

CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS

Christy will be issuing Contribution Receipts for 2017 that you can use for your charitable giving for your income tax return.

RESET 2018

POSITIONING *for* GROWTH

Stay on track with your
2018 Bible Reading Plan!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A 5-SESSION
DVD BIBLE STUDY

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Continues on select Tuesdays

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

Studies are scheduled
at Kimberly's on
February 1, 8, and 15.



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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.



CENTERED

- Jan 07 » To Receive His Life Supply
- Jan 14 » To Correct My Direction
- Jan 21 » To Get Through the Storm
- Jan 28 » To Enter My Destiny

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER




Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul B. ▶ Surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura S. ▶ Post-Operation Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Shirley Z. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Your capacity to access the goodness of God in your life is based upon your CHOICE to bring your mind captive to the Holy Spirit." — Dr. Caroline Leaf

METRICS THAT MATTER (01/14/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 37 GIVING ▶ \$1,116⁷⁶ GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0




35 *That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”* 36 *Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.* 37 *A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.* 38 *Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”* 39 *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.* 40 *He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”* 41 *They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”* *Mark 4:35-41*

The Context

Throughout the Bible the sea is a metaphor for the place where chaos and the demonic reside.

- » Moses leads the people from bondage to liberation through a sea.
- » The sea threatens those who would follow God (*Ps. 69:1, 14-15*).
- » God’s power to calm the sea is affirmed (*Ps. 46:1-3; 89:8-9; 93:3-4; Rev. 21:1*).
- » “For Mark the sea (*thalassa*) is a metaphor for the demonic and apocalyptic chaos that confronts Jesus, terrorizes his disciples and threatens the future of the gospel!”

Sailing into a Miracle

- » Jesus needed some downtime. Both he and the disciples cross the lake (*Sea of Galilee*).
- » Jesus fell asleep in the boat.
- » The seas got choppy—a huge storm came in.
- » The disciples were clueless about the storm.
- » Jesus was expecting it.



- » The disciples were terrified. Jesus spoke to the storm and calmed it.
- » In quick succession, the disciples were terrified of him. “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him.”
- » God never wastes a storm. He allows the storms. He allows us to experience them.
- » Very often the storm is the pathway to blessing that directs our calling.
- » He intentionally moves us out of our *comfort* zone to our *miracle* zone.

» The Storms of our Lives

Each of us is surrounded by chaos, realizing that our attempts to order our lives are legitimate, but precarious.

- » Hailstorms lurk.
- » Drunk drivers careen along the roads. Addictions resurface.
- » Cancers decide they’ve had enough of remission and want to return.

- » People in power abuse it and create destruction for those in their power.
- » The Allstate Insurance ad is well-named: “Mayhem is Coming.” _____

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Isaiah 43:1-2

» Takeaways

1. Jesus is more than a stormchaser—He is Lord of all creation.
2. There is no storm I will face alone.
3. There is not storm that will take us under.