

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

Books Are Available Today.

MEETS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

The following Bible study is scheduled at Kimberly's in **MARCH: Thursday, March 30.** Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.



EASTER

CHANGES EVERYTHING

DAY MONTH DATE TIME

SUN

APR

16

10AM

HOW CAN I HELP?

- 1 **Easter Invites** – every person is asked to send five Easter Invite Cards to your circle of friends. Cards are on the table in rear of the auditorium. You provide the stamps. Follow up one week before Easter with a phone call or text.
- 2 **Guest services** – Baked goods are needed for the Coffee Bar for Easter.
- 3 **Easter Offering** – Give as you are able on Sunday, April 2.



ORIGINAL

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-29, 2017

You are enough

ROCKFORD FIRST-
NOW CITY CHURCH

**Grapple
Event**

SLIME TIME

(following
the service)



- 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"/>	Ed. Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judi Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy T. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda G.'s brother ▶ Critical Condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric G. ▶ Back Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Paul G. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For you who wonder if you've played too long to change, take courage from Jacob's legacy. No man is too bad for God. To transform a riverboat gambler into a man of faith would be no easy task. But for God, it was all in a night's work." —*Max Lucado*

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METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER



DANIEL

THRIVING IN BABYLON

WISDOM
THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

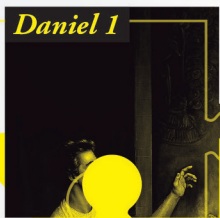
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. *Jeremiah 29:11*

DISTINCTIONS

Earthly wisdom: something that can be learned by human effort or human reasoning. Learned by study, experience history, intellect.

Biblical wisdom: is more like a skill, a "knowing how" more than a "knowing that" based on our relationship with God. It is not a concept to be learned, it is a relationship to be believed.

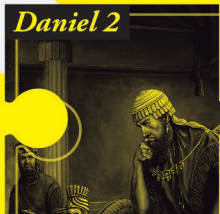
The Book of Daniel is written looking back. When Daniel or his friends lived out those stories, they were truly **puzzle pieces** as they were unaware of the **big picture**. Biblical wisdom is attained as we put together the **puzzle pieces** of our story onto the display board of God's plan for our lives. Daniel had his own puzzle pieces.



Daniel 1

Daniel and the nobles taken captive. Exiled to Babylon to undergo training.

Daniel resolves not to defile himself with the king's table.

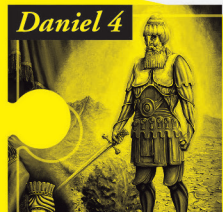


Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream. He asks his wise men to tell him the dream and to interpret it. They cannot. God reveals the mystery in a night dream to Daniel.

Daniel reveals the mystery to the king. He is rewarded and promoted.

Nebuchadnezzar has a second dream. He imagines a tree is cut down. Daniel again interprets the dream: "Babylon is cut down to size, meaning that the king will have a breakdown, after which he will pray to God and be healed.



Daniel 4



Daniel 5

Belshazzar has a week-long feast of epic proportions. He calls for the sacred objects from the Temple be brought out as drinking goblets. A hand writes a mysterious message on the wall—one that only Daniel can interpret. It called for the end of his kingdom and a takeover by the Persians.

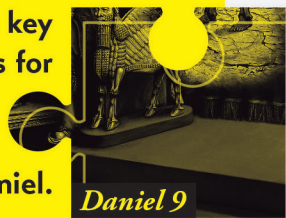


Daniel rises to a position of prominence. King Darius is maneuvered into declaring that all prayer is illegal and the king is forced to throw Daniel into the lion's den. Once again God intervenes.



Daniel 6

Daniel has subsequent visions. One of the key revelations is found in Daniel 9. Daniel prays for his people. He is given clear revelation about restoring of Israel and Jerusalem. It is also known as the 70 Weeks of Daniel.



Daniel 9

DANIEL'S WISDOM



ONE

In his resolve, Daniel is artful in building trust with the palace master.



TWO

As he interprets the king's dream, he gives God credit for his awesome powers.

THREE

He articulates a vision for God's kingdom—that vision encourages the Jews in Babylon.



FOUR

Daniel lives out a pure life before God while performing well in the king's court.



FIVE

Daniel leverages all of his leadership capabilities to offer hope to the Israelites.



APRIL 2017 EVENTS

SUN 02 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults / Communion**

TUE 04 **Praise Team
REHEARSAL**

THU 06 **Off-Campus**
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 09 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Palm Sunday Worship / Grapple Event**

TUE 11 **Bible Study:** Trade Your If Only Regrets
for God's *What If Possibilities*

THU 13 **Off-Campus**
Bible Study - McHenry

FRI 14 **Good Friday Event**
Speaker: Kara Lightbourne

SUN 16 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER**
EASTER CELEBRATION / Photo Booth / Easter Egg Hunt

TUE 18 **Bible Study:** Trade Your If Only Regrets
for God's *What If Possibilities*

THU 20 **Off-Campus**
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 23 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship**

TUE 25 **In-between classes**
No Class

THU-SAT 27-29 **Original Women's Conference**
City Church / Rockford

SUN 30 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship**