

**ATTENDANCE**  
**EASTER**   
**OUR TARGET** >> **ACTUAL 68**  
**80**

Thank you for a **GREAT JOB** on the Easter Project! Let's keep investing, inviting and praying for our friends!

**SPECIAL OFFERING**

Thank you for your gifts for **Kevin and Peggy Knoepfle** in the amount of **\$330** —what an outpouring of love!

**WELCOME**

Please show a warm welcome to **Sam Branscum**, who has come to help us with teens and outreach!

*Hearts*  
**FOR THE CITY**  
release celebration and concert

**Friday**  
**APRIL 08**  
**@ 7PM**



Featuring gifted Hip-Hop Artist

*Nehemiah*  
Invite your friends...

> A GREAT EVENT FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS! <

**ORIGINAL**

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
APRIL 21-23, 2016

**SPEAKERS**



Charlotte Gambill



Nancy Alcorn



Andi Andrew

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30** 9 AM – 2 PM

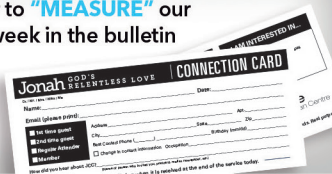
AT 5 NEIGHBORING CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN  
BEGIN AT 220 DIVISION ST.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for volunteers. Sign up now at:  
[www.LoveElginDay.org](http://www.LoveElginDay.org)

**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.



April Teaching Series

# Jonah



## GOD'S RELENTLESS LOVE

Apr 03 » Man on the Run  
Apr 10 » The Perfect Storm  
Apr 17 » Jonah's Stinky Prayer  
Apr 24 » Sent to Love

### PRAYER REQUESTS

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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.              | ▶ Neurological Damage       |
| 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 |
| Mary H.               | ▶ Mobility Issues           |
| Suzie S.              | ▶ Health Issues             |
| Peggy H.              | ▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis      |
| Lotz Family           | ▶ Grief/Loss of Parents     |
| Barb D.               | ▶ Bone Cancer               |
| Phyllis L.            | ▶ Health Issues             |
| Dale G.               | ▶ Blood Clot                |
| Persecuted Christians | ▶ Hostilities/Suffering     |

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What Christ does when he ransoms us is He redeems our darkest moments for His purposes and snatches us out of the hand of the enemy so that shame gives way to the glory of God." —Matt Chandler

03/27/16

METRICS  
THAT MATTER

68

ATTENDANCE

\$1,658<sup>25</sup>

GIVING

29

GUESTS

17

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



### THE JONAH

### PROFILE

- Prophet to the northern Kingdom.
- Jonah was the only prophet who received instructions from God and ran away from what God told him to do.
- **Second Kings 14:25** tells us five things about Jonah: His name; his religion; his family; his job and his hometown.
- Jesus believed in the story of Jonah: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **Matthew 12:40**

## GOD'S Directive to JONAH

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me. <sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. **Jonah 1:1-3**

- God's word is clear and concise.
- It calls for obedience, not brainstorming.
- God was asking Jonah to go speak to Israel's arch-enemies.
- The Assyrians were vicious:

<sup>1-4</sup> Doom to Murder City—full of lies, bursting with loot, addicted to violence! Horns blaring, wheels clattering, horses rearing, chariots lurching, Horsemen galloping, brandishing swords and spears. Dead bodies rotting in the street, corpses

stacked like cordwood, Bodies in every gutter and alley, clogging every intersection! And whores! Whores without end! Whore City, Fatally seductive, you're the Witch of Seduction, luring nations to their ruin with your evil spells. **Nahum 3:1-4**



# What's Your NINEVAH?

- Ninevah—Something to which God calls you or permits into your life that is not your plans—a redirect.
- Ninevah—A serious health problem he's allowed you to face.
- Ninevah—Seeing the economy do a number on your nestegg just before you retire.
- Ninevah—A season of singleness that persisted into your thirties or forties despite the many years of praying for a godly spouse.
- Ninevah—That certain period of life you're not happy about entering watching your plans get derailed with less desirable plans taking shape.

## JONAH'S Reasons For Running

### 1 Allegiance

he was a hyper-nationalist; a patriot.

### 2 Logic

Ninevah was about 500 miles east of Jerusalem. Jonah would have to invest most of his resources to make that kind of journey to prophesy to an avowed enemy.

### 3 God

The real reason he was running. He was running from authority, accountability, and holiness. Jonah did not want to look God in the face.

## Other Kinds Of RUNNING

- Running away > **MENTALLY** <
- Running away > **EMOTIONALLY** <
- Running away > **SPIRITUALLY** <

We stand  
outside of God's will  
and blessing!

God's call to us is not an unwanted interruption but a divine intervention designed to save someone else!