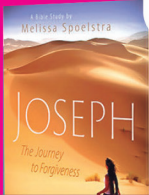


PLEASE SIGN THE CARD...

for Steve Galik, who recently lost his wife, Annabelle. The card would mean a lot to him as both he and Annabelle were former members of JCC.



JOSEPH, The Journey to Forgiveness



A Bible Study by **Melissa Spoelstra**. Begins on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017** takes you on a step by step journey to the place of freedom!



SUN, JANUARY 29

Come and join us as we act out our own late night television show. Featuring some of your favorite games like a "LIP SYNCBATTLE", "SAY ANYTHING", and "EGG RUSSIAN ROULETTE". Also guest appearances by our very own Grapple Group as they discuss things going on in their life.

EVANGELIST JONATHAN MAKI

Will be our guest speaker on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**
Mark your calendar for this uplifting event!



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

There are two Bible studies scheduled at Kimberly's in February: Thursday, February 2 & February 16. Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.



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.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



★ I HAVE ★ DECIDED...

Jan 08 » Do the Next Thing

Jan 15 » To Follow Jesus

Jan 22 » To Live by Faith and
Not by Sight

Jan 29 » To Worship Instead
of Worry

PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kathy T. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric G. ▶ Back Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Your peace and joy are under your jurisdiction. No one and nothing can take them away without your permission.” —Steven Furtick

12/15/16

36

ATTENDANCE

\$1,063

GIVING

2

GUESTS

17

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

I HAVE DECIDED...

TO LIVE BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:18*

PAUL concludes *2 Corinthians 4* by stating that we have a spiritual eye condition:

★ **BLURRY VISION** ★ **HEADACHES**
★ **CIRCUMSTANTIAL FRUSTRATION**

For we live by faith, not by sight. *2 Corinthians 5:7*

JESUS GOES TO A RETREAT PLACE

He takes the disciples to an out-of-the-way place for some rest. He wants to be incognito. A Syro-Phoenician woman breaks his cover and asks him to perform her miracle. *Matthew 15:21-28*

WHAT DOES A FAITH JOURNEY LOOK LIKE?

1 A FAITH JOURNEY SOMETIMES BEGINS WITH A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." *Matthew 15:21-22*

2 A FAITH JOURNEY OFTEN GETS WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." *Matthew 15:23-24*

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. *James 1:2-4*

3 A PERSISTENT FAITH IS ALWAYS REWARDED BY GOD

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” ²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.”

And her daughter was healed at that moment. *Matthew 15:25-28*

HOW DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

1

YES

NO

2

NOT
YET

3

KEY SCRIPTURE

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. *Hebrews 11:6*

2017 DECLARATION OF FAITH

This year, I am going to believe God when I don't see it. Obey God when I don't understand it. Give to God when I don't have it. Persist with God when I don't feel like it. Thank God before I receive it. Trust God even if I don't get it.

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK
BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT!

★ 2017 ★

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