



Thanks for your prayers. **Tommy Tenney is improving.** However, he will be unable to travel for 3-6 months which is his principal source of income. We're asking you to join us in helping them. **We plan to receive a SPECIAL OFFERING at the end of the service. Thanks for your generous gifts!**

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

APRIL 5
Easter Service

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday @ 10:00 am

A HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT!
A FREE IPAD Mini WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!



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:
www.LoveElginDay.org

ORIGINAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PAST THE WISHING
APRIL 23-25, 2015

rockford**first**

←----- REGISTER ON-LINE ----->

WWW.ORIGINALCONFERENCE.COM

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

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.

MY NEXT STEP TOGETHER IS TO...
#HOPE

I AM INTERESTED IN...
 Learning a language
 Learning a trade
 Starting a business
 Other: _____

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 OCCUPATION: _____

CONNECTION CARD

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#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

MARCH

TEACHING SERIES

MAR 01 / #Hope: It's Not too Late
MAR 08 / #Hope: When I'm Running
Out of Everything
MAR 15 / #Hope: When I Can't See
My Way
MAR 22 / #Hope: When I've Come
Up Empty
MAR 29 / Palm Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ■ | 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 |
| ■ | 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 |
| ■ | Danny L. | ▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment |
| ■ | Ralph H. | ▶ Fluid in the brain |
| ■ | Jon/Sarah L. | ▶ Job transfer to Illinois |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One way to recognize whether we suffer from this disconnection is to look at our concern for people who are dirty... people who are "other"... people who don't fit the core group's image. The ravages of sin are not pleasant--but they are what Jesus came to forgive and heal. "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). Yet Christians often hesitate to reach out to those who are different. They want God to clean the fish before they catch them." -Jim Cymbala

02/22/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

36

ATTENDANCE

\$1,383

GIVING

4

GUESTS

14

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

★ EVER HEARD OF SUSANNE BOYLE? ★

ABRAHAM & SARAH

The Backstory | Genesis 18

- Abraham is sitting at the door of his tent.
- Sarah (his wife) is 89... Abraham is 99.
- She is past her child-bearing age.
- God stops by to prophesy.
- He declares that He will return in a year—at that time Sarah will have a child.

1

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR A **MIRACLE**

⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'"

Genesis 18:9-13

- Sarah is on a different time/schedule.
- She is a late bloomer.
- Her ability to be fruitful is not based on what other people think.
- Her ability to have a child is based on what God promised.

**2**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO START **BELIEVING**

*¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.*¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

◆ Genesis 18:14-15 ◆

- God’s ability to follow through is not in question.
- God speaks to Abraham and Sarah in the deadness of their season.
- He promises a “new” opportunity.
- He has a set appointment for your blessing.
- Not only is Sarah scheduled to give birth.
- He is also adding strength to her life for her new season.

**3**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR A **FRESH START**

*²¹ Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised.*² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.³ *Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.*⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him.⁵ *Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.*⁶ Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.”

◆ Genesis 21:1-6 ◆

- Expect God to come through on a long-awaited promise.
- Celebrate a gift you have not been using.
- Stop believing what other folks say.
- Start believing what God has promised in His word.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE—FOR YOU!
◆ IF GOD CAN GIVE ABRAHAM AND SARAH ANOTHER CHANCE AT 90—HE CAN GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TOO! ◆

The background of the top section is a vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a grassy hill under a bright blue sky with sunbeams. Several colorful Easter eggs are scattered across the grass. The word 'EASTER' is written in large, blue, block letters, and 'CELEBRATION' is written in large, orange, block letters below it. In the top right corner, the text 'Jubilee Christian Centre' is written in a red, cursive font.

EASTER

*Jubilee
Christian
Centre*

CELEBRATION

WHAT?

- An incredible, over-the-top Easter Celebration with a challenging presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a friendly come-be-with-us environment!
- And, a huge Easter-egg hunt to be held at Coleman School following the service.
- Among the gifts to be given will be an iPad mini—there will be other gifts as well!

WHERE?

- On our campus—at JCC. We want to be a welcoming center to let people know they are welcome here where they will be loved and cherished. This is the place to find life through Jesus Christ!

WHEN?

- Mark your calendar—circle the date: **SUNDAY, APRIL 5.** It is Easter Sunday!
- Join us as we conclude Lent and celebrate the triumph of the resurrection!

WHO?

- There are bunches of people known to you and me that need an invite--kids, youth, seniors, neighbors, friends—**JOIN ME IN INVITING THEM!**

MARCH 2015

SUN

01

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*
Morning Worship / Communion
#HOPE: "It's Not Too Late" / Young Adult Ministry

TUE

03

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

SUN

08

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Praise Team *REHEARSAL* / **Morning Worship**
#HOPE: "When I'm Running Out of Everything"

SUN

15

Praise Team *REHEARSAL* / **Morning Worship**
#HOPE: "When I Can't See My Way"

SUN

22

Praise Team *REHEARSAL* / **Morning Worship**
#HOPE: "When I've Come Up Empty"

SUN

29

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*
Morning Worship PALM SUNDAY

NOTES: _____
