

SUNDAY 01/05/25

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OUR THANKS

Pastors Bob & Phylis express their thanks to all at JCC for the generous Christmas gift as well as the Christmas Card from our members!



PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL



Heads up! Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m. for a praise team rehearsal.



CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 2025

- Pray for your friends and family.
- Text, FB, or write a message of encouragement.
- Show mercy to those who don't expect it.
- Share your resources generously.

SOLID GROUND

As we usher in 2025, there are some things you can still choose: you can choose your CONFESSION; You can choose your ATTITUDE; and you can choose your ACTIONS. That's a solid place to start 2025!

A Million Little Miracles

Jan 05 » God Most High Jan 12 » God Most Near Jan 19 » God Most Good Jan 26 » There is No One Like Jesus

by the book by Mark Batterson

Prayer REQUESTS

SALVATION —	
Walter Miner III	Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
Ryan K.	Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O
HEALTH ISS	SUES —————
Mandy W. » Cancer	Mike K. » Bone Cancer
Merle » Health Issues	Walter M. » Limited Mobility
Carlos V. » Health Issues	Sophie T. » Health Issues
Angie & Family » Life Issues	Keith K. » Health Issues
Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg	Kenzie S. » Seizures
Lucille S. » Health Issues	Hector S. » Healing
Augustin A. » Sobriety	Angela A. » Hospice
Yalda Samano » Cancer	Vanessa » Health Issues
Walter Miner III. » Health Issue	s Jacob M. » Emotional Health
Zach D. » Sobriety	Noelle G. » Health Issues
Paitn » Return to God	Junior » Health Issues
Meztti » Return to God	Charlie » Lung Cancer
Ivy » Healing	Silvia J. » Health/Faith Issues
Clarence F. » Knee Rehab	

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/29/24)

ATTENDANCE ► 47 GIVING ► \$502 GUESTS ► 0

VOLUNTEERS ► 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

A Million Little Miracles

God Most High

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Genesis 15:1-5

PERSPECTIVES

- ▶ [TENT] all he could see: He/Sarah were childless.
- [SKY] a new vista: The sky is the limit.

God took him [outside] on a field trip. He gave him a lesson he would never forget.

GO OUTSIDE. LOOK UP.

God's instruction: stop putting LIMITS to God's Sovereignty!

Why did God tell Abram to count the stars?

- · God was supersizing his expectations.
- · He was giving Abram a visual of his history and his destiny.
- The same God who hung the stars can give descendants.
- The God who created the universe can heal broken bodies.
- God can do the impossible at any season.

GOD MOST HIGH

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and

from ancient times things not yet done, sayin<mark>g, 'My counsel shall stand, and I</mark> will accomplish all my purpose,' Isaiah 46:9-10

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all, 1 Chronicles 29:11

I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27

THE PROCESS

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sara shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" Genesis 17:15-17

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be. He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Romans 4:18-21

THE STARS WOULD BE REMINDERS OF GOD'S PROMISE:

A son would be born to a man a hundred years old. His wife would bear a child at ninety years old.

With God—all things are possible!
We need to stop letting assumptions
rule our lives.
We open up to God's plan and purposes!