



OUR CONDOLENCES...



to the **Spurlock and Harrison families** at the passing of **Peggy Harrison** (Laura's sister-in-law). Visitation take place at **Laird Funeral Home** in Elgin on **Sunday from 3:00-7:00 p.m.** Funeral services will be held on **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** followed by the interment at Bluff City Cemetery.

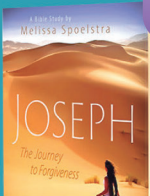
AWAKENING

REVISED

Start strong and join us for a season of fasting, prayer, and personal direction. **January 9-29** we plan to set aside 21 days to pray, fast, and seek God to believe Him for a new season of grace and miracles in our lives, the lives of others, our church, and the world.

Instead of the Daniel Fast, we plan to have a sign-up sheet for participants to fast on a select day or days.

JOSEPH, The Journey to Forgiveness



An Interactive Video-based Bible Study by **Melissa Spoelstra** begins on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017** takes you on a step by step journey to the place of freedom!

BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

There are **two Bible studies** scheduled at Kimberly's in January: Thursday, January 5, and January 19. Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.



CONNECTION CARDS

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



★ I HAVE ★ DECIDED... ★

Jan 08 » Do the Next Thing

Jan 15 » To Follow Jesus

Jan 22 » To Live by Faith and
Not by Sight

Jan 29 » To Worship Instead
of Worry

PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annabelle G. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moe M. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotz Family ▶ Family Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Peggy H. ▶ Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ellen H. ▶ Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean W. ▶ Recovering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy T. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Through salvation, our past has been forgiven; our present is given meaning, and our future is secured.” —Rick Warren

12/30/16

30 ATTENDANCE

\$1,082 GIVING

4 GUESTS

15 VOLUNTEERS

0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

WHEN LIFE
OVERWHELMS
YOU:

do the next thing



KEY SCRIPTURES:




Isaiah 43:18-19

“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Hebrews 11:30, 31

It was faith that brought the walls of Jericho tumbling down after the people of Israel had walked around them seven days as God had commanded them. By faith—because she believed in God and his power—Rahab the harlot did not die with all the others in her city when they refused to obey God, for she gave a friendly welcome to the spies.



2 Corinthians 6:10

Living Bible (TLB)

Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord. We are poor, but we give rich spiritual gifts to others. We own nothing, and yet we enjoy everything.


11 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

STORY:

Rahab

Joshua 2:9-11 “I know perfectly well that your God is going to give my country to you,” she told



them. “We are all afraid of you; everyone is terrified if the word Israel is even mentioned. For we have heard how the Lord made a path through the Red Sea for you when you left Egypt! And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan, and how you ruined their land and completely destroyed their people. No wonder we are afraid of you! No one has any fight left in him after hearing things like that, for your God is the supreme God of heaven, not just an ordinary god.



Joshua 3:13-17 When the priests who are carrying the Ark touch the water with their feet, the river will stop flowing as though held back by a dam, and will pile up as though against an invisible wall!" Now it was the harvest season and the Jordan was overflowing all its banks; but as the people set out to cross the river and as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge,¹⁵⁻¹⁶ suddenly, far up the river at the city of Adam, near Zarethan, the water began piling up as though against a dam! And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was empty. Then all the people crossed at a spot where the river was close to the city of Jericho,¹⁷ and the priests who were carrying the Ark stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan and waited as all the people passed by.



do the next thing



From an old English parsonage down by the sea
 There came in the twilight a message for me;
 Its quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven,
 Hath, as it seems to me, teaching from Heaven.
 And on through the hours the quiet words ring,
 Like a low inspiration:

DO THE NEXT THING .



Many a questioning, many a fear, Many a doubt, hath its quieting here. Moment by moment let down from Heaven, Time, opportunity, guidance, are given. <i>Fear not tomorrows, Child of the King, Trust them with Jesus.</i>	Do it immediately; do it with prayer; Do it reliantly, casting all care; Do it with reverence, tracing His hand Who placed it before thee with earnest command, Stayed on Omnipotence, safe 'neath His wing, Leave all resultings.
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Looking to Jesus, ever serener,
 (Working or suffering) be thy demeanor.
 In His dear presence, the rest of His calm,
 The light of His countenance be thy psalm.
 Strong in His faithfulness, praise and sing!

Then, as He beckons thee,

DO THE NEXT THING .

(source unknown)

