



Thanks for your generous offering for **Tommy Tenney** in the amount of **\$390!**
An offering of **\$500** was sent out on Thursday.
God bless you for your gifts!

INVITE CARDS...

are available for our Easter Celebration. Invite your friends and family to our Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 5!



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!

★ ★ ★ ★ EASTER CELEBRATION INVITE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS MORNING! ★ ★ ★ ★



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 ----->

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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

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.



#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

■	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
■	Melva S.	▶ Cancer
■	Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
■	Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
■	Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God is more powerful than anybody's past, no matter how wretched. He can make us forget – not by erasing the memory but by taking the sting and paralyzing effect out of it" –Jim Cymbala

03/01/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

43

ATTENDANCE

\$1,992

GIVING

4

GUESTS

14

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

WHAT TO DO
WHEN I'M
RUNNING OUT
OF EVERYTHING

ELIJAH RUNS OUT OF EVERYTHING 1 Kings 17

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." *1 Kings 17:1*

"You don't know that God is all you need until God is all you've got."

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE ELIJAH STORY

- Elijah lived 900 years before Christ.
- There had been a string of nineteen bad kings before this one.
- This twentieth king was the worst. Ahab and Jezebel outlawed the worship of God. They declared Baal as the state religion.
- God told Elijah to confront Ahab/Jezebel and prophesy to them.
- Elijah runs away. Things began to dry up for him.

INSTRUCTION FROM THE ELIJAH STORY

1

WHEN I FEEL ABANDONED... GOD IS TEACHING ME

DEPENDENCE ◆ Kerith: The Ravine of Dependence

² Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." ⁵ So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

◆ 1 Kings 17:2-7 ◆

THREE REASONS GOD ALLOWS MY SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO DRY UP:

- 1 To keep me from depending on something other than God.
- 2 To move me to a better place.
- 3 To prove that God has not forgotten me.

2

WHEN I FEEL LOST... GOD IS TEACHING ME

OBEDIENCE ◆ Journey North: the Road to Obedience

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?”

◆ 1 Kings 17:8-10 ◆

God’s miracles come when you obey!

3

WHEN I FEEL I NEED A MIRACLE... GOD IS TEACHING ME TO BE A MIRACLE

¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” ¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’ ¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

◆ 1 Kings 17:10-16 ◆

Be a miracle to get a miracle!

GOD’S LESSONS WHEN I’M RUNNING OUT OF EVERYTHING

◆ 1 God is all I need.

◆ 2 Where God guides, God provides.

◆ 3 Trust God one day at a time.

◆ 4 God’s promises hinge on my obedience.

YOU CANNOT LIVE FOR ONE MOMENT WITHOUT HOPE!