

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Trade Your *If Only* Regrets for God's *What if Possibilities*

LAUNCH DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 21

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

The following Bible studies are scheduled at Kimberly's in MARCH: Thursday, March 9, March 16, March 23, and March 30. Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.

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HITS



TOUR

Sears Centre / March 30, 2017



EASTER

DAY MONTH DATE TIME

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16

10AM

CHANGES EVERYTHING



ORIGINAL

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-29, 2017

You are enough

ROCKFORD FIRST-
NOW CITY CHURCH

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.



DANIEL

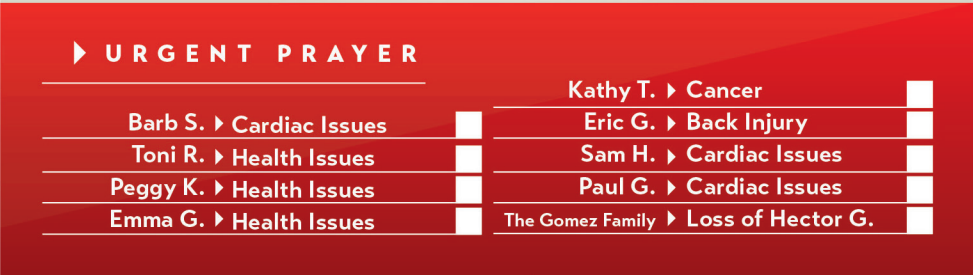
THRIVING IN BABYLON

- Mar 05 » Daniel's Story
- Mar 12 » Hope: Where Courage is Birthed
- Mar 19 » Humility: How Credibility is Earned
- Mar 26 » Wisdom: The Power of Perspective

PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert G. ▶ Mobility Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maureen R. ▶ Shoulder Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty L. ▶ Gall Bladder Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	George S. ▶ Chemo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle William's daughter ▶ Anxiety Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>



▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy T. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric G. ▶ Back Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul G. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		The Gomez Family ▶ Loss of Hector G.	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The great battle of our spiritual lives is not, will you try harder? But will you believe?" —Jim Cymbala

02/26/17

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

33 ATTENDANCE \$1,691 GIVING 1 GUESTS
17 VOLUNTEERS 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

DANIEL

THRIVING IN BABYLON

Daniel's Story

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. ³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. *Daniel 1:1-4*

GOD

IS IN CONTROL
OF WHO IS
IN CONTROL...

Overview of the Book of Daniel

- ▶ It's not an adventure story. (If we do the right thing, God won't let anything bad happen to us.)
- ▶ It has prophetic keys, but it's much more than that.
- ▶ It's a model for how to live and thrive in a world gone haywire.
- ▶ Daniel models for us three indispensable qualities that set us apart: hope, humility, and wisdom.

The First Hostages

- ▶ Daniel and his friends are uprooted and taken to Babylon to be part of Nebuchadnezzar's training program.
- ▶ Daniel and his friends were given Babylonian names.
- ▶ Daniel eventually became one of the top three administrators over the provincial governors in the land.
- ▶ The move was the first of three deportations to Babylon.

Daniel and His Friends are Tested

- ▶ In the kind of cuisine that they will have during their training period (3 years).
- ▶ The food from the king's table had been offered to idols and was also un-kosher.
- ▶ Daniel proposed a 10-day test with the chief eunuch and he allowed Daniel and his friends to eat vegetables and drink water.
- ▶ Daniel's friends are tested in their resistance to worship the image of Nebuchadnezzar. They were thrown into a fiery furnace, but God saved them.
- ▶ Later, under a Persian king, Daniel was the target of jealousy and the king issued an edict stating that prayer must be made to him and no one else.
- ▶ For this, Daniel was thrown into a lions' den and he was spared.
- ▶ The king recognized that it was the Lord God that had shut the mouths of the lions.

Lessons from Daniel's Life

ONE

God rules in the kingdoms of men.

TWO

Amidst the thrones of the world, wherever they maybe, there is one throne that reigns supreme over all upon whom sits the King of Kings and Ancient of Days.

THREE

God shows that all heathen nations and individuals are still accountable to His moral law.

FOUR

God cares for His own.

**DANIEL SHOWS US
HOW TO LIVE AND
THRIVE IN A WORLD
GONE HAYWIRE.**



MARCH 2017 EVENTS

THU 02
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 05
**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Communion**

TUE 07
**Praise Team
REHEARSAL**

THU 09
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 12
**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults / Easter Campaign**

TUE 14
Bible Study
No classes today

THU 16
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 19
**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship**

TUE 21
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THU 23
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 26
**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Group Event**

TUE 28
Bible Study
Trade Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities

THU 30
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

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