

#### SUNDAY 03/17/19

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SO OUR CONDOLENCES...

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to Charity Hoffman Spurlock and her entire family at the passing of her father, Jim, who passed recently in Wisconsin.

#### **TORNADO RESPONSE**

Thank you for your generous gifts in the amount of \$405!



#### **GRAPPLE EVENT**

# MOVIETIME

(following the service)

#### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Rick Warren's study, The Miracle of Mercy,

will be featured in the Tuesday Bible Study which resumes on Tuesday, March 19. The series will feature: The Five Marks of Mercy; Mercy Forgives the Fallen; Mercy Helps the Hurting; Mercy is Patient with Difficult People; Mercy is Kind to Enemies; and Mercy Cares for the Lost.



How is God WOWING" you!

Fill out a "WOW" sheet. Post it on our board or on your fridge!

#### **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.





Mar 03 » Principles of
Financial Blessing
Mar 10 » The Law of
Contentment
Mar 17 » The Laws of Sowing
and Reaping
Mar 24 » Blessed to be

a Blessing

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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□ Jason G.       □ Ray H.       □ Gearen Family       □ Tom M.         □ Brian H.       □ Karen W.       □ Rick L.       □ Stein Family         □ Benjamin G.       □ Cheyenne W.       □ Mike F.       □         □ Ryan K.       □ Tyler M.       □ Bill S.       □
► HEALTH ISSUES —
Suzie S. » Health Issues

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The renewed mind is the canvas on which the Spirit of God can paint." —Bill Johnson

METRICS THAT MATTER (03/10/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 38 GIVING ► \$920 GUESTS ► 2 VOLUNTEERS ► 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0





"The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who SOWS righteousness will be certain to REAP a reward." Proverbs 11:18



### Everything starts as a Seed

God said, "Let the land have seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their varieties."

- That seed has a DNA sequence that directs the growth and life of the seed.
  - The seed carries the legacy of the ancestor.
  - · Little things birth big things.





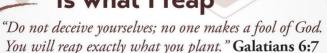
### Nothing happens until the seed is Marted

Jesus said, "Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, it cannot reproduce. But if it dies, it will produce much fruit." John 12:24

- · Before that seed can reach its potential, it must first die.
- · The pathway to abundance is through death.



# Whatever I Sow is what I reap



- · You are a walking warehouse of seeds: your thoughts; your time; your patience; your kindness; your money; your prayers.
- · Recognize the seeds that God has already stored in you.





### I always reap in a different Season than the one in which I sow

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven ... a time to plant and a time to harvest ... a time to scatter and a time to gather..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

- Seed-sowing is a faith endeavor.
- · There is a time delay between the sowing and reaping.
- · Trust the process—a good farmer does not dig up his seed.



### I always reap more than I Sow

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he's decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

"For God, who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest!" 2 Corinthians 9:10 LB



- · This is the principle of multiplication.
- · A single seed that sprouts can yield dozens, scores, even hundreds of seeds.
- · You already have in your hand everything it takes to make tomorrow what it should be.



# To reap the harvest, I must be patient and never Give up

"This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain-first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head." Mark 4:26-28

"We must not become tired of doing good. We will reap a harvest at the right time IF we do not give up!" Galatians 6:9

- · Every seed has an invisible instruction to produce.
- · Your seed is a photograph of your faith.
- · Jesus says the results will come slowly and systematically.