



OUR CONDOLENCES...



at the passing of Jennifer Marconi on Monday, March 16.
Pray for her family and her husband, Joe.

ONLINE CHURCH

JCC will have virtual services for the next few weeks. We will be streaming our service through Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE.
a children's musical
A Journey Through God's Love at Easter
A SPECTACULAR EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12 / 10 AM

SAVE THE DATE



Memorial Service for *Bonnie Taylor*
SATURDAY, MAY 16 @ JCC



MARCH FOR JESUS

March for Jesus activities will be scheduled when the coordinators get the "green light" from their leaders. You will be notified when we have the information.

BE EMPOWERED

Women's Self-Defense Class

TAUGHT BY: Paul Sharp

WHEN:

Saturday, April 11,
2020 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

WHERE:

SBG Mixed Martial
Arts | 891 S. Route 59
Bartlett, Illinois.

UNLIKELY Heroes

- Mar 01 » Gideon: A Life of Significance
- Mar 08 » Guest Speaker: Arvo Palm-Leis
- Mar 15 » Abigail: The Peacemaker
- Mar 22 » Esther: For Such a Time As This
- Mar 29 » Jehoshaphat: Winning the Battles of Life

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda » Diabetes Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Hip Fracture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol S. » Grief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley P. » Neuropathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael » Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin L. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | |

► URGENT REQUEST

- Baxter L. Sr » Hospice Care Billy H. » Sobriety

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The decisions you make today will determine the stories you will tell tomorrow.” —Craig Groeschel

METRICS THAT MATTER (03/15/20)

ATTENDANCE ► 27 GIVING ► \$445⁴⁷ GUESTS ► 0
 VOLUNTEERS ► 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

1 Cor. 10:11 "Now all these things happened to them as an example, but they were written for our instruction"

She was an ordinary person



- Jewish girl – minority race with low esteem
- Lives in a foreign land – feeling alone and unwanted
- Raised by her uncle Mordecai – feeling disconnected

She did not respond to life situations with bitterness

- Her parents died – she was orphaned at a young age
- She was chosen for the king – she had no choice in the matter
- 12 months in preparation – with no guarantee of outcome
- She would lose her virginity – chosen or not
- If chosen – she could never return to her life/family



She did not allow her beauty to make her arrogant

- She was beautiful before the treatments
- She was competing with a harem of other virgins
- She had a humble spirit
- She gained favor with Hegai the eunich



She did use her own charm but let God control the king's heart



- The Bible says God caused his heart to love Esther more than the others

She listened and obeyed her mentors

- She obeyed Mordecai in her childhood
- She kept her nationality secret
- She followed his advice before she met the king
- She asked/followed Hegai's advice before she met the king

She pushed past her initial fear response

- She initially had doubt – she wanted to play it safe
- She took advice – she responded with courage

She knew where to find her strength

- She called for her people to fast
- She and her young women also fasted
- She spent time in prayer

She waited on God's timing

- While she waited – God caused the king to be sleepless
- Because of his sleepless night the King called for the chronicles
- The King was reminded of Mordecai saving his life
- This memory caused him to honor Mordecai

She put her people above her own life

- Going before the king could have gotten her executed
- She trusted in God and her mentor
- She loved her people more than herself
- Esther said "If I die, I die"

Roman 15:4

"Whatever written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and the encouragement of scriptures we might have hope."