

**ORIGINAL**  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



A shout to our ladies that attended Original, The Women's Conference— Peggy, Emma, and Phylis!  
There were some challenging teachings and some inspiring speakers!



*Moms... Moments... Memories...*

This Mother's Day we plan to *honor mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law*, and those who are like mothers by highlighting some of the special memories they helped create. Cards are available to record these "memories" if you would like to share the experience. These will be posted on our bulletin board. Please see Emma to get your card!

*Have you written your testimony?*

Two weeks ago, Phylis challenged us to write out our testimony so that we can be prepared to share our faith with others. If you haven't taken time to do so, write it out so that you can share it in a timeframe of three minutes. You can send it to her at [pjdhuerta@gmail.com](mailto:pjdhuerta@gmail.com)

**MISSIONS FUNDRAISER**

» If you would like to donate items, contact Kenny or Rod. »

**GARAGE SALE** 491 RIVER BLUFF ROAD

**MAY 8-9**

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.

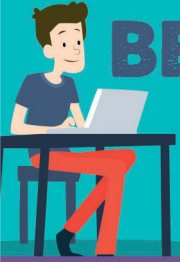
**Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.**



CONNECTION CARD

# DON'T BELIEVE IT!

MAY  
TEACHING SERIES



## Dumb Things that Smart People Believe

- May 3 - God Has a Blueprint for My Life
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 17 - Guest Speaker
- May 24 - Faith Can Fix Anything
- May 31 - Everything Happens for a Reason

### 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
■ Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
■ Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
■ Danny L.	▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
■ Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
■ Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
■ Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
■ Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The answer to the violence in our day  
and the atrocities in our day is Jesus.”

-Lee Stoneking

04/19/15

METRICS  
THAT MATTER

32

ATTENDANCE

\$576.25

GIVING

2

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

## ▶ ACTS 8:26–38 THE STORY OF PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”<sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,<sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.<sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”<sup>[37]</sup><sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

# 3

## STEPS TO BEING READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



# 1

## BE WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO BE (Physical readiness)

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” *Acts 8:29*

# 2

## BE AWARE OF WHO GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN (Spiritual readiness)

“Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah; so he asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’” *Acts 8:30*

# 3

## BE READY TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANYTIME *(Intellectual readiness)*

“So Philip began with this same Scripture and then used many others to tell him the Good News about Jesus.” *Acts 8:35*

# 5

## WAYS TO BE READY TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANY TIME



### MY STORY (TESTIMONY)

*The story of how you became a follower of Jesus Christ. (3 minutes)*



### THE BRIDGE *(Draw out on a napkin)*

*Eternal death*                      *Eternal life*



(Jesus) “I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” *John 5:24*



**DO**  **vs. DONE** 

*(to do list)*

*(what Christ has accomplished)*

“God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” *Ephesians 2:8-9*



### THE MORALITY LADDER

“We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” *Romans 3:22*



### MY INVITATION

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone.”

*Colossians 4:5-6*

# MAY 2015 EVENTS



SUN

03

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*  
Celebration/Communion - Young Adult Ministry

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TUE

05

Praise Team  
*REHEARSAL*

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SUN

10

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*  
Celebration - **Mother's Day**

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SUN

17

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*  
Celebration - **Guest Speaker**

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SUN

24

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*  
Celebration

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