

MISSIONS
FUNDRAISER



**GARAGE
SALE** 491 RIVER
BLUFF ROAD
MAY 5-6

If you have items to donate or transport, contact Emma, Kenny, or Rod.

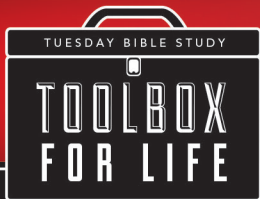
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
DREAM BIG

MAY 6th Poplar Creek Country Club / Hoffman Estates
(see Emma If you are interested)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Amanda Spurlock** who will be graduating from Westminster Christian School on May 19.
Amanda has a remarkable list of achievements:

- Team captain/Volleyball & Soccer
- Nominated/Prom Queen
- Honor roll through high school
- Volunteers feeding homeless
- Class ambassador/3 years
- Chosen/Homecoming queen
- Member/National Honor Society
- Community outreach club/3 years
- Volunteers at Illinois Park activities
- Works as a barista & babysitter



BY RICK WARREN
A FOUR-WEEK INTER-ACTIVE BIBLE STUDY

LAUNCH DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 9

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

The following Bible studies are scheduled at Kimberly's in MAY: Thursday, May 04, May 11, May 18 & May 25. Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.



The LORD BLESS You...

MAY TEACHING SERIES

- May 07 » The X-Factor
- May 14 » Mother's Day
- May 21 » The Lord Keeps Us
- May 28 » The Pursuit of Peace

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michelle G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beth F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glenn F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>



▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul G. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed. Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandy F. ▶ Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Home is not primarily a place—it's a relationship."
—Tim Keller*

04/23/17

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

- 33 ATTENDANCE
- 12,012⁷⁵ GIVING
- 1 GUESTS
- 16 VOLUNTEERS
- 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Small Things
BIG

← **DIFFERENCE** →

≡ THE POWER OF ≡

Small Things

For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.” *Zechariah 4:10*

We're too often consumed with doing “something big” for God. Something earth-changing. Something important. **BUT NOT SOMETHING SMALL.**

SMALL *Beginnings*

- We meet Moses as a helpless baby floating down the Nile in a basket, years before God chooses him to lead his people out of Egypt.
- David, the youngest of his brothers, defends his people by taking down a giant with a teeny little rock.
- Esther, an adopted orphan, saves her nation from genocide.
- God himself enters His creation as an infant, born in a barn to a teenage peasant and a carpenter.

IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, LITTLE THINGS MATTER. The unimpressive are central. Smallness is huge.

WHAT THE Kingdom IS LIKE

In the gospels, Jesus deliberately equates the kingdom of God with small and unimpressive things.

- By way of His parables, He compares the kingdom to a mustard seed and a pinch of yeast.

- He says it's like a lost coin, a missing sheep, a wayward son.
- In Matthew 13, Jesus says the kingdom starts off small only to expand into something much bigger.
- A mustard seed grows into "the largest of garden plants," with branches large enough for birds to nest among them. A tiny batch of yeast is enough to leaven a huge quantity of flour.
- Jesus makes a slightly different point in Luke 15, where He associates the kingdom with things that appear insignificant to most of the world — a sheep, a single coin, a dishonorable son — but which are held in great esteem by someone else.

THE NAAMAN *Story*

- Naaman is a commander of the army of the king of Syria—an honorable man.
- But he gets leprosy. Naaman hears from a servant girl that the prophet Elisha can heal his leprosy.
- So the commander travels to Elisha's home, parking his horses and chariots at the door.
- Despite Naaman's grand arrival, Elisha is unimpressed. He doesn't even speak to Naaman directly. He sends out a servant, who tells Naaman to wash himself seven times in the Jordan River. Do that, he says, and your leprosy will be gone.
- Naaman is furious. He thinks he deserves instructions from the great prophet Elisha himself.
- Wash in the Jordan? Compared to the rivers back home, Naaman says, the Jordan is a dirty, insignificant little trickle.
- To his credit, though (and thanks to the advice of his own servants), Naaman ends up following Elisha's orders. And — surprise! — he gets healed.
- He almost misses out on the healing because he had his sights set on something bigger. He nearly missed God's plan for him, because the opportunity placed before him was too small.

**SMALL THINGS
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

MAY 2017 EVENTS

TUE
02

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

TUE
16

Bible Study
Toolbox for Life

THU
04

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

THU
18

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

FRI-SAT
5-6

Garage Sale
to benefit missions @ Rodney's

SUN
21

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Event

SAT
06

Women's Conference
Poplar Creek Country Club / Hoffman Estates

TUE
23

Bible Study
Toolbox for Life

SUN
07

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults

THU
25

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

TUE
09

Bible Study
Toolbox for Life

SUN
28

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship

THU
11

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

TUE
30

Bible Study
Toolbox for Life

SUN
14

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Mother's Day