

14 UNFORGETTABLE DAYS BEFORE EASTER

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

INVEST & INVITE

- Praying for our unchurched friends.
- Sharing our verbal witness with them.
- Inviting them to our Easter celebration.

Bible Study Stuff

There will be a 2-week break:
March 1 and March 8. A new series
launches on Tues 03/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

DITCH
the **BAGGAGE**
CHANGE YOUR LIFE
based on the book by NANCY ALCORN



Heart
FOR THE CITY
release celebration and concert

Friday
APRIL 08
@ 7PM



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

ORIGINAL

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
APRIL 21-23, 2016

SPEAKERS



Charlotte Gambill



Nancy Alcorn



Andi Andrew

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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.



I ♥ MY

Feb 28 » ILMC - The Power of an Invitation
 Mar 06 » Guest Speaker: Roger Simmons
 Mar 13 » ILMC - The Power of Giving
 Mar 20 » **PALM SUNDAY** - Roger Simmons
 Mar 27 » **EASTER SUNDAY**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |
| Barb S. | ▶ Injury |
| Phyllis L. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Marvin L. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Greg S. | ▶ Grief-stricken |
| Persecuted Christians | ▶ Hostilities/Suffering |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Too often we pray ASAP Prayers—as soon as possible. We need to start praying ALAT Prayers—as long as it takes." —Mark Batterson

03/06/16

METRICS
THAT MATTER

35

ATTENDANCE

\$1,763

GIVING

2

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” **Luke 6:38**

**Blessing
follows
behavior**

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Ask

“It will be given to you.”

Seek **“You will find.”**

Knock **“The door will be opened to you.”**

Give **“It will be given to you.”**

1 Giving invites God’s favor in all that you do

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. **Proverbs 3:9-10**

After Jericho fell, the Lord gave the Israelites strict instructions not to keep any of the spoils. All of it belonged to Him. Why did the Lord say that all of the silver and gold from Jericho had to be given to the Lord’s house? Because it was the first city conquered in the Promised Land. It was the firstfruit.

The first portion we spend should be the tithe. That is the firstfruit. And according to Exodus 13, the first portion is the redemptive portion. That’s why it’s so important that our tithe is our firstfruit. The first portion has the power to redeem the rest, and I promise you a redeemed 90 percent can go a lot further than a cursed 100 percent.

2

Giving jump starts God's blessing in your life

Blessing follows behavior ...

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done. **Proverbs 19:17**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,

"and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. **Malachi 3:10**

3

Giving is proportionate and so is the blessing

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:24-25**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **2 Corinthians 9:6**

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

Blessing follows behavior ...

PRAYER

Lord, give me the faith to give You the first of my finances. I want the money you've put in my possession to be consecrated for Your house—not cursed.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**