

THANKS...

to the JCC Praise Band, Guest Services Team, Charity, Wes, and Kim, and all who donated items for the Easter Celebration!

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

Tuesday
May 07 / 7PM

GRAPPLE EVENT



BOWLING EVENT
at Bowlway Lanes - Elgin

(following the service)

TUESDAY
BIBLE STUDY

A STUDY OF THE SEVEN
SIGNS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

The
GRAVE
ROBBER

HOW JESUS CAN MAKE
YOUR IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

CONTINUES
TUESDAYS AT 7 PM

HOSPITALIZED

Continue to pray for **Ken Ridinger** who underwent surgery and continues to recover at Presence St. Joseph Hospital.

URGENT PRAYER

Pray for the families of the survivors as well as those injured in the planned bombings in Sri Lanka.

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.





THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Apr 07 » Jesus,
the Promise-Keeper
Apr 14 » Jesus,
the Sin-Bearer
Apr 21 » Jesus,
the Life-Giver
Apr 28 » Jesus,
the Pain-Taker

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

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Megan G. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel P. » Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim. W. » Knee Replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Billy R. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will H. » Thorasic Nerve | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria C. » Hupertension | <input type="checkbox"/> Keri W. » MRI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb G. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl A. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> Claudius L. » Health Issues | |

► OTHER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabe G. » Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Figueroa Family » Grief (passing of Noe's dad) |
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There comes a moment when you must quit talking to God about the mountain in your life and start talking to the mountain about your God. You proclaim His power and His sovereignty. You affirm His faithfulness. You stand upon His Word. You cling to His promises." —Mark Batterson

METRICS THAT MATTER (04/21/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 57 GIVING ► \$1,392.²⁶ GUESTS ► 9
VOLUNTEERS ► 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

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JESUS, THE
PAIN-TAKER  

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

What about Pain?

Now that I am a Christian am I exempt for pain? Or if I struggle with pain am I less of a Christian?

*Pain is a part of life. We are not exempt from pain.
We are no less Christian if we struggle with pain.*

There is pain...

- from the loss of loved ones.
- brokenness—the damage of childhood.
- scars from a broken marriage.
- trauma from accidents and disease.
- wounds from unrealized plans or dreams.

How do you Cope?

We all have some mechanism for dealing with pain. Some choose **isolation**; others **ignore it**; still others give in to **shame**; a few cope through **addictions**.



Paul offers sound advice as to what we can and should do when we are in pain—

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

**TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU ARE IN PAIN.
HE IS THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT.**

- 1** He has a tender feeling of pity for those in distress.
- 2** When we are hurting, He cares.
- 3** He has the ability to come alongside us when we hurt.
- 4** He encourages us to learn patient endurance.
- 5** There is no pain too great for God to handle.
- 6** God's comfort is meant to be shared.

*The Silver **LINING** in Pain*

We need to understand something about God's comfort. It does not always deliver us from the cause of the pain and pressure. God's comfort rescues us from the anxiety which the suffering and pain cause.

WE ARE TO TAKE THE COMFORT WE RECEIVE FROM **God** AND SHARE IT WITH OTHERS WHO ARE HURTING.

God SEES PAIN AS A TEMPORARY CONDITION IN YOUR LIFE. WE HAVE MORE SCIENCE ON HOW TO LIVE LONGER. WE NEED **God's Advice** ON HOW TO LIVE WELL!

God has another life on the other side of pain...

MAY 2019 EVENTS



THU

02

National Day of Prayer

SUN

05

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Communion / Way Maker: Way Maker
Young Adults

TUE

07

Praise Team REHEARSAL

SUN

12

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
MOTHER'S DAY / Worship / Way Maker: Miracle Worker

TUE

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Tuesday Bible Study

The
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ROBBER

SUN

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Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Way Maker: Promise Keeper
Grapple Event

TUE

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SUN

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Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Way Maker: Light in the Darkness

MON

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Memorial Day Holiday

TUE

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