

THANKS...

to Peggy Knoepfle for doing a fantastic job with the decorations!
We are ready for Easter!

PRAY FOR...

Laura Spurlock as she undergoes hip surgery at Provena St. Joseph on **Thursday, April 2.**

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**

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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

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.



CONNECTION CARD

#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

"Everything doesn't happen for a reason, if by this we mean evil is a part of God's plan. But God does ensure that evil will not prevail and that light will always, ultimately, overcome the darkness. If we follow God's lead, our work is to push back the darkness." -Adam Hamilton

03/22/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

33

ATTENDANCE

\$791.25

GIVING

0

GUESTS

13

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

PALM Sunday

Jubilee
Christian Centre

RESPONSIVE READING | MATTHEW 21:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



PROCESSION of the Palms

The great moments of human history are, as often as not, great actions—and not simply words. St. Martin tearing his robe in two. Sir Philip Sidney gave his glass of water to a dying soldier. Actions speak louder than words.

Palm Sunday—the ride from Bethany to Jerusalem was a statement. Jesus said (without making any kind of speech) a number of important things. Jesus stated perfectly clearly his claim to be the Messiah, but He did it without words. The procession was carefully planned. The animals had been booked well in advance.

Two hundred years before, Simon Maccabeus had led the successful revolt against the pagan Greek kings and entered Jerusalem in triumph. The people had waved palm branches then. They had shouted “Hosanna” which means “save us”. And Jesus, by making this kind of entrance, was squarely putting himself into the role of Messiah. Like the Maccabean liberators, he too went to the Temple, and he too purified the courtyard and threw over the tables of the moneychangers.

Jesus made another statement. This was Passover Week when a quarter of a million specially-bred lambs were sold and sacrificed in the city. If the religion of that week could have expressed in one word, it was the word, *sacrifice*, and Jesus the Messiah turned from a Maccabean role and took on the role of the victim, the lamb, which all good Jews sacrificed to atone for their sins and put themselves right with God. Our Lord himself became that offering. The one true sacrifice that puts us right with God. God is sometimes criticized for his silence. **He was silent on Holy Week but that does not mean he was not saying anything.**

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS' FINAL WEEK TRANSFORMS MY LIFE

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

◎ PASSION WEEK TIMELINE



MY NATURE IS TRANSFORMED

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. *Mark 11:7*

- Jesus rides an unbroken colt. When Jesus rides the colt, he “breaks” its nature.
- He does that to us as well. When he touches us, he completely changes our nature.
- We become better spouses, better citizens, better followers.

MY SIGHT IS TRANSFORMED

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it *Luke 19:41*

- Because my sight is transformed, I begin to see myself and others differently.
- Jesus wept over Jerusalem because he saw his city with “harvest” eyes.
- Jesus invites us to weep over our cities with “harvest” eyes.

MY PASSION FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS TRANSFORMED

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves *Mark 11:15*

- Jesus is appalled at what the Temple has become—a center of commerce. It should be a house of prayer.
- On Monday, he returns to the Temple. He turns over the tables of the moneychangers. He whips people and drives them out.
- His actions are clear: righteousness must begin at God's house.

MY PRIORITIES ARE TRANSFORMED

Jesus had prepared the Last Supper (The Seder). After supper, he began to wash the disciples' feet.

- He had washed the feet of several of the disciples. When he came to Peter, Peter said that he did not want the Lord to wash his feet.
- Jesus told him that if he did not allow his feet to be washed he could not be in the kingdom.
- What is Jesus saying? **OUR HEART MUST BE TRANSFORMED!**

MY CRUCIFIED-LIFE MUST BE TRANSFORMED

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- When we come to Jesus, we get “fitted” for a cross.
- We “die out” to old behaviors, patterns and addictions.
- We are alive with the “life of Christ” to impact the world.
- The best choice you will ever make is to take up His cross and follow Him!