

2015



fresh Start

the teaching series, will help us see that we can kick-start our spiritual growth by taking small steps of faith.

SAVE THE DATE



Reinhard Bonnke **GOSPEL CRUSADE**



BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO AMERICA

Mark your calendars for this life-giving event!

**ALLSTATE ARENA/CHICAGO
JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 7PM**

OUR CONDOLENCES...

to Phylis Huerta at the passing of her cousin, **Melody Wiggins** of Jefferson City, Missouri. Melody was 57 and had retired as a Social Worker for the Missouri Department of Children's Services.

BRUNCH & BOCCE

Anyone not attending the Ladies Brunch is welcome to join us on **01/18/15** at **Pinstripes** following the service for **Brunch & Bocce!**

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies you will want to mark your calendars—**Sunday, January 18—Ladies' Brunch** following the morning service at Phylis' home!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP—GO PUBLIC WITH YOUR FAITH. HERE'S HOW:

BAPTISM CLASS, 01/11 @ 9:30 A.M.
BAPTISM SUNDAY, 01/25 @ 10:00 A.M.

Let Pastor Bob know you are ready to say **YES** to Jesus!

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.

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

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CONNECTION CARD

I AM INTERESTED IN...

Baptism & membership in Jesus

Marriage & family counseling

Change in personal relationships

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: (____) _____

Work: (____) _____

I don't feel prepared (How? [] please) _____

I don't feel ready (Why? [] please) _____

I don't know what to do (How? [] please) _____

I don't know what to do (Why? [] please) _____

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CONNECTION CARD



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YOUR FUTURE AWAITS

JANUARY
TEACHING SERIES



- ~~JAN 04 / Make a New Beginning~~
- JAN 11 / Change the Future by Owing the Past
- JAN 18 / Act on What You Know, Leave the Rest to God
- JAN 25 / Lead by Learning to Follow

PRAYER REQUESTS

■ Emma G.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Lily M.	▶ Dementia
■ Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
■ Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
■ Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
■ Linda L.	▶ Health Issues
■ Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
■ Maria A.	▶ Complete Healing
■ Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
■ Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
■ Jim W.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Keith K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
■ Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
■ Kevin K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Paul S.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Phyllis N.	▶ Breast Cancer

QUOTE OF THE WEEK  Our greatest victories are rarely won in an instant, but in the morning-by-morning application of His truth and power which overthrows the strongholds of darkness in our world and secures His purpose in us. -Jack Hayford

01/04/15



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ATTENDANCE

\$1,940

GIVING

2

GUESTS

15

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



◆ CHANGE ◆
THE FUTURE
BY OWNING
◆ THE PAST ◆

◆ ²⁴ At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met Moses and was about to kill him. ²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. ²⁶ So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.) ◆

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Exodus 4:24-26 ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

◆ MOSES RETURNS TO EGYPT ◆

- Leaves with his father-in-law's blessing.
- Returns with the LORD's assurance.
- Returns with his family.
- Goes with the staff of God.

A MAKE-OR-BREAK ENCOUNTER

- On the way to Egypt, God confronts Moses.
- It's a "threshold" moment.
- Moses has failed to keep the sign of the covenant.
- Zipporah, his wife, stepped up and circumcised their son.

◆ THE SIGN OF COVENANT ◆

Circumcision was the mark of covenant. Moses and Zipporah
◆ had not followed through with that act of faith. ◆

¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. ¹³ Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Genesis 17:11-14 ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

◆ BAGGAGE FROM THE PAST ◆

“The greatest betrayal in life is settling for what you can have today over what you really want.” —Boyd Parker

- Moses has lived in two very different cultures.
- Each of those cultures had expectations, values, and traditions.
- He is being called to a very old culture. The culture of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- That culture also had expectations, values and traditions.
- Moses brings baggage from his past attempting to live it out in this old “faith” culture. It does not work.
- Moses is trapped until he can disconnect from his past and be released to obey God’s demands.

HE NEEDS TO OWN UP TO HIS STUFF!

◆ WHY THE ENCOUNTER? ◆

- To bring Moses to a place of alignment with God.
- Is he a covenant person? Will he mark his household as covenant people?
- How can he lead covenant people if he himself is not keeping the covenant?

◆ A NEW SEASON ◆

- Zipporah is a hero.
- She took a small step of faith that opened up a future.
- She saved the lives of Moses and her son.

**HOW DESPERATE ARE YOU
FOR A FRESH START?
ARE YOU WILLING TO LET GO OF
BAGGAGE FROM THE PAST TO
ENTER YOUR NEW SEASON?**