

RESET 2019

*Please sign up with
Emma if you are available to fast.*

BIBLE READING: 2 in 5/Two chapters-5 days a week.

FASTING: January 7 through January 27.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Rick Warren's study,
The Miracle of Mercy,

will be featured in the Tuesday Bible Study beginning on **Tuesday, January 15**. The series will feature: *The Five Marks of Mercy; Mercy Forgives the Fallen; Mercy Helps the Hurting; Mercy is Patient with Difficult People; Mercy is Kind to Enemies; and Mercy Cares for the Lost.*

GRAPPLE EVENT

SUN, JAN 20 (following the service)



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



(following the service)

Dutch Treat **SUN, FEB 10**

Southern Belles, 152 S. Western Avenue, Carpentersville, Illinois

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please let Christy know if you have made contributions during 2018 and would like to receive credit. She will be issuing Contributions Receipts soon.

CONNECTION CARD

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.



SHOCK / FOR / LIFE

ABSORBERS



- Jan 06 » The Journey: Be Aware
- Jan 13 » Naaman: Be Flexible
- Jan 20 » The Shunnamite Woman: Be Thankful
- Jan 27 » Joseph: Be Resilient

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carmela C. ▶ Kidney Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet S. ▶ God's Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela A. ▶ Dizzy Spells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Betty F. ▶ Mobility Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick L. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike F. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill S. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nate T. ▶ Dementia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lance B. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Megan G. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jerry A. ▶ Cyst on Wrist	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Gabe G. ▶ Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Faith is acting like it is so, even when it's not so, in order that it might be so simply because God said so.” —Priscilla Shirer

METRICS THAT MATTER (01/06/19)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 37 GIVING ▶ \$1,618 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

Shock Absorbers Cushion Blows

Definition: Any of several devices for absorbing the energy of sudden impulses or shocks in machinery or structures.

Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, but he was a leper. **2 Kings 5:1**

A MILITARY COMMANDER WITH GREAT PRESTIGE

When the book of Kings introduces Naaman, we hear right off the bat that he was “a great man,” highly regarded by both royals and subjects.

- Naaman was a warrior who received accolades and deference.
- We’re told that his household overflowed with the spoils of war.
- Naaman was a powerful man, a great man.

His Predicament Of Hopeless Ruin

Tragedy strikes indiscriminately, even to the powerful. Naaman could not stop the disease ravaging his body: leprosy. The Scriptures give a piercing summation: “[Naaman] was a valiant warrior, but he was a leper.”

HE HEARD ABOUT A PROPHET IN ISRAEL

However, Naaman heard rumors about Elisha, Israel’s prophet, and how he could perform miraculous healings. Naaman arrived at Elisha’s door, but the prophet refused to meet him. Instead, Elisha sent his servant to inform this great man that if he wanted healing, he must wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman's Expectations

- Naaman expected the Red carpet treatment.
- The prophet would do a miracle cure on him.
- The setting would be comfortable for Naaman.

At first, Naaman is annoyed. He says he wanted Elisha to come personally and wave his hands over him while calling on God, thus curing the leprosy. **Naaman is for the moment inflexible...**

*¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. **2 Kings 5:11-12***

NAAMAN IS MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

Naaman huffed off, angry, still covered with disease. His brave servants challenged his stubbornness, and Naaman relented. He surrendered his ego entrusting his body to the river. When Naaman rose out of the water, he was whole.

*So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. **2 Kings 5:14***

*"If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord." **2 Kings 5:17***

Lessons from the Naaman story

1. Don't let your position make you feel and act **entitled**.
2. God's message is often **very simple**.
2. Listen to **good advice** even when you're in a bad mood.
3. **Put your pride aside** and obey God.
4. Remember that **helping people** can change their lives.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

"And they continued wholeheartedly in the teaching of the Apostles, and kept hanging out—just having a good time, and shared meals together—big groups—small groups, and supported each other in prayer." Acts 2:42 *Pastor Bob Translation*

PUT IN ON YOUR CALENDAR

Hang-Out Time

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 10
(following the service)

let's do lunch
Dutch Treat
at
Southern Belles
152 S. Western Avenue
Carpentersville, IL