

2015



# fresh Start

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



**SATURDAY, APRIL 25** 9 AM—2 PM

AT 5 NEIGHBORING CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN  
BEGIN AT 220 DIVISION ST.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for volunteers. Sign up now at:  
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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**

### 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 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.



CONNECTION CARD



- ~~JAN 04 / Make a New Beginning~~
- ~~JAN 11 / Change the Future by~~  
~~—Owning 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

**“Anyone can believe when God is already moving. But real faith is when you step out when it seems that God is not moving.”**

**-Reinhard Bonnke**

**METRICS THAT MATTER will resume on 01/25/15**

**“FOR WE ARE GOD’S MASTERPIECE. HE HAS CREATED US A NEW IN CHRIST JESUS SO WE CAN DO GOOD THINGS HE PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO.” Ephesians 2:10 NLT**



**ACT ON WHAT  
YOU KNOW-  
LEAVE THE REST  
◆ WITH GOD ◆**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' <sup>4</sup> And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord." So the Israelites did this.

**Exodus 14:1-4**

**◆ ACT ON WHAT YOU KNOW ◆**

*Follow God*

<sup>21</sup> By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. <sup>22</sup> Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

**Exodus 13:21-22**

- All the Israelites had been born in Egypt.
- They were steeped in Egyptian culture.
- God needed to teach them a new lifestyle.
- But first, he had to get their attention.
- He chose to take them to Baal-Zephon.

**◆ GOD HAD A PLAN ◆**

- Baal-zephon was a cul-de-sac.
- Pharaoh would think the Hebrews were trapped.
- God had it all arranged.
- Moses had lots of experience obeying God.

## ◆ FOUR “CATCH” PHRASES ◆

- 1 Do not fear    2 Stand still    3 Watch    4 The LORD will fight for you

## ◆ LEAVE THE REST WITH GOD ◆

*He will deliver you!*

God was about to teach Israel an unforgettable lesson on trust. They had to see themselves in an impossible situation and then watch Him rescue them!

## ◆ FOUR MIGHTY MIRACLES ◆

1

### HE TOLD MOSES TO GO FORWARD

*<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.”*

Exodus 14:15

2

### HE MOVED THE CLOUD FROM ABOVE THEM TO BEHIND THEM

*<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them*

Exodus 14:19

3

### HE OPENED A PATHWAY THROUGH THE SEA

*<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided*

Exodus 14:21

4

### HE BROUGHT CONFUSION TO THE EGYPTIANS

*<sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”*

Exodus 14:24-25