC	10am Worship		6-7pm Girlscouts	1030-1230 Senior Fellowship
Children's Fair set up	Children's Fair set up	Children's Fair	Children's breakdown begins			

Wednesday Senior Fellowship

Come at 1030 to visit, stay till 12 noon for lunch.

Our lively group continues to grow! Conversation, laughter and sharing information- its a great social time to get you out and about.

The lunch is always pretty good too.

At the River's Edge

“At the River’s Edge” is an intensive online Bible Study. We meet each Wednesday at 630pm on Zoom.

Cordell Wells leads this week
Email Pastor Ken for the link.

Church Surveys!

The search committee has extended the opportunity for you to complete the church survey for another two weeks. Please use the QR code below or pick up a hard copy from the back of the sanctuary as soon as possible. A representative from the 4C's will be visiting soon to better understand the needs of the church and what type of candidate we are searching for. Don't miss this chance for your voice to be heard.



Baptism!

On August 10th at 9am

Nicole, Kylie and Leevi Mattson were baptized into the faith and became the newest members of NICC. We're glad you're here!



The Cash Cow!

Kevin and the staff at St Vincent De Paul extend their heartfelt appreciation for all those who have donated funds to purchase ½ gallons of milk. You can continue to donate directly to them or through Margie Brown

Pastor's Schedule August 14-20

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9-5 NICC Office Open	9-5 NICC Office Open	9am NICC Children's Fair 2pm Chingor Child Dedication FBCF	10am Preaching Greenville Community Christian Church	9-5 NICC Office 630 Board Mtg Heritage Christian	Off Office Closed	9-5 NICC Office 630 ATRE Bible Study zoom

Just a note: The final full office day for Pastor Ken will be Monday August 25th.

August 27th ½ day: 1-5pm

Tuesday August 26th and Saturday August 30th are moving days.



Sunday August 17th

Karyn Veaser, our Deacon of Women's Ministry will be bringing the message for our worship service this week. Expect it to be a short one! Immediately following worship the breakdown and clean up of the Children's Fair begins. Please dress accordingly!

Preaching Schedule for August

August 17th Karyn Veaser

August 24th Allison Rivera

August 31th Pastor Ken

Financial Health

Monthly recurring expenses June: \$5,791.58

Date	General Fund	Building Fund	Total	Special Gift
08/03/25				
08/10/25				

Children's Fair Set Up!

This Sunday August 10th is a dress down day!

The set up of the Children's Fair begins immediately following our Worship Service.

Dress comfortably and “gird up your loins” for work!

Set up continues throughout the week.

CF Calendar Raffle

Winners are being selected every day! Look for Karyn Veaser on Facebook to see if you are a winner!

Building Fund!

We have several capital projects that need to be addressed soon!

New Septic System

Siding replacement

Roof repairs

Parking lot paving

Please designate your gift as “Building Fund” whether on line or in the offering.

Opportunities to serve!

Children's Bulletin Art! Signup outside the Sunday School classroom.

Email your art work to naomimay2015@yahoo.com

Senior Fellowship Lunch. See Naomi Petersen if interested in providing a meal.

Farewell Sermon and Lunch

August 31st will be Pastor Ken's last Sunday here at NICC.

Bring something to share and please plan on staying after worship to say goodbye over lunch!