



FOOD PANTRY OFFERING...

Thank you for your generous offering to the **Elgin Food Pantry** in the amount of **\$360**—wow! A check has been sent to them.



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!

MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

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

GARAGE SALE

491 RIVER BLUFF ROAD

MAY 8-9

LADIES' BROWN BAG LUNCH/TEACHING

Ladies—get ready for this incredible teaching/fellowship opportunity on **Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Phylis' home**. Mark your calendars! Bring your brown bag lunch—**Phylis will have coffee and tea for everyone**. Come and enjoy one of the great teachings from the Women's Conference.



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

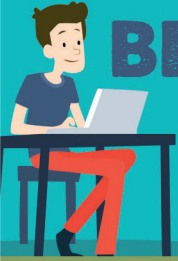
MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...
 OFFERING MAKER
 SMALL BIBLE PRIMER
 CHURCH PRIMER
 NEW MEMBER
 VISITOR
 I AM INTERESTED IN...
 becoming a member of your church
 becoming a volunteer
 becoming a leader

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Church: _____

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

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
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

THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE...

The Nepal earthquake has been tragic and overwhelming. Countless lives have been lost, and thousands of families have been displaced. Stan Scism, a missionary friend, reports these known needs.

1. Widow, with a family of four needs shelter and support.
2. A pastor, whose home was destroyed, now living in a tent.

WE WANT TO SHOW SOME LOVE – NEXT WEEK PREPARE TO GIVE IN THE OFFERING FOR NEPAL RELIEF.



04/26/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

29

ATTENDANCE

\$948.25

GIVING

0

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

DON'T BELIEVE IT!



Dumb Things
that Smart People Believe

GOD HAS A BLUEPRINT FOR MY LIFE

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. *Romans 12:2*



DON'T BELIEVE IT! :

God has a blueprint for my life

The dangers of blueprint thinking:

- I am paralyzed by perfection
- I am strangled by fear
- I am discouraged by failure
- I am immobilized by choice



DO BELIEVE IT! :

God has a game plan for my life

A game plan differs from a blueprint. It follows principles but allows freedom and flexibility of choice.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. *Ephesians 5:17*



LEARN TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE



- Through the Bible
- Through the Holy Spirit
- Through prayer
- Through other Christians
- Through circumstances

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. *John 10:27*

It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. *Deuteronomy 13:4*

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LOOK TO GOD FOR DIRECTION DAILY

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. *Matthew 6:10-11*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalms 32:8*

³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure

⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. *Proverbs 2:3-6*

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LIVE OUT GOD'S PURPOSES

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." *Matthew 22:37-40*

»» KEY IDEA:



GOD'S WILL IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE FOUND, BUT IT IS SOMEONE TO BECOME.



Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. *Ephesians 4:15*

MAY 2015 EVENTS



SUN

03

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

TUE

05

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

FRI-SAT

09-10

Missions Fundraiser
Garage Sale at Rodney's

SUN

10

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

SUN

17

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

SUN

24

Praise Team *REHEARSAL*
Celebration

NOTES: _____
