

2011 GIC Feedback Results  
 Epworth UMC  
 April 10, 2011

<u>Question</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Did you participate in the GIC? High Points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowing that I want to be "On Mission" with Jesus and understanding what that means</li> <li>2. Listening to the stories about Blue Monarch</li> <li>3. Watching everyone put their pledges in the baskets. I'm so proud to be a part of something so big and wonderful that honors and serves God.</li> <li>4. The International Supper</li> <li>5. Meeting and talking with missionaries. Hearing about their work.</li> <li>6. Meeting the Tan Family and having a 2-hour time with them.</li> <li>7. Women's lunch, Sunday a.m. service and Sunday school. Listening to the missionaries from Blue Monarch and Mark and Linda Lemmons.</li> <li>8. Meeting the missionaries.</li> <li>9. Sunday Sermon.</li> <li>10. Friday night music.</li> <li>11. Women's luncheon.</li> <li>12. Lamplighter's Luncheon. Blue Monarch.</li> <li>13. Meeting missionaries, especially Keith although he went long.</li> <li>14. Men's Breakfast</li> <li>15. Friday evening and Sunday morning.</li> <li>16. Speakers and mission person's talks.</li> <li>17. Sunday school missionary speaking was excellent and one-on-one.</li> <li>18. Missionary Forum. Susan Smith's Offertory anthem.</li> <li>19. Worship services</li> <li>20. Sunday morning, but still too long.</li> <li>21. Chip</li> <li>22. Hearing the visiting missionaries.</li> <li>23. Keith Wheeler-awesome!</li> <li>24. Friday night speaker, Keith Wheeler</li> <li>25. Keynote speakers were great, missionaries inspiring.</li> <li>26. Keith Wheeler's message. Susan Binkley from Blue Monarch.</li> <li>27. Sunday Servie.</li> <li>28. When Mr. Wheeler talked.</li> <li>29. Yes, I was here for the Sunday morning service.</li> <li>30. We could only attend Friday and Sunday. Friday was awesome! The music and lesson were incredible! I could feel Jesus spirit flowing!</li> <li>31. The time spent with missionaries, both in service and around the table.</li> <li>32. I only attended Friday night, the speaker was excellent!! Enjoyed the interviews with missionaries.</li> <li>33. Speakers during worship.</li> <li>34. Friday night speaker; missionary forum.</li> <li>35. Hearing missionaries.</li> <li>36. Friday night.</li> <li>37. Speakers</li> <li>38. Displays; one-on-one conversing; small group presentations.</li> <li>39. The speakers!!!!</li> <li>40. Ladies luncheon.</li> <li>41. Men's breakfast.</li> <li>42. The Sunday Service was great (but long). I also enjoyed the missionary Q&amp;A panel.</li> <li>43. Keith Wheeler</li> </ol>	50	8

- What would you suggest could be improved?
1. Length of services (too long).
  2. Scheduling and timing of events could be improved.
  3. Music from small group too long on Friday night.
  4. Be realistic about time allocated for different aspects of program.
  5. Less food offerings. There is way too much food demanded by a few cooks.
  6. It was overall very good.
  7. Less hype.
  8. Communications about the weekend and activities overdone.
  9. Start services on time and have a realistic schedule. Friday night said it would end at 8:30, but speaker hadn't been introduced at 8:30.
  10. Too much food preparation.
  11. Too much food preparation.
  12. Music. Didn't like so much modern music.
  13. Fewer services-condense. Sunday morning service too long. Too much emphasis on food.
  14. Be more understanding of participants time.
  15. Music was a bit much. The Praise Team sang too many songs.
  16. More time to visit mission displays. Music outside of sessions.
  17. More traditional music.
  18. Communication promoting the event.
  19. Should be 2 days not 3
  20. The Friday night band. The Friday night speaker.
  21. Time management in services. Edit music.
  22. No Sunday night activity.
  23. Not all contemporary music--some traditional hymns needed, less music if speaker is going to talk so long (Keith Wheeler).
  24. Services should be shorter. Many people had negative feelings about the length of the services. There was too much going on.
  25. Good job.
  26. Nothing
  27. Make the Faith Promise more about time/action commitments and less about monetary commitments.
  28. I just would like to be prepared for length with children. It was too long for them. No one but Jesus could have pried me away. My children liked and learned from much of the night; just the length for them was trying. (No complaining). Perhaps organizing something for the children would be good. I know this is hard because no one wants to miss it. Maybe short time periods for parents to trade out??? (Just suggesting). Can help with some volunteer jobs next year. Christi Stallings.
  29. Much better communication about all aspects.
  30. The music was enjoyable and uplifting, but too much (band). The whole service was wonderful but needed to be a little shorter.
  31. Worship services should not be longer than 8:30 p.m.
  32. More time with missionaries to here about their calling and their ministries. Worship services too long. Too much music, not enough time for speakers.
  33. Less praise music; more hymns.
  34. Better communications overall.
  35. More follow-up past one season.
  36. Nothing, it was awesome!
  37. Saturday night banquet changed to Sunday luncheon and no Sunday night.
  38. Length of services
  39. I'm not sure the extra Sunday nite service is a good idea. I think a lot of people were wiped out by then, but maybe that was b/c of the funeral.

40. Some pieces too long.

If you did not participate, what would/could you suggest that would encourage you to be a part of this celebrations?

1. Other issues prevented by participation.
2. It is so much. I have trouble deciding to participate in just parts of it. This is my issue. Don't change just for me.
3. Once a year is quite a bit. I feel as though once every 2 to 3 years would be good. We should take good care of our first missions for 3 years.
4. To have this at another time of the year; spring is a very busy time of year for my family.
5. Tell more about what you are going to do.

#### Other Comments

1. I loved the speakers and wouldn't want to cut their time. My children still talk about the things they heard/learned.
2. Leave some room for spontaneity
3. Someone I overheard say that they volunteered, but were never told what or how they were to do their job.
4. All of the missionaries were very good except one who talked too much saying the same thing.
5. Don't think we should have the GIC because people are confused by it and giving decreases on the regular budgeted side and I don't support the majority of the missions because they are not local.
6. Just way too much food demand. It was exhausting and made for an unpleasant weekend.
7. Women's luncheon-Too many cooks in the kitchen that had no business with the Women's Lunch and only purpose was to tell us what to do.
8. GIC should be one day; way too long.
9. I have heard comments about the fact that the weekend should be paid from the missionary budget.
10. Cut back on meals.
11. Go back to old system.
12. Should end at noon on Sunday.
13. The service for Juanita made the weekend extra heavy emotionally etc., but I'm not complaining, it's just the way it had to be.
14. Although the weekend may not be closely aligned with my specific needs, I can see the spirit at work in so many others. Keep up the good work. Maybe I will come around.
15. Communications/Communications/Communications. Let's get that LCD up in the Narthex!!!!!!
16. We were not aware of this large celebration taking place each year!
17. I would have liked to have seen the people we covenant with to see how we impacted them. And what they could use or need now. I feel like we have forgotten the first group (or informed us and went on to another group.
18. All weekend is too long.
19. Services were too long. Too much standing for older people. Services should not be longer than 1.5 hours.
20. Love the music, but it did make the (esp. Friday night) services very long. Might we begin Praise music 15 to 20 minutes before the service? That would draw people into the sanctuary, but still help to keep the service on schedule.
21. Next year have a Saturday night cookout in pavillion.
22. Our own musicians could do more--is it really necessary to bring in outside groups that are too loud and tend to go on too long? Many of our congregation would prefer a more blended style with the singing of traditional hymns.
23. Praise music is ok, but what is wrong with I Love to Tell the Story and Blessed Assurance, etc.?
24. I only saw the man that peached on Sunday morning and I did not like him very much. He came across as too much like a televangelist. Also, the service was a little too long.
25. We wish we could have been at everything, but prior commitments kept us away Sat and Sun night.

26. I'm concerned that the church generosity is being stretched with general offering, dedicated giving, GIC, numerous fund raisers, and an impending building campaign. I fear we are asking a lot of our membership.

27. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church and is such a blessing; however complete communication was lacking and when those who were not enthusiastically involved in the celebration or had miscommunications (from leaders) the response to them in some instances was not kind. This was discouraging to people who were on the fringe.

28. Eliminate Friday service; have it only on Saturday/Sunday.

29. I think the length of the weekend event may need to be discussed. Wonderful time of reflection; loved the speakers and missionaries. Need more preparation time prior to the event. Small groups for study (like neighborhood groups) talking about the event/life commitment/faith promise from January to the event.

30. Music praise way too long. Older members had to sit. Event ok, but isn't that what its all about; giving to outreach, serving others, sharing the word. Resources needed for additional staff, assistant pastor, business administration. Future growth/resources for one campus.

31. All of us could improve.

32. Service too long; praise band too long.

33. It's a great, but very long weekend that left us exhausted. It was a little too much to ask of Children.

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<u>Questions</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
1. Communication about the weekend and activities	21	17	13
2. Opportunities to volunteer to assist with weekend activities	4	25	15
3. If a volunteer, were you provided adequate information about what you were being asked to do?	7	16	4
4. Education about Faith Promise/Life Commitment	12	17	17
5. Quality of Keynote Speakers	3	9	35
6. Length of Worship Services	30	11	7
7. Opportunities to visit missionary displays	4	24	17
8. Opportunities to engage with missionaries	6	24	16
9. Kindness Outreach (No information provided. Not aware of)	12	12	9
10. Woman's Luncheon		3	22
11. Men's Breakfast		6	13
12. Children's activities	1	9	7
13. International Banquet/Missionary Panel Discussion	1	13	16
12. Length of weekend event	20	18	10