

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences to Kimberly Lancaster and her entire family at the passing of her mother, **Jane Gower**. Cards of Remembrance can be sent to Kimberly at 734 Legend Lane, McHenry, Illinois, 60050.

**AWAKENING**

Start strong and join us for a season of fasting, prayer, and personal devotion. **January 4-24**, we plan to set **aside 21 days to pray, fast, and seek God** to believe Him for miracles in our lives, the lives of others, our church, and the world. An **Awakening Guide Sheet** will be printed to provide you with important information regarding the effort.



**CHURCH SYSTEMS  
HUDDLE**

Join us for **2** strategic and important gatherings as we kick off the New Year. **HERE ARE THE DATES:**

**TUESDAY JAN 12 7:00 PM / TUESDAY JAN 19 7:00 PM**

*The Best Yes*  
by *Lisa TerKeust*

WELCOME TO TUESDAY NIGHT  
Bible Study  
BEGINS JANUARY 26 @ 7:00 P.M.

**WINTER  
HOOPLA!**

*Fun/Games/Good times!*  
JANUARY 29, 2016 | 7:00-9:00 PM

**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.



# What if... this could be the best year of your life?

- + Jan 03 / What if... this could be the best year of your life?
- + Jan 10 / What if... we could be set free?
- + Jan 17 / What if... we could grow in faith?
- + Jan 24 / What if... we could be fulfilled?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
Lily M.	▶ Dementia
Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
Jane G.	▶ Hospice Care
Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues
Carol J.	▶ Heart Attack
Elvira C.	▶ Breast Cancer
Peggy H.	▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I have since learned that the most mature believer is the one who is bent over, leaning most heavily on the Lord, and admitting his total inability to do anything without Christ. The greatest Christian is not the one who has achieved the most but rather the one who has received the most.” –Jim Cymbala

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METRICS  
THAT MATTER

21 ATTENDANCE \$712 GIVING

0 GUESTS 09 VOLUNTEERS

0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

What if... this could be the best year of your life?

WHAT IF...  
we could grow in faith?

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

## The David AND Goliath Story

The David and Goliath story is about a shepherd boy defeating a war-savvy giant with an improbable victory. It is good to be bigger and stronger than your opponent. It is not so good to be so big that you are a sitting duck for a rock that is thrown at 90+ miles an hour.

### Things to Consider

**1** The act of facing overwhelming odds produces greatness and beauty.

**2**

We consistently misread strength and weakness. Being an underdog can open doors and create opportunities.

## The Giant asks for "Single Combat"

- Single combat is a **duel** between two single warriors which takes place in the context of a **battle** between two armies.
- It often took place in the "no-man's land" between the opposing armies.
- The victory or defeat was binding.
  - Goliath wore an elaborate tunic of overlapping metal scales designed to protect him.
  - It covered his arms and reached to his knees.
    - He wore bronze shin guards and a heavy metal helmet.
    - He had three weapons: a javelin, a sword, and short-range spear.

# A Word About Ancient Armies

## 1 Cavalry

-Armed men on horseback or chariots.

## 2 Infantry

-Foot soldiers wearing armor and carrying swords and shields.

## 3 Projectile warriors – artillery:

archers, and most important, slingers. Slingers had a leather pouch attached on two side by a long strand of rope.

*Goliath is heavy infantry...*

“Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!” **1 Samuel 17:44**

- He wants combat at close quarters.
- He wants the fight on his terms.

## David is a Projectile Warrior...

- He rejects Saul’s armor. (it is for infantry combat)
- He tells Saul that he has killed a lion and a bear—to let him know he is a “projectile warrior”.
- On the way to meet Goliath he picks up five smooth stones—that is his ammo.
- He runs to meet Goliath—he has speed and maneuverability.

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

<sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

<sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” **1 Samuel 17:45-47**