

49 UNFORGETTABLE DAYS BEFORE EASTER

HELP US MAKE THIS AN **EASTER** FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO CONNECT WITH GOD- **PLAN TO GET INVOLVED!**

GIVING ENVELOPES



Thank you for our faithful giving! Giving Envelopes are now available in the foyer. Take some home with you.

PRAYER GATHERING

Kimberly Lancaster leads a Prayer Group in the Grapple Room to provide a prayer covering for the service, our prayer requests and our unchurched friends. Join her for this strategic time of intercession. **Sundays 9:15 to 9:45...**

The Best Yes
by *Lisa TerKeust*

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

Hearts FOR THE CITY
release celebration and concert

★ **Friday APRIL 08 @ 7PM**



Featuring gifted Hip-Hop Artist **Nehemiah**
Invite your friends...

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.



February
Teaching
Series

Take heart

- Feb 07 » Take Heart >
God Will Make a Way
- Feb 14 » Take Heart >
God is on the Move
- Feb 21 » Take Heart >
God Keeps His Promises
- Feb 28 » Guest Speaker

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
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues
Elvira C.	▶ Breast Cancer
Peggy H.	▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis
Lotz Family	▶ Grief/Loss of Parents
Barb D.	▶ Bone Cancer
Persecuted Christians	▶ Hostilities/Suffering

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The two greatest days of your life: the day you were born and the day you found out **WHY** you were born.” –**Vesta Mangun**

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METRICS
THAT MATTER

40

ATTENDANCE

\$2,603²⁵

GIVING

1

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Take heart ♥

God Will Make a Way

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. **Job 23:10**



We Live in a Broken World

- We are citizens of a fallen world.
- We are part of a ruined race.
- People, places, and things are broken.
- Some suffer in body.
- Others, in mind and soul.
- The truth is that everyone suffers. There are no exceptions.

¹ Mortals, born of woman, are of few days and full of trouble. ² They spring up like flowers and wither away; like fleeting shadows, they do not endure. **Job 14:1-2**



How ♥ God Leads



- We witness the despair and brokenness of sin.
- He exposes us to the chaos and turmoil of the fall—He doesn't shield us.
- He shows us what the opposition wants to do.
- He gives us uncommon grace.
- **He moves us from self-reliance to utter dependence.**
- We are weak—we dare not trust ourselves.

but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

Whatever thing has come against you... God can overrule it, undo it, or redeem it for His purpose.

Can The Rush Grow Up Without The Mire?

- Biosphere 2: an experiment to see if life could be sustained in an ecologically-sealed environment—3+ acres—in Oracle, Arizona.
- Participants lived there for two years, from September, 1991 to September 1993. In the first mission some things went wrong: one was the oxygen supply was low after 18 months; the other, trees and plants grew quicker than plants in the wild.
- The anomaly: **trees in the biosphere could not bear their own weight.**
- The reason: **the absence of wind—nothing to resist.**

God Overrules,
Undoes, or Redeems...

- Moses—being groomed as a prince. Takes up for one who was being mistreated—kills the Egyptian—becomes a wanted man.

Hides out for 40 years. God takes this failed prince and **redeems him by calling him to be a deliverer.**

- Abraham is told to believe for a son of promise. He is way past his ability to beget offspring. **God redeems his inability to bring forth a son.** He gives him countless sons—he becomes the Father of many nations.
- Joseph is sold by his brothers. Becomes a common slave in Egypt. Suffers countless injustices. **God redeems him as he promotes him to being a Prime Minister to save people from the famine.**
- Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost. Falsely accused. Stoned by the people after the Sanhedrin rules. **God redeems him**—holding his cloak was Saul of Tarsus who became the greatest church planter and teacher of the New Testament.

Your rigging hangs loose: The mast is not held secure, the sail is not spread. Then an abundance of spoils will be divided and even the lame will carry off plunder. **Isaiah 33:23**